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¹ Resigned 25 February 2015

² Appointed 15 April 2015

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

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

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.
Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.*

Tuesday, 8 March 2016

Families and children

1307. MS SPRINGLE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: What placement prevention programs are currently being funded and what amount does each program receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2015-16 there is \$33.2 million allocated towards placement prevention programs. As part of the 2015-16 State Budget, the Andrews Labor Government invested \$31.75 million to keep families together and reunite children in out of home care with their parents. This includes funding for the continuation of the Family Led Decision Making program, an expansion of programs targeting placement prevention and reunification across the State and funding to improve support for vulnerable Aboriginal children and families.

The Government also committed an additional \$48.1 million for Child FIRST and Family Services demand to provide early intervention services that target families before they reach crisis point.

Local government

1553. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Local Government): What is the total value of domestic commercial flights within Victoria taken by the Minister between 4 December 2014 and 15 September 2015.

ANSWER:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Local government

1554. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Local Government): What is the total value of domestic commercial flights within Australia taken by the Minister between 4 December 2014 and 15 September 2015.

ANSWER:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Local government

1557. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Local Government): What is the total value of domestic commercial flights within Victoria taken by Ministerial staff between 4 December 2014 and 15 September 2015.

ANSWER:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Local government

1558. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Local Government): What is the total value of domestic commercial flights within Australia taken by Ministerial staff between 4 December 2014 and 15 September 2015.

ANSWER:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Families and children

2009. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to Child Protection practitioners: What was the turnover rate for child protection practitioners by employment level between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to staffing levels is available in the Department of Health and Human Services 2014-15 Annual Report.

Youth affairs

2458. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Youth Affairs: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, for the period 1 January 2015 to 3 October 2015: How many public servants were appointed in the above period that are being paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

- (a) classifications;
- (b) salary package;
- (c) position; and
- (d) responsibilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on staff numbers and VPS classifications is provided in the annual reports of departments, agencies and authorities.

Veterans

4733. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Veterans): In relation to your April 2015 overseas travel to Turkey:

- (a) did any Departmental official accompany you and your staff and if so, what was the cost and class of their airfares paid;

- (b) what was the accommodation costs paid by the Department for the Departmental official;
- (c) what meetings, events or locations detailed in your travel report did the Departmental official exclude themselves from during the trip;
- (d) what was the breakdown of the additional costs paid by the Department;
- (e) were you offered an upgrade on any leg of your flights, if so, did you accept that offer; and
- (f) did you claim Frequent Flyer (or any other alternative scheme) points as part of this travel and if so, how many.

ANSWER:

I am informed 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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Sport

4734. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): In relation to your September 2015 overseas travel to Singapore:

- (a) did any Departmental official accompany you and your staff and if so, what was the cost and class of their airfares paid;
- (b) what was the accommodation costs paid by the Department for the Departmental official;
- (c) what meetings, events or locations detailed in your travel report did the Departmental official exclude themselves from during the trip;
- (d) what was the breakdown of the additional costs paid by the Department;
- (e) were you offered an upgrade on any leg of your flights, if so, did you accept that offer; and
- (f) did you claim Frequent Flyer (or any other alternative scheme) points as part of this travel and if so, how many.

ANSWER:

I am informed 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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Sport

4749. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): In relation to the review of Regulation of Professional Boxing and Combat Sports 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; and
- (4) will the report from the review be made public.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Please refer to the following website: www.premier.vic.gov.au.

- (2) This information is available in the annual report for the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure.
- (3) Please refer to answer 1.
- (4) Please refer to answer 1.

Sport

4750. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): How many departmental staff at the Department of Health and Human Services are currently employed in any units designated for the implementation of MMA (cage fighting) in Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for its internal staffing arrangements and allocations.

Sport

4751. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): In relation to the Premier's Active April challenge:

- 1) how many Victorian's signed up for the Premier's Active April challenge;
- 2) what was the Victorian Government contribution to the 2015 Premier's Active April challenge; and
- 3) since 4 December 2014, what expenses were claimed for promotion of the Premier's Active April challenge by either the Minister or any Ambassador for the program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on Premier's Active April can be found at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

Veterans

4752. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Veterans): In a table format, what is the breakdown of the funding initiatives through the Anzac Centenary Major Grants Program, and how much did each initiative receive.

ANSWER:

For information on the Anzac Centenary Major Grants Program, I refer you to the Veterans Branch, Department of Premier and Cabinet website. I also advise the Anzac Centenary Major Grants Program has been superseded by the new Victoria Remembers Grant Program. Information about both the Victoria Remembers and the Anzac Centenary Community Grant Programs, is available online.

Veterans

4753. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Veterans): In a table format, what is the breakdown of the funding initiatives through the Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour grant program, and how much did each initiative receive.

ANSWER:

For information on the Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant Program, I refer you to the Veterans Branch, Department of Premier and Cabinet website which includes information about the Victorian Veterans Council, which provides the Victorian Government with advice on this grant program. I also refer you to my Minister's Statement of 11/11/15 which announced the most recent round of funding for this program.

Agriculture

4758. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: What dates have the Wine Industry Ministerial Advisory Group met.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Wine Industry Ministerial Advisory Committee (Wine MAC) has met twice since its establishment in October 2015. The Wine MAC first met on 7 December 2015 in the Pyrenees wine region and again on 29 January 2016 in Melbourne.

The Wine MAC provides advice on opportunities for and issues affecting the long term performance and sustainability of the Victorian wine industry. The Wine MAC has provided advice on wine-related matters, such as the development of the Wine Industry Development Strategy.

Racing

4767. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Racing): 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; and
- (4) will the report from the review be made public.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The report on the audit of Harness Racing Victoria undertaken by Mr Dale Monteith was released on 10 April 2015. A copy of the report is available on the Department of Justice & Regulation's website. The audit was funded through the department's budget.

Premier

4770. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Premier): In response to LC QON 1424–1426 and LC QON 1428–1430:

- 1) what page of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Annual Report details this specific expenditure for the period between 4 December 2014 and 15 September 2015; and
- 2) if not detailed in the Report, what was the cost for the following between 4 December 2014 and 15 September 2015:
 - i. Charter flights taken by you and your staff; and
 - ii. Domestic commercial flights taken by you and your staff.

ANSWER:

I am informed 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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Planning

4771. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): 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:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Planning

4772. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): 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:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Police

4780. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): 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:

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Police

4781. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): 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 advised that:

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Families and children

4784. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: 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:

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Families and children

4785. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: 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 allocated 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.

Aboriginal affairs

4786. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Aboriginal affairs

4787. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Industrial relations

4788. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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Industrial relations

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- (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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Creative industries

4794. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Creative Industries): 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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Creative industries

4795. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Creative Industries): 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:

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Tourism and major events

4798. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events 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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Tourism and major events

4799. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): 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:

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Roads and road safety

4800. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): 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
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ANSWER:

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Roads and road safety

4801. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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Small business, innovation and trade

4802. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade: For the period between 1 August 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:

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 Victoria Public Sector Travel Principles, which are available online.

Energy and resources

4803. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Energy and resources

4804. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Employment

4805. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Employment): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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

Employment

4806. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Employment): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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

Public transport

4807. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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Public transport

4808. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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Police

4845. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police):

- (1) between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, how many infringement notices have been issued on the Eastern Freeway (between Chandler Highway and Wellington Street) for illegally travelling in the T2 transit lane; and
- (2) what is the financial and demerit point penalty for this offence.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

1. It is not possible to identify the offences that have occurred 'between Chandler Highway and Wellington Street' as this information is not recorded.
2. The penalty amount for the offence 'Drive in a transit lane when not permitted' was \$148 during this period under S156 (1) of the Road Safety Road Rules 2009. (Note penalty amounts increase from 1 July each year). There are no demerit points associated with the offence.

Police

4846. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police):

- (1) between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2015, how many infringement notices have been issued on the Eastern Freeway (between Chandler Highway and Wellington Street) for illegally travelling in the T2 transit lane; and
- (2) what is the financial and demerit point penalty for this offence.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

1. It is not possible to identify the offences that have occurred 'between Chandler Highway and Wellington Street' as this information is not recorded.
2. The penalty amount for the offence 'Drive in a transit lane when not permitted' is currently \$152 under S156 (1) of the Road Safety Road Rules 2009. (Note penalty amounts increase from 1 July each year). There are no demerit points associated with the offence.

Corrections

4849. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): 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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Corrections

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ANSWER:

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Local government

4854. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Local Government): 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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Local government

4855. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Local Government): 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;
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- (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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Equality

4858. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Equality): 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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Sport

4862. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): For the period between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, what was the cost for the following:

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Sport

4863. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): For the period between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2015, what was the cost for the following:

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Ports

4864. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Ports): For the period between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, what was the cost for the following:

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Veterans

4866. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Veterans): For the period between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, what was the cost for the following:

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- (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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Veterans

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ANSWER:

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Industry

4868. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry): 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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Industry

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ANSWER:

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Roads and road safety

4884. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): If the Western Distributor proposal goes ahead, can the Government guarantee that this will not physically impede in any substantial way the potential construction activity and the installation of infrastructure required at the Port of Melbourne site, or in surrounding areas, to complete the Port Rail Shuttle project.

ANSWER:

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

On 5 January 2016, the Victorian Government announced that a thorough statutory planning approval process involving an Environmental Effects Statement (EES) would be undertaken to rigorously assess the project's potential environmental, social and economic effects.

The Western Distributor's final scope and design will be guided by the EES process and in consultation with the community, local government and industry.

The Government is committed to improving rail modal outcomes at the Port of Melbourne and will pursue a Rail Shuttle outcome in conjunction with the Port's lease transaction.

Roads and road safety

4885. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): If the Western Distributor proposal goes ahead, can the Government guarantee that this will not physically impede in any substantial way the potential construction activity and the installation of infrastructure required on Footscray Road or in surrounding areas, to create and operate a Footscray to Docklands tram connection along Footscray Road to the Harbour Esplanade.

ANSWER:

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

The Victorian Government has determined that a thorough statutory planning approval process will be undertaken for the Western Distributor involving an Environmental Effects Statement (EES) that will rigorously assess the project's potential environmental, social and economic effects.

The project's final scope and design will be guided by the EES process, in consultation with the community, local government and industry, and will take into account existing and future public transport needs.

Premier

4907. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Premier): Since appointing the Minister for Education as Deputy Premier, has the Minister in his capacity as Deputy Premier received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;

- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Members of the Victorian Parliament are required to declare personal interests in accordance with the Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978.

Premier

4910. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Premier): Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.

Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Treasurer

4585. MR ONDARCHIE — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): What is the total number of jobs created as a result of the Government's Back to Work Act 2015 for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015 for the electorate of Williamstown.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Back to Work statistics are published on the State Revenue Office website at <http://www.sro.vic.gov.au/back-work-statistics>

Families and children

4922. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Members of the Victorian Parliament are required to declare personal interests in accordance with the Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978.

Youth affairs

4937. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Youth Affairs: Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Thursday, 10 March 2016

Treasurer

4735. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to your June-July 2015 overseas travel to London, Paris, China and the United Arab Emirates:

- (a) did any Departmental official accompany you and your staff and if so, what was the cost and class of their airfares paid;
- (b) what was the accommodation costs paid by the Department for the Departmental official;
- (c) what meetings, events or locations detailed in your travel report did the Departmental official exclude themselves from during the trip;
- (d) what was the breakdown of the additional costs paid by the Department;
- (e) were you offered an upgrade on any leg of your flights, if so, did you accept that offer; and
- (f) did you claim Frequent Flyer (or any other alternative scheme) points as part of this travel and if so, how many.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Training and skills

4736. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to your April 2015 overseas travel to Latin America:

- (a) did any Departmental official accompany you and your staff and if so, what was the cost and class of their airfares paid;
- (b) what was the accommodation costs paid by the Department for the Departmental official;
- (c) what meetings, events or locations detailed in your travel report did the Departmental official exclude themselves from during the trip;
- (a) what was the breakdown of the additional costs paid by the Department;
- (b) were you offered an upgrade on any leg of your flights, if so, did you accept that offer; and
- (c) did you claim Frequent Flyer (or any other alternative scheme) points as part of this travel and if so, how many.

ANSWER:

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

Training and skills

4737. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to your May-June 2015 overseas travel to Malaysia and Singapore:

- (a) did any Departmental official accompany you and your staff and if so, what was the cost and class of their airfares paid;
- (b) what was the accommodation costs paid by the Department for the Departmental official;
- (c) what meetings, events or locations detailed in your travel report did the Departmental official exclude themselves from during the trip;
- (a) what was the breakdown of the additional costs paid by the Department;
- (b) were you offered an upgrade on any leg of your flights, if so, did you accept that offer; and
- (c) did you claim Frequent Flyer (or any other alternative scheme) points as part of this travel and if so, how many.

ANSWER:

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

Training and skills

4738. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to your June-July 2015 overseas travel to United States of America:

- (a) did any Departmental official accompany you and your staff and if so, what was the cost and class of their airfares paid;
- (b) what was the accommodation costs paid by the Department for the Departmental official;
- (c) what meetings, events or locations detailed in your travel report did the Departmental official exclude themselves from during the trip;
- (a) what was the breakdown of the additional costs paid by the Department;
- (b) were you offered an upgrade on any leg of your flights, if so, did you accept that offer; and
- (c) did you claim Frequent Flyer (or any other alternative scheme) points as part of this travel and if so, how many.

ANSWER:

I did not travel to the United States in June-July 2015

Finance

4740. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to your September–October 2015 overseas travel to Israel, the Palestinian Territories, France, United Kingdom and the United States of America:

- (a) did any Departmental official accompany you and your staff and if so, what was the cost and class of their airfares paid;
- (b) what was the accommodation costs paid by the Department for the Departmental official;
- (c) what meetings, events or locations detailed in your travel report did the Departmental official exclude themselves from during the trip;
- (a) what was the breakdown of the additional costs paid by the Department;

- (b) were you offered an upgrade on any leg of your flights, if so, did you accept that offer; and
- (c) did you claim Frequent Flyer (or any other alternative scheme) points as part of this travel and if so, how many.

ANSWER:

Details of my overseas travel are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website in the outcomes report.

Finance

4741. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to your September–October 2015 overseas travel to Israel, Palestinian Territories, France, United Kingdom and the United States of America, your travel report indicates that travel expense invoices are still outstanding and the value is not final:

- (a) are travel expense invoices still outstanding; and
- (b) if not, what was the final value of the overseas travel.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- a. No.
- b. Travel costs for Ministers can be found on the department's website:
<http://dpc.vie.gov.au/index.php/news-publications/corporate-publications>

Finance

4742. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to your September–October 2015 overseas travel to Israel, the Palestinian Territories, France, United Kingdom and the United States of America, your travel report indicates that an insurance claim was pending, what are the details of that insurance claim.

ANSWER:

The insurance claim that is referred to in my report is one of a personal nature.

Training and skills

4743. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to automotive training delivered at Bendigo Kangan Institute's Charleston Rd campus:

- 1) how many students are enrolled in this training program; and
- 2) how much of the \$50 million TAFE Back to Work Fund has been provided for this specific training program.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) TAFE institutes publish detailed financial and non-financial performance information in their annual reports. The training activity data that you have requested is not included in Bendigo Kangan Institute's annual report, and is therefore commercial-in-confidence. Releasing commercial-in-confidence information could disadvantage the Institute in a competitive training market.

- (2) Bendigo Kangan Institute was awarded \$2.42 million from the TAFE Back to Work Fund for the Real Job Pre-Apprenticeship Program across various campuses. This project will support an expanded pre-apprenticeship program to help young people find work in the service divisions of automotive dealerships where there is unmet demand for skilled workers in both Melbourne and central Victoria.

Training and skills

4744. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the 1 April 2015 announcement of funding for SuniTAFE:

- 1) in dollar terms, what was the funding commitment; and
- 2) with respect to students receiving Victorian government subsidised training, what is the percentage of students that are enrolled at SuniTAFE

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) On 1 April 2015 I announced the \$50m TAFE Back to Work Fund. SuniTAFE received \$1.82 million from this Fund for their Centralised Curriculum and Vocational Placement project. This project will develop new courses, expand delivery options and develop vocational placement opportunities for existing courses in the solar, almond and biomass industries.
- (2) TAFE institutes publish detailed financial and non-financial performance information in their annual reports. The training activity data that you have requested is not included in SuniTAFE's Annual Report, and is therefore commercial-in-confidence. Releasing commercial- in-confidence information could disadvantage the Institute in a competitive training market.

Training and skills

4745. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many nominations were received for the 2015 Victorian Training Awards.

ANSWER:

A total of 154 entries were recorded in the 15 nomination categories for the 2015 Victorian Training Awards.

There was a 5 per cent increase in nominations from 2014.

Training and skills

4746 MRS PEULICH — to ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the TAFE Back to Work Fund, since 1 August 2015:

- (1) which organisations have applied for funding and what was their requested funding amount;
- (2) of the above applications, as of 8 February 2016, which have been funded; and
- (3) what is the current status of each application.

ANSWER:

I have allocated \$50 million in funding for 15 organisations from the TAFE Back to Work Fund. These are the 12 stand-alone TAFE institutes, and three dual sectors, Federation University, Swinburne University and Victoria University. A full list of the projects and funding awarded is available on the Department of Education and Training website.

All initiatives are on track and are in the development phase.

Training and skills

4747. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to your answer to LC QON 741:

- (1) what are the names of organisations that submitted the 41 applications received and what was the requested funding amount of each application; and
- (2) what are the names of 14 organisations that received funding and what was the requested funding amount of each application.

ANSWER:

Please see my response to Legislative Council Question on Notice 4746.

Training and skills

4748. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In table format, between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2015, what is the breakdown of funding that has been provided to the 31 LLENs across Victoria.

ANSWER:

During the period 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015 there was one payment due and made to each of the 31 Local learning and Employment networks (LLENs) against their 2015 LLEN Funding Agreement.

Details of these payments and total contract values are in the table as follows:

LLEN 2015 Payments			
	LLEN AREA	Local Government Area	
	<i>Rural And Regional</i>		<i>Payment July/ Aug</i>
1	Baw Baw Latrobe	Baw Baw, Latrobe	\$76,639
2	Campaspe Cohuna	Campaspe, part Gannawarra	\$73,073
3	Central Grampians	Ararat, part Northern Grampians	\$72,218
4	Central Ranges	Macedon Ranges, Mitchell, Murrindindi	\$74,301
5	Geelong Region	Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Queenscliff, part Golden Plains	\$81,456
6	Gippsland East	East Gippsland, Wellington	\$76,771
7	Glenelg Southern Grampians	Glenelg, Southern Grampians	\$74,615
8	Goldfields	Greater Bendigo, Central Goldfields, Mt Alexander	\$78,150
9	Goulburn Murray	Greater Shepparton, Moira, Strathbogie	\$76,627
10	Highlands	Ballarat, Hepburn, Moorabool, Pyrenees, part Golden Plains	\$78,250
11	Murray Mallee	Swan Hill(ex Robinvale), Gannawarra (ex Cohuna), Buloke (Sea Lake only)	\$74 245
12	NE Tracks	Mansfield, Benalla, Wangaratta, Mt Buller State Park	\$73 268
13	North Central	Buloke, Loddon, Northern Grampians (Northern half)	\$72 267
14	North East	Wodonga, Indigo, Towong, Alpine	\$75 501

LLEN 2015 Payments			
	LLEN AREA	Local Government Area	
	<i>Rural And Regional</i>		<i>Payment July/ Aug</i>
15	Northern Mallee	Mildura, Robinvale (part of Swan Hill)	\$77 032
16	South Gippsland Bass Coast	South Gippsland, Bass Coast	\$72 913
17	South West	Warrnambool, Moyne, Corangamite, Colac-Otway	\$75 374
18	Wimmera Southern Mallee	West Wimmera, Yarriambiack, Horsham, Hindmarsh	\$74 867
	METROPOLITAN		
19	Banyule Nillumbik	Banyule, Nillumbik	\$75 275
20	Bayside Glen Eira Kingston	Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston	\$78 559
21	Brimbank Melton	Brimbank, Melton	\$82 683
22	Capital City	Melbourne	\$70 627
23	Frankston Mornington Peninsula	Frankston, Mornington Peninsula	\$84 488
24	Hume Whittlesea	Hume, Whittlesea	\$85 838
25	Inner Eastern	Boroondara, Port Phillip, Stonnington	\$74 678
26	Inner Northern	Darebin, Moreland, Yarra	\$78 938
27	Maribyrnong Moonee Valley	Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley	\$73 567
28	Outer Eastern	Yarra Ranges, Maroondah, Knox	\$86 852
29	South East	Greater Dandenong, Casey, Cardinia	\$92 300
30	The Gateway	Whitehorse, Manningham, Monash	\$78 897
31	WynBay	Wyndham, Hobsons Bay	\$79 730
		Total:	\$2 399 999

Multicultural affairs

4773. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): For the period between 16 September 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 allocated 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.

Treasurer

4776. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): 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 Treasurer;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Treasurer; 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 allocated 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.

Treasurer

4777. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): 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 Treasurer;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Treasurer; 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 allocated 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.

Finance

4810. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): For the period between 16 September 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 allocated 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.

Training and skills

4811. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: For the period between 16 September 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:

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 Travel Principles, which is available online.

Multicultural affairs

4851. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): For the period between 16 September 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 allocated 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.

Finance

4909. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Members of the Victorian Parliament are required to declare interests in accordance with the members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978.

Multicultural affairs

4911. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Members of the Victorian Parliament are required to declare interests in accordance with the members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978.

Police

4925. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am advised that

Members of the Victorian Parliament are required to declare personal interests in accordance with the Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978

Corrections

4926. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Members of the Victorian Parliament are required to declare personal interests in accordance with the Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978.

Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation

4932. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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Emergency services

4933. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): Since being appointed a Minister of the Crown, have you received any gifts from the private sector up to the sum of AUD\$500 and if so, please specify —

- (a) the donor;
- (b) the gift;
- (c) the value of the gift; and
- (d) whether this gift was disclosed in a declaration.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Members of the Victorian Parliament are required to declare personal interests in accordance with the Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978.