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¹ Resigned 28 September 2017

² Appointed 15 April 2015

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⁴ Resigned 27 May 2016

⁵ Appointed 7 June 2017

⁶ Resigned 6 April 2017

⁷ Resigned 25 February 2015

⁸ Appointed 12 October 2016

⁹ Appointed 18 October 2017

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

AC — Australian Conservatives; ALP — Labor Party; ASP — Australian Sex Party;
DLP — Democratic Labour Party; Greens — Australian Greens;
LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals;
SFFP — Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; VILJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs

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Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Elasmar
Directed to: Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Asked on: 21 September 2017

ANSWER:

The Multicultural Festivals and Events program showcases the vibrancy and contribution of Victoria's multiculturalism through regular celebrations and events that encourage participation of the whole community.

I am pleased to advise that 894 festivals and events have been funded through the 2017-18 program. Applications to this year's program almost doubled compared to last year and were of a high standard. The significant increase in the number and quality of applications has meant that nearly all applicants have received less funding than they requested.

However, the number of funded events represents a nearly 70% increase compared to last year's (2016-17) program, which will enable more Victorians to celebrate and share their diverse cultures and traditions. Events from over 100 different cultures and faiths have been supported.

Successful applicants and organisations will hold a range of initiatives including cultural festivals, exhibitions, celebration of national days, and other culturally significant gatherings.

The Northern Metropolitan Region has received nearly \$400 000 in MFE funding for 176 festivals and events. Please refer to the attached table for a list of successful applicants, which span a diverse array of organisations, societies, cultures and faiths.

Group	Event	Amount Awarded	Suburb
Open Kurdish Feyli Community Inc	Open Kurdish Feyli Nowruz Community Celebration	\$4850	Broadmeadows
The Greek Orthodox Community of Broadmeadows and Districts Inc	Greek Independence Day and Harmony Week	\$825	Broadmeadows
Kabit Melbourne Association	Eid Festival	\$725	Broadmeadows
Victorian Arabic Social Services	VASS Eid Festival	\$3500	Broadmeadows
Toscana Social Club	From Tuscany to Sardegna	\$725	Brunswick
Brunswick Neighbourhood House	Connect and Learn in Diverse Moreland Forum	\$2175	Brunswick
Australian Greek Welfare Society trading as PRONIA	Diversity in Greek Families Fair Day	\$2500	Brunswick
Federation of Greek Elderly Citizen Club	Greek Community Australian Day Celebration	\$1700	Brunswick
Palaconian Brotherhood of Melbourne and Victoria "Leonidas" Inc.	Greek National Day 2018	\$600	Brunswick

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Pallaconian Brotherhood	28th Oct 2017 (Greek Day)	\$400	Brunswick
Muslim Women's Council of Victoria	Breaking Fast (Ramadan 2017)	\$900	Brunswick
Zimbabwe Community in Australia — Victoria	ZimVic Community Language School Cultural Day	\$725	Brunswick
Vedanta Society of Australia	Holi the Festival of Colours	\$900	Bundoora
Vedanta Society of Australia	Diwali Festival 2017	\$6800	Bundoora
Roshni Ramayan Mandali	Diwali Night	\$1025	Bundoora
Melbourne City FC	City in the Community Festival 2017	\$3750	Bundoora
Australia Pakistan Medical association of Victoria	Eid Festival 2017	\$600	Coburg
Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria	ECCV New & Emerging Communities Forum	\$1475	Coburg
Anatolian Cultural Centre	Anatolian Peace and Friendship Festival 2018	\$3500	Coburg
Ente Keralam Cultural Forum Inc.	Ente Keralam Sargolsavam Children's Fest	\$600	Coburg
Ente Keralam Cultural Forum Inc.	Ente Keralam Onam Festival 2017	\$1075	Coburg
Ente Keralam Cultural Forum Inc.	Ente Keralam Kalasandhya (Cultural night) 2018	\$1075	Coburg
Coburg High School	Harmony Day @ CHS	\$650	Coburg
Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria	ECCV 2018 State Conference, Strengthening Social Cohesion: Workforce Diversity	\$10 000	Coburg
Board of Imams Victoria	BOIV Community Eid Al-Adha Dinner	\$2150	Coburg North
The Australian Association of Kastorians 'Kastoria'	The Ragoutsaria Festival	\$725	Coburg North
Oorja Foundation	Craigieburn Multicultural Diwali Festival 2017	\$6300	Craigieburn
Willmott Park Primary School	Cultural Diversity Week — 24-28 Apr 2017	\$725	Craigieburn
Northside Malayalee Community Club Inc	NMCC Onam Celebration 2017	\$2600	Craigieburn
Eritrean Families in Hume and the North Inc.	EFHN Community	\$900	Craigieburn
Kampung Utara Melbourne	Malay Eid Festival 2017	\$825	Craigieburn
Kerala Hindu Society Inc	Onam Cultural Diversity Day	\$2375	Craigieburn
Uganda the Pearl of Africa Victoria Association	Ugandan Independence Day Community Dinner	\$1800	Craigieburn

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Hume Afghan Association	Afghan New Year Nowroz Welcome Event 2018	\$1700	Craigieburn
Craigieburn Nepalese Community	CNC TEEJ Celebration	\$775	Craigieburn
Community of Cypriots of the Northern Suburbs of Melbourne Senior Citizens Club	Cypriot Cultural New Years Festival	\$875	Epping
Khalsa Education Society Inc	Vaisakhi at Federation Square 2018	\$4500	Epping
Kool Moon Events Inc	Whittlesea Colour Carnival	\$11 700	Epping
Macedonian Orthodox Community of Melbourne & Vic Ladies Association	ILINDEN — Macedonian Independence Day	\$500	Epping
Macedonian Orthodox Community of Melbourne & Vic Ladies Association	Annual BOP Picnic & Australia Day Celebrations Together as One	\$450	Epping
Multicultural Festival Group Incorporated	Teeyan Da Mela — Wollert — Festival of Dance and Music	\$1800	Epping
Macedonian Beranci Social Seniors of Whittlesea Inc	Vasilica — Macedonian Orthodox New Year Celebration 2018	\$825	Epping
Macedonian Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria Elderly Citizen Group Epping Inc	Macedonian National Day ILINDEN	\$1250	Epping
Cultural and Theatrical Centre Paradise	International Women’s Day	\$400	Epping
Cultural Bridges Community Action Group Inc	Rich Tapestry of Cultural Fusion	\$2075	Epping
Himalayan Nepali Samaj Australia Inc	Dashain Tihar (Diwali) Festival	\$2150	Glenroy
Help Himalayan Youth Foundation Inc	Second New & Emerging Communities Festival	\$20 000	Glenroy
Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria (DBSV)	Teej Festival 2017	\$500	Glenroy
Malta Gozo Concert Band	Stella Maris 2017 Celebration	\$550	Glenroy
Help Himalayan Youth Foundation Inc	Dashain Teeka Celebration 2017	\$4575	Glenroy
Banyule City Council	Melting Pot Stage/Malahang Community Festival 2017	\$3500	Greensborough
Kalparrin Early Childhood Intervention Service	Kalparrin NAIDOC Family Day	\$1900	Greensborough
St Albans Business Group Association Inc	St Albans Moon Lantern Festival	\$1800	Greensborough
Victoria Thai Community Association Inc.	Loy Krathong Thai Festival 2017	\$2150	Greensborough
African Family Services	AFS Get Fit Program	\$3750	Melbourne
World Literacy Foundation	Celebrate your Mother Tongue	\$1650	Melbourne
Uniting Church in Australia	I’ll Dine with You	\$2150	Melbourne
Bastille Day French Festival Inc.	Bastille Day French Festival Melbourne 2017	\$3500	Melbourne

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Group	Event	Amount Awarded	Suburb
Tianjin Chinese Association of Melbourne	Chinese Moon Festival 2017 and Chinese New Year 2018	\$600	Melbourne
Asian Australian Lawyers Association Inc.	AALA Diwali — Spotlight on Cultural Diversity in the Legal Profession	\$2150	Melbourne
Chabad Of Melbourne CBD	Festival of Tabernacle	\$900	Melbourne
Chabad Of Melbourne CBD	Festival of Lights Hanuka in the City	\$1350	Melbourne
ABRISA — Brazilian Association for Social Development in Australia	Brazil Fest — Harmony through Dance!	\$2150	Melbourne
Melbourne Writers Festival	“Asia What” — Melbourne Writers Festival 2017	\$1000	Melbourne
Jewish Care (Victoria) Inc	Rosh Hashanah Celebration 2017	\$600	Melbourne
Community Hubs Australia Inc. — Refuge of Hope	Light Up Your Wish 2017 — a Latin American Christmas Celebration	\$2150	Melbourne
Community Hubs Australia Inc. — Refuge of Hope	Refuge of Hope @ A Taste of Harmony	\$900	Melbourne
Switchboard (Victoria) Inc	Multicultural LGBTIQ Panel and Film Night	\$1500	Melbourne
The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne	Cross Cultural Understandings of Creation: How the Universe came to Be	\$3375	Melbourne
Humanities 21	Melbourne Festival of Homer	\$2150	Melbourne
Refugee Council of Australia	Refugee Week 2018 Victorian Launch	\$8100	Melbourne
Australasian Centre for Human Rights and Health	International Women’s Day Multicultural Celebration Supporting Cohesion	\$900	Melbourne
Melbourne Irish Festival Committee	Melbourne Irish Festival	\$1525	Melbourne
Japanese Society of Melbourne	Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival 2018	\$3500	Melbourne
Faith Communities Council of Victoria Inc	2017 Victorian Interfaith Networks Conference (VINC)	\$8800	Melbourne
Federation of Indian Music and Dance Victoria	Prakriti — Festival of Indian Music and Dance	\$3425	Melbourne
Chinese Community Health Advisory of Australia Inc	Multicultural Hub Moon Festival Celebration 2017	\$400	Melbourne
Chinese Community Health Advisory of Australia Inc	Multicultural Hub Dragon Boat Festival Celebration 2018	\$400	Melbourne
AMAFHH Federation	International Women’s Day Event — 2018	\$1250	Melbourne

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AMAFHH Federation	Ramadan's Co-existence Goal: Multiculturalism and we are Proud Of It!	\$1250	Melbourne
Australian Inner-Mongolia Chinese Association Inc	Inner-Mongolian Cultural Festival 2017	\$1625	Melbourne
Libyan Community in Victoria (LCV) Inc	Graduation Ceremony	\$525	Mill Park
Libyan Community in Victoria (LCV) Inc	Ramadan Iftar Dinner	\$475	Mill Park
Libyan Community in Victoria (LCV) Inc	Kids Multicultural Day	\$600	Mill Park
Libyan Community in Victoria (LCV) Inc	Eid al-Fitr Festival	\$525	Mill Park
Mill Park Greek Elderly Citizens Club	Christmas Orthodox Village Festival	\$725	Mill Park
Greek Australian Ex Servicemens Reserve Whittlesea and Districts	Cultural Diversity Walk and Picnic	\$725	Mill Park
The Palestinian Seniors Club of Victoria	Eid Aladha	\$300	Mill Park
The Palestinian Seniors Club of Victoria	Ramadan Iftar 2018	\$300	Mill Park
The Palestinian Seniors Club of Victoria	Eid Alfitr	\$300	Mill Park
The Palestinian Seniors Club of Victoria	Spark Memory	\$400	Mill Park
Parents Teachers & Friends Association of VSL Sinhalese Inc	Variety Concert Roxburgh Park and Epping Sinhala Schools	\$1900	Mill Park
The Council of Slovenian Organisations of Victoria	CSOV Biannual Festival	\$1000	Mill Park
Nigeria Society of Victoria (NSV)	Annual National Day Festival 2017	\$13 050	Mill Park
Northern Gujarati Association of Melbourne	Navratri 2017	\$2250	Mill Park
Tamil Seniors Social Club	Deepawali	\$600	Mill Park
The Chinese Seniors Friendship Association of Whittlesea Inc	Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration	\$800	Mill Park
The Chinese Seniors Friendship Association of Whittlesea Inc	Mid Autumn Festival (Mooncake Festival)	\$550	Mill Park
Ayios Therapon Welfare Association	40th Anniversary of Ayios Therapon	\$775	Northcote
Victoria Chinese Seniors Cooking Club Inc.	Northcote Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration	\$600	Northcote
Victoria Chinese Seniors Cooking Club Inc.	Northcote Dragon Boat Festival Celebration	\$600	Northcote
Australian Greek Ex-Servicemen's Association	Celebration of 28 October 'OHI' Day	\$600	Northcote
Australian Greek Ex-Servicemen's Association	Greek National Day Flag Raising Ceremony and Celebration	\$900	Northcote

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Panpyliaki Brotherhood 'Navarino' Of Melbourne & Victoria Ltd.	Battle of Navarone Festival 2017	\$500	Northcote
Northern Region Indian Seniors Association of Victoria	Australia-India Day and Holi Celebrations	\$600	Northcote
Organisational Committee Greek National Day	Greek National Day Parade Commemoration	\$1025	Preston
Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council (AGMC Inc.)	Multicultural LGBTIQ Dinner	\$1500	Preston
North Eastern Melbourne Chinese Association	Celebration of Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival	\$800	Preston
North Eastern Melbourne Chinese Association	Celebration of 2018 Chinese Lunar New Year Festival	\$800	Preston
Preston Neighbourhood House	The Bridge Thornbury Multicultural Christmas in July and Open Day	\$775	Preston
Preston Neighbourhood House	The Bridge Children's Services Celebrates Diversity — Christmas 2017	\$1250	Preston
Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities	Dancing Through Cultures	\$4175	Preston
Australian Greek Ex-Servicemen's Elderly Seniors Club Northcote	Greek Ex Servicemens Christmas Celebration	\$500	Preston
Australian Greek Ex-Servicemen's Elderly Seniors Club Northcote	25 March Greek National Day Dinner Dance	\$600	Preston
Preston Greek Senior Citizens Club	Greek National Day — 25 March Celebration Lunch	\$600	Preston
Preston Greek Senior Citizens Club	Piperia Festival and 34th Anniversary of the Preston Greek Seniors Club	\$2400	Preston
Greek Women's Elderly Friendly Club Preston	Greek National Independence Day '25 March' Celebration	\$525	Preston
Greek Women's Elderly Friendly Club Preston	28 October 'OHI' Day Event	\$550	Preston
Greek Women's Club of Northern Suburbs "Anemones"	Greek National Day '25 March' Celebration	\$2400	Preston
Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre Ltd	Cohesion Festival	\$10 000	Preston
One Australian One Vietnamese One Community Association	Intergenerational Program — Vietnamese Cultural Celebrations	\$1500	Preston
Hellenic Stegi Friendly Elderly Citizens Club of Darebin	Greek Independence Day "25 March" Celebration	\$525	Preston
Hellenic Stegi Friendly Elderly Citizens Club of Darebin	28 October 'OHI Day' Commemoration	\$525	Preston

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Group	Event	Amount Awarded	Suburb
Australian Shia Gathering Place Inc	Ashuraa Event	\$1700	Reservoir
Reservoir Neighbourhood House	Reservoir Community Festival	\$1975	Reservoir
Greek and Cypriot Social/Welfare Centre	Dekapentaugousto Greek Glendi	\$400	Reservoir
Greek and Cypriot Social/Welfare Centre	International Women's Day	\$400	Reservoir
Reservoir East Primary School	Harmony is the Key to Peace	\$725	Reservoir
Keon Park Greek Senior Citizens Club	Greek National Day "25 March" Celebration	\$400	Reservoir
Keon Park Greek Senior Citizens Club	28 October OHI Day Commemoration	\$400	Reservoir
Botswana Australia Victoria Association	Botswana Independence Day	\$1450	Reservoir
Australian Federation of Hellenic Gymnastics and Athletics Association	Multicultural Events BBQ and Sports Award Presentation	\$775	Reservoir
Lebanese Forcez Inc	Lebanese Annual BBQ	\$500	Reservoir
Darebin Greek Women Senior Citizens Group	25th of March Greek National Independence Day	\$550	Reservoir
Reservoir High School	Cultural Diversity and International week	\$500	Reservoir
Polish Festival Inc	Polish Festival @ Federation Square 2017	\$5000	Richmond
Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association	Vu-Lan Festival 2018	\$675	Richmond
Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association	Tet (Vietnamese Lunar New Year) and Longevity Ceremony	\$1700	Richmond
Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association	Thanksgiving Ceremony	\$1025	Richmond
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	Multicultural Festival for Disadvantaged Women, Children & Seniors	\$1625	Richmond
Victoria Street Business Association (formerly Richmond Asian Business Association)	Victoria Street Moon Festival	\$6300	Richmond
Victoria Street Business Association (formerly Richmond Asian Business Association)	Victoria Street Lunar Festival 2018	\$60 000	Richmond
Laziali nel Mondo Australia Inc	From the Silk Road to Australia	\$550	Richmond
ARLC Victoria Ltd	Victoria NRL Harmony Festival 2017	\$2500	Richmond
Australian & New Zealand Association of Bellringers (ANZAB)	Annual Bellringing Festival 2018	\$500	Richmond
Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.	Chinese Dragon Boat Festival 2018	\$400	Richmond

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Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.	Chinese Mid-Autumn Day 2017	\$400	Richmond
City of Whittlesea	Northern Multicultural Small Business Awards	\$1350	South Morang
St Anthony Senior Social Club	Egyptian Cultural Day	\$800	Thomastown
Thomastown East Greek Senior Citizens Club Inc	Traditional Greek Orthodox Christmas Fair	\$725	Thomastown
Whittlesea and District Elderly Citizen Club Inc	Greek National Day — Celebrate Community	\$1125	Thomastown
The Florinian Society of Melbourne Aristodelis Inc	Fasoulatha Community Festival	\$1175	Thomastown
The Florinian Society of Melbourne Aristodelis Inc	OXI Day	\$450	Thomastown
Macedonian Veterans and Friends Senior Citizens Group Inc.	In Memory of “Ilinden”	\$775	Thomastown
Macedonian Australian Cultural Youth Assoc. Inc. “TANEC”	“ILINDEN” Celebration	\$975	Thomastown
San Donato Assoc. Inc.	San Donato Festival	\$625	Thomastown
Panagia Soumela Pontian Association	Holy Celebration	\$625	Thomastown
Whittlesea Chinese Association Inc.	Mooncake/Mid-Autumn Festival	\$600	Thomastown
Bitola Macedonian Senior Citizens Group Whittlesea	Macedonian Orthodox Easter Celebration	\$400	Thomastown
Bitola Macedonian Senior Citizens Group Whittlesea	Ilinden Celebration	\$400	Thomastown
Goce Delchev Senior Citizens Association Inc.	Ilinden Celebrations	\$1175	Thomastown
Goce Delchev Senior Citizens Association Inc.	International Women’s Day Celebrations	\$1075	Thomastown
Macedonian Australian Senior Citizens Group “Ilinden” Inc	Macedonian National Day Ilinden	\$400	Thomastown
Palestinian Community Association of Victoria	Eid Aladha Celebration	\$400	Thomastown
Palestinian Community Association of Victoria	PCA Graduates Day	\$800	Thomastown
Palestinian Community Association of Victoria	Eid Alfitr Celebration	\$1075	Thomastown
Palestinian Community Association of Victoria	Ramadan Iftar	\$500	Thomastown
Parori Florinis Social Club	St Dimitrios Day	\$650	Thornbury
Victorian Maronite Community	Eid El Sayde Cultural Festival 2017	\$11 700	Thornbury

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Group	Event	Amount Awarded	Suburb
Thornbury Greek Senior Citizens Club	St Athanasios Celebration	\$500	Thornbury
St Mary's Primary School	Multicultural Day	\$2150	Thornbury
Islamic Museum of Australia	Fashion meets Faith — Multicultural Fashion Exhibition	\$1650	Thornbury
Centre of Greek Ex-Servicemen's Elderly Citizens Club of Darebin and Districts	St George's Feast Day — Patron Saint of Soldiers	\$525	Thornbury
New United Villages of Florina	Florinian Chillies Festival	\$600	Thornbury
New United Villages of Florina	Florinian Pita Festival	\$1075	Thornbury
The Olympian Society	Celebration of Greek National Day — 25 March	\$600	Thornbury

TOTAL FUNDING

\$379 900

Unclassified

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Lovell
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 21 September 2017

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government has committed \$140 million funding to improve the frequency and reliability of services on the Hurstbridge line through the duplication of the single track section between Heidelberg and Rosanna. This will support reduced congestion and better alignment of train and bus services.

There is high demand for car parking at stations across the rail network. In response, the Government has committed \$20 million to deliver the Station Car Park Upgrades Program across metropolitan and regional train stations. It will provide up to 2100 new sealed car park spaces that will improve accessibility and enhance safety through new lighting, CCTV and signage. As part of this program some 100 additional car parks are being provided at Watsonia railway station. More information is available on line at www.victrack.com.au/projects/key-projects/station-car-park-upgrades/

A further \$8.7 million was announced in the 2017-18 Budget to go towards additional station car parking and station upgrades. As part of these works, the commuter car park at Montmorency station will be expanded. Design work is underway to determine the number of additional spaces to be provided. The design will take into account current planning for the second stage of the Hurstbridge line upgrade, for which the Budget provided a further \$5 million.

The Government is providing nearly \$600 million to extend the South Morang line to Mernda. As part of this project up to 2000 car parking spaces will be provided.

At the request of the Member for Yan Yean, I have asked Public Transport Victoria for advice on converting the railway reserve into an official car park.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Ramsay
Directed to: Minister for Regional Development
Asked on: 17 October 2017

ANSWER:

I understand that one of the originally proposed locations for the SkyRig development is directly in front of the site of the proposed Geelong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

I can confirm that Regional Development Victoria is working directly with the proponents of the SkyRig development to identify other locations in the Geelong region that could be appropriate for such a development. The City of Greater Geelong is also assisting with this enquiry.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Crozier
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 17 October 2017

ANSWER:

The previous Liberal Government did not remove a single level crossing on the Frankston line. In contrast the Andrews Government is getting rid of 13, with three already gone, including at North Road in Ormond.

Contrary to the Member for Southern Metropolitan's claim, there was extensive consultation with the community in relation to the development at Ormond. The plans were publically exhibited, submissions from the public sought and received and the public were invited to participate in public hearings before it was considered and approved by an independent panel. The fact that the Liberal party and the Member for Southern Metropolitan decided to not put in a submission on behalf of her constituents does not mean proper planning processes and consultation did not occur.

Commuter car parking standards require that car parking areas have sufficient lighting, CCTV, disability access and be safe for users. The concrete deck behind Ormond Station does not meet such requirements.

If the Member for Southern Metropolitan supports increased car parking then she should support this project, as it will include hundreds of car parks for residents, shoppers and over 100 dedicated car parks for commuters using the train station.

South Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mrs Peulich
Directed to: Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Asked on: 17 October 2017

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for South-Eastern Metropolitan for her question on the consultation process for the Mordialloc Bypass Project.

As stated by the Member for South-Eastern Metropolitan, in September 2017, the Minister for Planning made a decision that an Environmental Effects Statement (EES) is required for the Mordialloc Bypass to investigate potential environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts.

VicRoads is currently progressing planning and investigations for the project, with ongoing community and business consultation. To date this engagement has included:

- Correspondence with directly impacted business and land owners to inform of the proposed design and the potential impacts;
- A six week online engagement from August to October 2017 seeking community and business feedback to VicRoads via an interactive map, which showcased the Mordialloc Bypass concept designs;
- Hosting six community pop up information sessions in local business hubs throughout September 2017 to support the online engagement;
- Promotion of the interactive map through 70 000 postcard drops to local businesses and residents in the area, plus targeted Facebook and mobile advertising along with local newspaper advertising; and
- Ongoing and regular consultation with local business groups, special interest groups and residents associations.

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Lovell
Directed to: Minister for Water
Asked on: 18 October 2017

ANSWER:

It is up to Moira Shire Council to determine which levees are maintained near Strathmerton. The policy position is clearly outlined in Chapter 17 of the Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy 2016 (released in April 2016). Levees that are not being maintained will remain that way unless the relevant Local Government Authority determines that they should be brought into formal management arrangements.

Should Moira Shire Council decide not to maintain certain levees, concerned members of the public have the option of applying to the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority for a permit to maintain particular levees.

The draft Regional Floodplain Management Strategy interprets and applies the Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy at a local scale, including identifying maintenance arrangements for existing flood mitigation infrastructure. The draft will be available from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority website www.gbcma.vic.gov.au until Monday 4 December 2017.

Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Ondarchie
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 19 October 2017

ANSWER:

While the Andrews Labor Government has allocated more than \$2.5 billion through the last three State Budgets to build, upgrade and maintain school and early childhood infrastructure across the state, it remains true that it will take some time for the entire asset portfolio to be brought up to standard. Our ongoing challenge is to responsibly balance and prioritise the needs of over 1500 government schools, all in varying condition.

As part of the 2016-17 State Budget, I was pleased to announce the allocation of \$189 000 in planned maintenance funding for John Fawcner Secondary College. I am advised that this was targeted to works in the school's main block (Block E) as well as other site infrastructure. Due to a favourable tender, the college has not only been able to address stormwater upgrade, asbestos removal, painting, lighting, and the rectification of internal flooring, it has also been able to contract additional refurbishment works and cosmetic upgrades. These works are due for completion in mid-November.

I am also pleased to inform you that the college is receiving \$240 566 under the 2017-18 planned maintenance program to address not only matters associated with its ground-floor structure but also the roofing canopy over the locker area.

This far surpasses anything the former Liberal Government invested in John Fawkner Secondary College, clearly this school was not a priority for the Liberal Party.

If John Fawkner Secondary College has other urgent maintenance or repair issues which are beyond its budget capacity and directly impact on student, staff or visitor safety, an application for funding can be made under the Department of Education and Training's Emergency Maintenance Program. The college can contact the Department's North-Western Victoria Regional Office for further assistance or advice about this program.

I can assure you that the infrastructure needs of all schools, including those of John Fawkner Secondary College, will continue to receive fair and equitable consideration through the State Budget process. We will use all available data, including condition assessments and pre-existing project plans, when determining priorities for the school capital works program and allocating resources in future Budgets.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Crozier
Directed to: Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Asked on: 20 October 2017

ANSWER:

The trial extension of truck curfews along the Beach Road corridor commenced on 4 November 2017. Electronic signs have been deployed to inform the community and passing motorists of the trial commencement. In addition, VicRoads will broadcast this change via social media posts such as Facebook and has created a webpage dedicated to the project, which will be updated regularly with information related to the trial.

In the lead up to the trial, VicRoads has consulted with stakeholders including Councils, Victoria Police, Victorian Transport Association, Victoria Ports Corporation, and Spirit of Tasmania operators. These stakeholders will also work together during the trial to review and provide feedback on the trial, as well as collect data and broader community feedback to evaluate the trial.

In early 2018, it is anticipated that data will be collected as well as feedback sought from the broader community, as part of the evaluation of the trial. The stakeholder group will review the results to evaluate the effectiveness of this trial and influence how truck movements along the Beach Road corridor will be managed in the future. Results of the trial will be carefully considered in mid 2018 before determining whether any permanent changes are necessary.

South Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mrs Peulich
Directed to: Minister for Emergency Services
Asked on: 20 October 2017

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government greatly values the work of Life Saving Victoria (LSV) volunteers, who selflessly devote their time and skills to promote the safety and wellbeing of the community.

The Victorian Government has committed \$1.5 million to the redevelopment of Edithvale Life Saving Club (LSC).

The redevelopment of Edithvale LSC will help support better health and safety for volunteers and the community. In addition, new facilities will assist in attracting and retaining volunteers, all of which will help reduce Victoria's growing drowning toll.

I understand the City of Kingston, LSV and the Edithvale LSC are currently working together to progress a new coastal consent application to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The Victorian Government appreciates the value and importance of the Edithvale LSC redevelopment project to the community, and remains committed to facilitating and ensuring its success.

Western Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Melhem
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 31 October 2017

ANSWER:

Having modern and up-to-date classrooms and school facilities is a fundamental part of ensuring that every child has the best possible education. We can't build the 'Education State' without investing in our schools' bricks and mortar.

As you are aware, Tarneit Senior Secondary College first opened its doors for Term 1, 2012, and the \$11.6 million of funding provided in the 2016-17 State Budget will build Stage 2 of the school.

Stage 2 will expand Tarneit Senior Secondary's capacity to meet its growing enrolment numbers, which includes students from feeder schools such as Baden Powell and Tarneit P-9 Colleges. This exciting project will deliver a new, competition grade gymnasium and performing arts centre, a new auditorium, a food technology learning space, a café space, and an administration centre and additional classrooms.

Construction has recently commenced, and once completed at the end of 2018, it will provide facilities that can be shared by the local community.

Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Ondarchie
Directed to: Minister for Sport
Asked on: 31 October 2017

ANSWER:

I understand that Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) has been in contact with Northcote City Football Club and Darebin City Council regarding this matter.

I understand that Northcote City Football Club is in discussions with Darebin City Council and Football Federation Victoria to identify pitches the club can use during the 2018 season.

SRV will continue to monitor this matter and support the parties, where necessary.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Ramsay
Directed to: Minister for Planning
Asked on: 1 November 2017

ANSWER:

The Penshurst wind farm project was the subject of an Environment Effects Statement, which had not progressed sufficiently to reach the exhibition stage. The proponent had not progressed the Environmental Effects Statement for some years and has now chosen not to pursue the project. No planning permit application was ever lodged for the project.

My understanding is that RES Australia have decided not to pursue the Penshurst wind farm project due to the nature and extent of the identified constraints within the project site being greater than initially anticipated. This restricted the available area for development.

To my knowledge, there is no specific reason why an investor would not want to invest in the Victorian wind energy industry. Under the Andrews Labor Government, wind farms at Ararat and Kiata have been constructed and projects at Mount Gellibrand, Maroona, Yaloak South and Salt Creek are under construction. We are advised by developers that construction is proposed to commence on projects at Moorabool, Stockyard Hill and Lal Lal in 2018.

This level of activity is a testament to the government's actions to reinvigorate Victoria's wind energy industry.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Wooldridge
Directed to: Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Asked on: 1 November 2017

ANSWER:

VicRoads advises me that during the recent school holiday period, VicRoads took advantage of the quieter time on the roads and restricted northbound traffic on Bolton Street.

I understand that VicRoads received encouraging feedback from local residents and businesses along Bolton Street, who found that traffic flowed better and drivers felt safer during this time.

VicRoads advises me that it will continue with northbound lane closures, as this provides reliable, predictable and safe traffic management arrangements.