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<sup>3</sup> Resigned 27 May 2016

<sup>1</sup> Resigned 25 February 2015

<sup>4</sup> Appointed 12 October 2016

**PARTY ABBREVIATIONS**

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; V1LJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs



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**ANSWERS TO CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**

*Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers and received by Hansard in the period shown.*

**10 March to 23 March 2017****Northern Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Lovell  
**Directed to:** Minister for Health  
**Asked on:** 7 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

The Andrews Labor Government has provided significant investment over recent years to expanding public services across the state. This includes the recent investment in the new cancer centres in both Bendigo and Albury Wodonga, both of which support patients from the Shepparton region accessing radiotherapy treatment at no cost to them.

Our investment is evidence of the commitment of the State Government to meeting the health needs of all of the citizens of the Goulburn Valley and stands in contrast to the \$1 billion in cuts to health inflicted by the previous Liberal Government.

The previous failed Liberal government had four years to invest in the Goulburn Valley but did nothing.

**South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Springle  
**Directed to:** Minister for Mental Health  
**Asked on:** 7 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

In the State Budget 2016-17 the government announced the investment of \$356 million to support mental health and alcohol and other drug services. There has been significant investment in child and youth mental health, which is connected to the election commitment of a 10 Year Mental Health Plan for Victoria.

Victorian Governments 10-Year Mental Health Plan will help to ensure future investment is made in a coordinated, integrated way so that Victorians can access mental health services in the right place, at the right time.

The Victorian specialist mental health service system takes a holistic approach to the treatment and care of young people and their families. Integral to this approach is a close working relationship with the young person's carer/s, family, general practitioner or paediatrician, and school to ensure an integrated response to the young person's broader health and social needs.

The New Monash Children's Hospital will include the redevelopment of the Early in Life Mental Health Service Inpatient Unit. The Early in Life Mental Health Service provides bed based and ambulatory services for children and youth aged between 0-25 years. Additionally, examples of other support services are the School Focussed Youth Services, Monash Youth and Family Services, Youth Prevention and Recovery Care Service, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Schools Early Action Together service.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme when fully implemented in Victoria will play a key role in supporting young people with a psychiatric disability to live in the community.

Of the 96 headspace centres currently operational in Australia, 21 are currently operational in Victoria and a further two headspace centres will become operational in 2017. Of the Victorian headspace centres, two centres are located in close proximity to the City of Monash. These are headspace Elsternwick and headspace Bentleigh. In areas

surrounding the City of Monash, there are a number of centres, including headspace Dandenong, headspace Hawthorn, headspace Narre Warren and headspace Knox.

The Commonwealth Government, through its reform of primary health, has devolved the governance of headspace centres to Primary Health Networks. These networks work in partnership with headspace National Office in the operation of headspace centres.

I will continue to work with ministerial colleagues in the Commonwealth Government to ensure that young people in south east Melbourne continue to receive vital early intervention youth services in the community.

I would encourage residents, family members and other concerned parties to continue raising issues and suggestions with the Commonwealth Government.

### **Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Fitzherbert  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 7 February 2017

#### **ANSWER:**

The Government is aware that the Liberal Party has called for the project to be delayed. The Government has rejected this request. The Government has also rejected the request from the Liberal Party to change the design of the station that would add 6 minutes to the daily commute for 40 000 passengers every day forever.

The Government has also rejected the suggestion from the Liberal Party to consider locating the station underneath the Shrine which would involve the removal of 60 war time tribute trees.

The Government acknowledges that both the Victorian and Federal Liberal Parties are seeking to delay this project. The Turnbull Government, having originally approved the project, is now seeking to delay it and has put an emergency heritage protection on the site.

The Federal and Victorian Liberals will not succeed in their attempts to delay this project. We are getting on with it and the community will be advised when works that include the removal of trees begins.

### **Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Wooldridge  
**Directed to:** Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
**Asked on:** 8 February 2017

#### **ANSWER:**

After years of inaction by the previous government, congestion levels have grown and as part of VicRoads' traffic investigations currently in progress for the Fitzsimons Lane corridor, we are looking at a range of options to relieve congestion along this corridor.

VicRoads is actively working with a range of stakeholders, both in the context of this site and the recently announced North East Link Study, to determine the best solution in addressing congestion levels along this corridor.

**Northern Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Lovell  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 8 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

I am advised by V/Line that culverts between Numurkah and Wunghnu will be prioritised in the 2017 work schedule.

**Western Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Finn  
**Directed to:** Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
**Asked on:** 8 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) has established a monthly Transport Working Group with officers from Moonee Valley City Council. Sub-committees will be established to address local traffic, pedestrian and cyclist movements.

The LXRA is confident that the design solution will provide a number of key benefits, including improved safety and traffic flow around the education precinct, less congestion on Buckley Street, and enhanced pedestrian and cycling links around the Essendon Activity Centre.

**Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Crozier  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 9 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

The previous Coalition Government did not remove a single level crossing on the Frankston line. In contrast, the Andrews Labor Government is removing eleven, with three already gone.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) worked closely with Melbourne Water and Glen Eira City Council on the design of the pipe network that was installed as part of the project. The design replicated pre-existing flood management conditions and would not cause any additional flooding of the Elwood Canal Catchment during heavy rain events.

On 29 December 2016, Melbourne Water's local rain gauges measured over 50mm in the two hour period between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the McKinnon area. Following enquiries regarding flooding, LXRA conducted investigations and found that the flood management system was functioning as designed and to the standard required by Melbourne Water.

Prior to the drainage system becoming operational following the level crossing works, a complete CCTV inspection was carried out of the system to ensure there were no blockages or obstructions. A very small amount of concrete was observed during the CCTV inspection of the drain system and has since been removed.

**Eastern Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr O'Donohue  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 9 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

Unlike the previous Liberal Government who slashed funding for bus services, the Andrews Labor Government has committed \$100 million to build a better bus network across Victoria.

This \$100 million investment includes a new bus network for the Casey area, delivering more frequent and reliable services to get people where they need to go.

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), regularly assesses bus networks across Victoria, to ensure routes and services best meet the needs of local communities.

The Department will take residential growth in Pakenham into consideration when undertaking future planning.

**Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Pennicuik  
**Directed to:** Minister for Major Projects  
**Asked on:** 9 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

Major Projects Victoria (MPV) obtained legal advice confirming that Kew Development Corporation Pty Ltd (KDC) was entitled to an extension to the Kew Residential Services Development Agreement (DA) to 27 April 2018. The extension was confirmed by letter to KDC on 22 June 2016.

The extension to the Project Term was one of several matters referenced in the Sixth Deed of Variation to the DA (Sixth Deed), which was executed on 9 December 2016. The timing of the execution of the Sixth Deed was driven by the conclusion of negotiations between MPV and KDC on other matters finalised in the Sixth Deed. Some of these matters included financial payments due to MPV from KDC; funds reserved to address a GST refund between the parties; and completion of conservation works to three heritage buildings located within the Heritage Core at the Kew site. The Sixth Deed was executed promptly following resolution of all of these matters.

**Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Wooldridge  
**Directed to:** Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
**Asked on:** 9 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

VicRoads conducted significant consultation with the community in late 2015 and June 2016, councils and other key stakeholders prior to finalising the project scope. In addition, VicRoads has and will continue to ensure the community is kept adequately informed regarding detailed design, project updates and traffic management arrangements during construction.

All project scope details were shared through the Community Feedback Report disseminated in December 2016. VicRoads is organising two further on-site community information sessions in March 2017 to discuss designs with the community.

**Western Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Ramsay  
**Directed to:** Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
**Asked on:** 9 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

Mr Ramsay is incorrect in his assertion that VicRoads made an announcement before the recent local government elections. VicRoads did not announce its submission of the planning scheme amendment (C72) for the bypass to the Minister for Planning until after elections had closed, and the Councillor Elects had been briefed.

As stated by Mr Ramsay, the Western Highway bypass of Horsham has been the subject of much consultation and debate, which concluded with submissions and hearings in front of an independent planning panel. Horsham Rural City Council (HRCC) made a submission and this was considered and assessed by the Panel.

As the bypass Amendment is currently with the Minister for Planning, I will not intervene during his assessment and decision.

**Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Leane  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 9 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

I would first like to thank the Member for Eastern Metropolitan and Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure for his hard work to improve transport for people in Melbourne's East.

The Bayswater Level Crossing Removal Project has transformed the face of Bayswater for the better. Two dangerous and congested level crossings have been removed and the new Bayswater Station and forecourt has improved connectivity to the Bayswater shopping precinct. The delivery of transformational infrastructure projects like this means that the community, travellers and local businesses experience some unavoidable disruption while construction is underway.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority supported local businesses with marketing and advertising during the construction period and, as the project nears completion, will continue to provide marketing support for Bayswater businesses. Representatives from the Level Crossing Removal Authority continue to meet with local businesses and over the coming weeks will roll out a new advertising campaign, thanking the community for their patience and encouraging locals to shop in Bayswater.

Support has also been offered to Bayswater businesses to help establish a new local business association, something a number of businesses have expressed interest. The Level Crossing Removal Authority will work with Knox Council and these local businesses to provide early assistance towards establishing such an association.

The project team is working hard to ensure that all work is completed with minimum inconvenience to local businesses and shoppers. Once complete, the new outdoor dining areas, wider footpath and new trees will help to attract more people to this great area.

**Eastern Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Mulino  
**Directed to:** Minister for Families and Children  
**Asked on:** 21 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

I would like to thank the honourable member, Mr Mulino, and his constituents for their interest in early childhood education.

The new facility serving Kimberley Place has been operational since November 2016, and I am delighted to confirm that the official opening was held on Monday, 1 March 2017.

**Northern Victoria Region**

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised by V/Line that culverts between Numurkah and Wunghnu will be prioritised in the 2017 work schedule.

**Eastern Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Bath  
**Directed to:** Minister for Agriculture  
**Asked on:** 21 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

The Government has provided a section 5 Governor in Council exemption under the Domestic Animals Act 1994. This has exempted the sale of cages birds from the operation of section 96 of the Act.

The exemption order was published in the Government gazette on Tuesday 7 March 2017.

The exemption will remain in place until a more permanent provision is introduced into the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

**Western Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Ramsay  
**Directed to:** Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
**Asked on:** 21 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 40 of the Coastal Management Act 1995 and as delegated by me, the Regional Director of Barwon South West, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has provided consent to the proposed use and development of the Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club on 20 February 2017.

The Club has been advised of this consent.

**Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Fitzherbert  
**Directed to:** Minister for Police  
**Asked on:** 21 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

Port Phillip Council has resolved the technical issues with the public safety CCTV cameras in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. All seven cameras have been fully operational since 2 March 2017.

The radio transmitters for three of the seven CCTV cameras were impacted by a power surge, which took the system offline. Council reconfigured the CCTV system to enable four CCTV cameras, in key locations along Fitzroy Street, to recommence transmitting footage directly to the police station on 25 January 2017. These cameras were operating during the busy Australia Day, Pride March and St Kilda Festival periods.

The remaining three cameras have now been repaired and are fully operational, with additional works undertaken to protect the system against future power surges.

**Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Wooldridge  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 22 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

As previously stated, at the last election Labor promised to increase inbound services on the Hurstbridge line in the morning peak. There was no commitment for an increase in services from the Liberal Party.

The Andrews Labor Government is working with Public Transport Victoria on the best options to deliver the extra services as soon as practical.

The Member for Eastern Metropolitan would also be aware that works have now commenced on the Governments \$395 million Hurstbridge line upgrade project.

This project will remove two dangerous and congested level crossings, duplicate the track and rebuild Rosanna Station to run more trains, more often on the Hurstbridge line.

It will also support around 1000 jobs during peak construction, including more than 30 apprentices and trainees over the life of the project.

**Western Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Eideh  
**Directed to:** Minister for Planning  
**Asked on:** 22 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 22 February 2017 concerning the demolition of the Corkman Hotel.

Like many Victorians, I am outraged by the demolition of the pub without permission. This was a deliberate and dangerous act, which was conducted with no regard to public safety, the heritage of the building, or the wishes of the local community.

The Victorian Building Authority and Melbourne City Council have recently pressed charges under the Building Act 1993 and the Planning and Environment Act 1987. A summary of these charges can be found at: [http://www.vba.vic.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/53706/Charges-laid-over-demolition-of-Corkman-Irish-Pub.pdf](http://www.vba.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/53706/Charges-laid-over-demolition-of-Corkman-Irish-Pub.pdf).

In conjunction with the council, I have sought an enforcement order from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to re-instate the Corkman Irish Pub in a manner sympathetic to the heritage character of the area and which reflects the scale, design, and layout of the building that has been demolished. A directions hearing on this matter will be held on 17 March 2017.

I have also put in place a control in the Melbourne Planning Scheme, which requires any permit issued for the site to restore and reconstruct the building that stood at the site immediately prior to its demolition.

In relation to the issue you raise regarding asbestos at the site, I understand that this is still under investigation by the Environment Protection Authority and WorkSafe Victoria.

### **South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Rich-Phillips  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 22 February 2017

#### **ANSWER:**

PTV conducted an extensive community consultation program in regards to the Cranbourne Bus Network Review. PTV also undertook extensive consultation with Casey Council in regards to the bus network.

The Ombudsman has made no assertions to Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), or Public Transport Victoria (PTV) that they have any issues with the planning or consultation processes that was undertaken.

City of Casey's road policy determines both Freshwater Bvd and Marriott Bvd as local connector roads and designated as bus capable.

Route 897 is part of the new Cranbourne bus network which has delivered a badly needed upgrade to bus services in the Cranbourne area. These upgrades which were neglected by the previous Liberal Government form part of the Andrews Labor Governments \$100 million investment in Better Bus Networks across Victoria.

### **Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Leane  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 22 February 2017

#### **ANSWER:**

I have received advice from the Level Crossing Removal Authority that the architectural glass balustrade (digi-glass) was installed at Heatherdale Station during recent works over the weekend of 4-5 March 2017.

**South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mrs Peulich  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 22 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

The design of the new station precincts at Cheltenham and Mentone is still under development. The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is asking the community to share their knowledge of the local area and provide input on a range of design elements, including station design, public space and car parking. This feedback will be used to inform the next phases of detailed design and construction.

The Government has no plans at this stage to charge commuters to use the proposed multi-level car parks at Cheltenham and Mentone. LXRA will work in collaboration with Public Transport Victoria and Kingston and Bayside City Councils on car parking requirements at Cheltenham and Mentone stations as the project progresses.

**Western Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Morris  
**Directed to:** Minister for Regional Development  
**Asked on:** 23 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

The Victorian Government made an election commitment to redevelop the Eureka Stadium.

The redevelopment of the stadium has resulted in the Western Bulldogs committing to playing their first AFL game this year in Round 22 versus Port Adelaide. The Bulldogs have also committed to two AFL Premiership matches in Ballarat from 2018 onwards. This will bring visitors from all over the state and nation, creating jobs and growing the local economy.

The City of Ballarat governs the Eureka Stadium precinct on behalf of the public.

The City of Ballarat compulsorily acquired the North Ballarat Football Club freehold title (clubrooms and sports club facility) with the intent to lease to ensure VFL and AFL football games are played at Eureka Stadium.

Council concerns regarding access were only recently raised when Council were unable to work with the North Ballarat Football Club Board of Directors to deliver an agreeable outcome.

**Western Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Finn  
**Directed to:** Minister for Planning  
**Asked on:** 23 February 2017

**ANSWER:**

The planning permit application to expand the Melbourne Regional Landfill at Ravenhall is presently under consideration following community consultation and a public independent planning panel hearing. It would therefore be premature to release the report of the independent planning panel at this stage.

I will consider the matter of the release of the report when I make a decision on the planning permit application.

**Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Davis  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 7 March 2017

**ANSWER:**

The Member for Southern Metropolitan is wrong. No illegal scaffolding on the sky rail tipped over.

The Government and the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) takes the safety of its workers very seriously.

The Government, LXRA and the contractor all work with relevant unions as part of a Health and Safety Management Plan.

If the Member for Southern Metropolitan would like to meet with union officials to discuss the importance of safe workplace laws and conditions, he should approach them directly.

**South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mrs Peulich  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 8 March 2017

**ANSWER:**

The former Liberal Government did not remove a single level crossing on the Frankston line. In contrast, the Andrews Labor Government is getting rid of boom gates at thirteen level crossings on the Frankston line with three already gone.

The Member for South Eastern Metropolitan has herself clearly stated that a rail bridge is not a skyrail.

The Member for South Eastern Metropolitan has also raised the importance of protecting the Edithvale/Seaford wetlands and the Government has taken on board these community concerns by not proceeding with design options that would impact on these wetlands.

The Government consulted extensively on design options for the removal of the Frankston line level crossings before announcing our solutions. Further community consultation on the Government's designs for the removal of the next ten sets of boom gates on the Frankston line is continuing with details available at [www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au).