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¹ Resigned 28 September 2017

² Appointed 15 April 2015

³ DLP until 26 June 2017

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; V1LJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs

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22 November to 30 November 2017

Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Patten
Directed to: Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing
Asked on: 18 October 2017

ANSWER:

The Minister for Consumer affairs has portfolio responsibility for these matters. I have referred the question to Minister Kairouz and requested that she respond to you directly.

Eastern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Shing
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 19 October 2017

ANSWER:

Ensuring that all children and young people of compulsory school age are engaged in education is a priority for the Andrews Labor Government and the Department of Education and Training. School completion leads to greater employment opportunities, economic and social prosperity, community inclusion and participation, and health and wellbeing. Flexible Learning Options deliver programs specifically targeted to students whom the mainstream school environment is not appropriate for various behavioural and or social reasons. They provide opportunities for disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people to avoid disengagement from education.

The Latrobe Valley Flexible Learning Option Campus is part of Kurnai College and conducts curriculum programs designed to improve educational outcomes for students in the Latrobe Valley. At present the campus fully utilises the Commercial Road site.

The Campus is currently reviewing its program with the intention of extending the curriculum to accommodate an increased number of students. Although this expected growth may limit the ability for the site to accommodate other groups, any opportunities that exist outside school hours will be assessed following completion of the review.

The Department is available to meet with the Latrobe City Council or other community groups to discuss further opportunities for shared use that may be available.

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Lovell
Directed to: Minister for Creative Industries
Asked on: 31 October 2017

ANSWER:

I commend the Australian National Piano Awards for providing classical pianists from across Australia with great opportunities, and for contributing to Shepparton's cultural activities.

As such, I sent a letter direct to the Australian National Piano Awards dated 2 August 2017 detailing some opportunities for them.

While the focus of Creative Victoria's contestable funding programs is on delivering support to professional Victorian artists and organisations, Creative Victoria does support the careers of emerging Victorian talent through opportunities to collaborate and perform with professional artists.

One recent example is of a grant to The Australian National Academy of Music to create an opportunity for students to present a season of new work in collaboration with some of Victoria's best composers and performers, such as Peter Knight and Michael Kieran Harvey.

Creative Victoria also supports the participation of young people across Victoria in performing arts through the Royal South Street Society's eisteddfod program.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Morris
Directed to: Minister for Planning
Asked on: 31 October 2017

ANSWER:

The Minister for Regional Development has portfolio responsibility for delivering the project and has details of the emerging design for the proposed GovHub. There is no proposal before me for my consideration.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Davis
Directed to: Minister for Emergency Services
Asked on: 31 October 2017

ANSWER:

After years of denial, I am encouraged to see that the Coalition has finally admitted our fire services need reforming.

This is something that is evident from the nine reviews, counting the recent parliamentary inquiry, that have been undertaken into our fire services in the previous decade.

Victoria does not need a multi-million dollar review to tell us what we already know, especially one whose terms of reference do not mention Fiskville, response times or community safety.

Previous reports have already pointed to the cultural problems in our fire services, including poor relationship between management and the workforce and a lack of diversity within its ranks.

The Government is already taking the steps needed to reform our fire services because we value community safety and the wellbeing of our firefighters.

For example, we recently announced that culture and diversity funding will be released to begin the process of making much needed changes within our firefighting organisation:

- \$5 million for leadership development for the CFA and MFB to promote a positive cultural shift in those agencies (with a further \$0.8 million ongoing);
- \$2 million for a volunteer recruitment and retention program that will focus on increasing the diversity of volunteer firefighting services;
- \$2.5 million over two years for a diversity and culture change program.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Morris
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 1 November 2017

ANSWER:

In developing the new Ballarat Bus Network delivered in January 2017, Public Transport Victoria (PTV) undertook an extensive community consultation process including speaking with over 260 people at seven community forums and providing two presentations to the Ballarat Senior Citizens Group.

In preparation for the consultation session approximately 9000 emails were sent to registered Myki users within the region, inviting community members to participate in the consultation sessions. Additionally, the community consultation sessions and proposed network changes were also promoted via Local news outlets on television and radio stations, advertisements in the Ballarat Courier and on both PTV and the Operator's (CDC Victoria) twitter feeds.

The increase in services and better coordination between bus and train have seen more buses at the station (Lydiard Street). The Andrews Labor Government has committed \$5M to the design and delivery of a new bus interchange at Ballarat Station that will be delivered in 2018. This will see buses stopping within the station precinct.

The network service changes has seen an increase in bus patronage indicating that the services are getting more residents of Ballarat where they need to go.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Purcell
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 2 November 2017

ANSWER:

Thank you for your question Mr Purcell.

The Department of Education and Training holds approximately 200 sites surplus to educational needs. Nearly 80 per cent of these sites are located across regional Victoria. The Department monitors these sites to ensure that any necessary maintenance, including vegetation and fire management, is attended to in a timely manner and performed to a consistent standard.

The Department endeavours to use local service providers where appropriate. However, in some instances, local service providers may not hold the relevant insurances or have the capacity to meet the Department's property maintenance needs.

Due to the geographic disparity of the regional sites, maintenance contractors typically provide their pricing for a 'run of sites' (usually 8-12 sites). This allows contractors to apportion their incidental travel and accommodation costs across each site while maintaining competitive pricing. The Department is confident that the cost for these services reflects value for money.

The Department permits neighbouring livestock to graze on some sites from time to time. However, this can present risks to the Department and livestock. As such, it is not common practice.

Regarding the former Bessiebelle Primary School, the site received arboriculture works (i.e. tree lopping, pruning and removal), grass cutting and a general site clean-up in October 2017. These works were commissioned after a site risk assessment and arborist report, which identified a number of trees with structural defects and noted that a falling tree limb had recently killed a sheep from a neighbouring property, which was grazing on the site.

I trust this information is of assistance.

South Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mrs Peulich
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 3 November 2017

ANSWER:

In line with industry standards, the Caulfield to Dandenong works (and other LXRA projects) are constructed to comply with EN 50121-5 — “Electromagnetic Compatibility — Part 5: Emission and Immunity of Fixed Power Installations and Apparatus”. This means that the works should not generate electromagnetic interference that affect other apparatus.

This means that all types of light and heavy duty electric and electronic systems operate as expected in the railway environment. This includes mobile phones, computers, passenger information displays, public announcement systems, audio loop, lifts, customer help points and the CCTV systems which operate on the suburban railway network and inside suburban trains.

There are 98 sections of elevated rail on the metropolitan rail network. It is the experience of the suburban rail networks that CCTV cameras operating directly adjacent to, or in, trains and overhead power, experience no interference during 24/7 operation, regardless of the elevation of the rail line.

Eastern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Shing
Directed to: Minister for Police
Asked on: 14 November 2017

ANSWER:

The Latrobe community, including Morwell, will soon have additional support for community safety in the form of a Community Safety Network initiative funded under the Victorian Government’s \$2 billion Community Safety Statement. Victoria Police is working with local communities to develop Community Safety Networks in 12 locations across Victoria, including Latrobe, to help local communities better engage with police. The networks will be made up of local residents, councils and community groups and they will take part in a range of forums and initiatives involving Victoria Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Stoppers and the Department of Justice and Regulation. Each community will receive up to \$50 000 to deliver local crime prevention initiatives through the networks.

The Community Safety Network project will provide Victorian communities with a direct platform to discuss local crime issues and policing priorities through various community initiatives and online surveys. These networks are a great opportunity for residents to receive accurate information and resources about local crime trends and safety issues including crime prevention advice. Local residents, councils and community groups are encouraged to take part in the project and have a greater voice in Victoria Police’s ongoing efforts to improve community safety. The community can find out more about the Community Safety Networks via the Engage Vic website at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/communitysafetynetworks>.

Eastern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr O'Donohue
Directed to: Minister for Planning
Asked on: 15 November 2017

ANSWER:

Equity Trustee's Limited are the sole Trustee's of the R.M Ansett Trust and we understand they are readying a large parcel of land for sale. It has been suggested that anticipated proceeds will be reinvested into the Trust to support a number of local philanthropic endeavours.

The land is on the corner of Kunyung Road and Albatross Avenue in Mount Eliza, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. The land is 22.2 hectares in area, currently vacant and was historically used for grazing. The land is located in the Green Wedge Zone (GWZ), outside the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Typical uses in the GWZ include some agricultural uses, bed and breakfast and primary produce sales.

Any proposal that facilitates more, or smaller subdivision requires ratification by both houses of State parliament.

Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 has clear objectives that seek to protect and maintain green wedge land to contain Melbourne's outward growth. This government is committed to maintaining the current UGB and GWZ controls and there are presently no plans to make any changes that would facilitate more intense subdivisions or fundamentally relax planning controls.

Western Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Finn
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 16 November 2017

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Western Metropolitan for his continued interest in the Andrews Labor Government's program of level crossing removals.

I am not aware of a "sky rail" project in Williamstown.

I am aware that the Andrews Labor Government is removing two dangerous and congested level crossings in Williamstown and Williamstown North.

Work to remove the level crossing at Kororoit Creek Road — including the partial duplication of the Altona Loop — is now underway, with the project due for completion by the end of 2018. The level crossing at Ferguson Street, Williamstown will be removed by 2022.