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Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee — (*Council*): Mr Gepp and Ms Patten. (*Assembly*): Mr Dixon, Mr Howard, Ms Suleyman, Mr Thompson and Mr Tilley.

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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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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, 14 November 2017

Attorney-General

10 998. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 11 offenders charged because of rioting during the riots at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on the 31 October 2015 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 31 October 2015, 11 offenders were charged because of rioting. Of these offenders, eight were convicted and three received non-conviction dispositions.

Attorney-General

10 999. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 11 offenders charged because of criminal damage during the riots at the Melbourne Youth Justice facility in Parkville on 31 October 2015 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 31 October 2015, 11 offenders were charged with criminal damage. Of these offenders, eight were convicted and three received non-conviction dispositions.

Attorney-General

11 000. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 3 offenders charged because of unlawful assault during the riots at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 31 October 2015 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 31 October 2015, five offenders were charged with unlawful assault. Of these offenders, two received non-conviction dispositions. The charges of unlawful assault were withdrawn against the remaining three offenders because they pleaded guilty to more serious assault charges.

Attorney-General

11 001. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 3 offenders charged because of intentionally causing injury during the riots at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 31 October 2015 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 31 October 2015, one offender was charged with intentionally causing injury and was convicted. One offender was charged with recklessly causing injury and received a non-conviction disposition.

Attorney-General

11 002. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of assault with a weapon during the riots at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 31 October 2015 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 31 October 2015, one offender was charged and convicted of assault with a weapon.

Attorney-General

11 003. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 10 offenders charged because of criminal damage during the riots at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 6 March 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 March 2016, 10 offenders were charged with criminal damage. Of these offenders, five were convicted and four received non-conviction dispositions. As at 7 June 2017, the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 004. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 5 offenders charged because of burglary at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 6 March 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 March 2016, five offenders were charged with burglary. Of these offenders, two were convicted and three received non-conviction dispositions.

Attorney-General

11 005. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 6 offenders charged because of criminal damage at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 7 March 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 7 March 2016, six offenders were charged with criminal damage. Of these offenders, three were convicted and two received non-conviction dispositions. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 006. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of burglary at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 7 March 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 7 March 2016, six offenders were charged with burglary. Of these offenders, three were convicted and two received a non-conviction disposition. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 007. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of the 6 offenders charged because of assault with a weapon at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 7 March 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 7 March 2016, no offenders were charged with assault with a weapon.

Attorney-General

11 008. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of throwing missile, causing injury, causing danger and damaging property at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 7 March 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 7 March 2016, six offenders were charged with criminal damage. Of these offenders, three were convicted and two received a non-conviction disposition. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 7 March 2016, no offenders were charged with discharging a missile, causing injury or causing danger.

Attorney-General

11 009. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those 4 offenders charged because of criminal damage at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 7 March 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 7 March 2016, six offenders were charged with criminal damage. Of these offenders, three were convicted and two received non-conviction dispositions. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 010. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of criminal damage at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 6 May 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 May 2016, two offenders were charged with criminal damage. Of these offenders, one was convicted. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 011. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of unlawful assault at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 6 May 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 May 2016, two offenders were charged with unlawful assault. Of these offenders, one pleaded guilty to an alternative offence. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 012. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of assault with a weapon at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 6 May 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 May 2016, two offenders were charged with assault with a weapon. Of these offenders, one received a conviction. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 013. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of burglary at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 6 May 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 May 2016, two offenders were charged with burglary. Of these offenders, one was convicted. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 014. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged because of discharge of a missile to cause injury or danger at the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility in Parkville on 6 May 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 May 2016, two offenders were charged with discharging of a missile. Of these offenders, one was convicted. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Attorney-General

11 015. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): Of those offenders charged with counsel, assistance of induced escape from the Melbourne Youth Justice facility in Parkville on 6 May 2016 how many have been convicted.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Victoria Police that in relation to the incident at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre on 6 May 2016, two offenders were charged with counsel or assistance of induced escape. Of these offenders, one had their charge withdrawn. As at 7 June 2017 the matters of the remaining offender have yet to be finalised.

Aboriginal affairs

11 019. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): Could the Minister please confirm whether a decision has been made to sell the

Galeena Beek site and also the site at the corner of Maroondah Highway and Healesville-Kooweerup Road.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Since the liquidation of the Galeena Beek Properties Limited, being the registered proprietor of three mentioned properties, Aboriginal Victoria have continued to hold ongoing consultations with affected groups. The consultations include establishing the Galeena Beek Advisory Group representing the community, the liquidator acting on behalf of the Galeena Beek Properties Limited (in liquidation) and departmental staff.

The Victorian Government's financial interest is limited to the value of the first mortgage in the name of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

The Minister has agreed to receive submissions from the members of the Advisory Group that are in the best interest of the Healesville Aboriginal community.

The Minister currently awaits these submissions as part of making a recommendation to the liquidator regarding the Galeena Beek assets.

[Question 11 019 reinstated by order of President on 20 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 20 June 2017, page 3841.]

Health

11 223. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the \$8.5 million allocated for independent oversight and delivery in Budget Paper No. 3 page 78 —

- (1) how much will go to the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority; and
- (2) how much will go to the Health Complaints Commissioner.

ANSWER:

I am informed that in 2017-18:

- \$1.011m has been allocated to the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority
- \$4.153m has been allocated to the Health Complaints Commissioner

Public transport

11 305. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): Could the Minister please provide detail for the \$5 million set aside for investigations into the future track duplication between Greensborough and Eltham —

- (a) how long will the investigations take; and
- (b) will the public be consulted.

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Eastern Metropolitan for her continued interest in the Andrews Labor Government's investments along the Hurstbridge line, as we are planning ahead for more long-term solutions for the north-east.

As previously stated, the 2017-18 Budget provides approximately \$5 million for planning and development for the second stage of the Hurstbridge line upgrade, with a focus on addressing the single track between Greensborough and Eltham.

Early planning is underway for the second stage of the Hurstbridge line upgrade to run more trains, more often, to and from Eltham. This phase of the investigations is expected to be completed next year.

[*Question 11 305, part (a), reinstated by order of President on 17 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 August 2017, page 4425.*]

Police

11 396. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): In light of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission review into sex discrimination and sexual harassment in Victoria Police in 2015 —

- (1) what amount in the 2017-18 Budget is to assist with the implementation of the recommendations of the Review and the Action Plan put forward by the Commission and how is the amount allocated/distributed;
- (2) what training on sexual harassment and sex discrimination is occurring in light of the Review and who is receiving this training, for example, all recruits, sworn police, supervisors/managers etc.
- (3) what is the composition of the Workplace Harm Unit;
- (4) how many complaints have the Workplace Harm Unit received since the Commission report and what types of complaints are they; and
- (5) what funding arrangements are in place to support back fill for parental leave and training that is accessible to all employees as recommended by the Commission report.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission's (VEOHRC) report released in 2015 highlighted an urgent need for cultural change in the Police force. Victoria Police has committed to implementing all of its recommendations and work is in progress.

In the 2017-18 budget, \$5 986 900 in funding was allocated the VEOHRC Review response. Workplace Harm training has commenced and includes content specifically relating to sexual harassment and sexual discrimination. This training is facilitated by an external consultant as per the Review recommendation. The initial rollout of this training is delivered to Inspectors and Senior Sergeants as part of their respective development programs. Upon full rollout, this training will be accessible by all Victoria Police employees.

OneLink (formerly known as the Workplace Harm unit) is an independent work unit reporting to the Director, Workplace Relations Division, Human Resources Department.

Through the Community Safety Statement, the Government has provided Victoria Police with funding for an additional 219 police, 7 PSOs and 1 VPS to support the Parental Leave Backfill program.

Roads and road safety

11 461. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): What plans does VicRoads have to upgrade Wattleree Road in Eltham North to provide paths and drainage gutters.

ANSWER:

VicRoads advises me that it is responsible for this road and currently has no plans to upgrade its footpaths and road drainage.

Roads and road safety

11 464. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park that was announced in the 2016-17 Budget, what works were completed on this project in 2016-17.

ANSWER:

During 2016/17 the project undertook the following works:

- Completed survey works (feature and cadastral)
- Completed preliminary road design
- Completed air quality screening assessments
- Completed noise modelling
- Commenced functional design
- Commenced flora and fauna investigations
- Commenced geotechnical investigations
- Commenced cultural heritage investigations
- Commenced groundwater and surface water impacts
- Commenced traffic volumes (both current and future)
- Commenced service impact assessments for electricity, gas, telecommunications and drainage.

Roads and road safety

11 465. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park that was announced in the 2016-17 Budget, how much money was spent on this project in 2016-17.

ANSWER:

The total spent amount spent in 2016-17 was \$444 323 on project development, including design and planning investigations.

Roads and road safety

11 466. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park, when was the business case for this project commenced and completed by VicRoads.

ANSWER:

The Business Case work commenced in May 2013 and was completed in January 2015.

Funding was announced in the 2016 State Budget.

Roads and road safety

11 467. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park and the allocation of \$4.8 million in the 2017-18 Budget for this project, can the Minister provide a list of pre-construction activities that will be undertaken by VicRoads with the allocation of this money.

ANSWER:

During 2017/18 the project will undertake the following works:

- Complete functional road design, including design options;

- The following site investigations:
 - Complete flora and fauna studies;
 - Complete geotechnical investigations;
 - Complete cultural heritage studies;
 - Complete groundwater and surface water impacts;
 - Complete traffic volumes (both current and future);
 - Complete service impact assessments for electricity, gas, telecommunications, sewers and drainage;
 - Undertake pavement investigations and design;
 - Undertake service relocation strategy;
 - Undertake stakeholder engagement sessions;
 - Commence land acquisition process;
 - Undertake planning approval for removal of native vegetation and land acquisition (within and outside of the existing Public Acquisition Overlay);
 - Undertake preparation of the tender estimate; and
 - Undertake preparation of the tender specification and associated documentation.

Roads and road safety

11 468. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park and the allocation of \$4.8 million in the 2017-18 Budget for this project, can the Minister provide a timeline of the pre-construction activities that will be undertaken by VicRoads with the allocation of this money.

ANSWER:

Pre-construction Activity	Commencement	Target Completion
Land Acquisition	July 2017	July 2018
Planning Approval	July 2017	February 2018
Design Investigations	Early 2017	October 2017
Service Relocation Works	Mid 2017	April 2018
Environmental Investigations (Flora / Flora and Cultural Heritage)	Early 2017	October 2017
Geotechnical Investigations	Early 2017	September 2017
Traffic Volume Counts	Early 2017	September 2017
Service Impact Assessments	Early 2017	September 2017
Pavement Investigations	June 2017	October 2017
Service Relocation Strategy	July 2017	September 2017
Community Engagement	September 2017	December 2019
Tender Estimate	August 2017	February 2018
Tender Specification	September 2017	December 2017
Contract Tender Process	January 2018	June 2018
Contract Award	July 2018	

Roads and road safety

11 469. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland

Highway, Hampton Park and the allocation of \$4.8 million in the 2017-18 Budget for this project, can the Minister provide the commencement date by VicRoads for the pre-construction activities.

ANSWER:

VicRoads engaged consultants WSP P/L to undertake a wide range of pre-construction activities. This contract was awarded on 14 October 2016.

Roads and road safety

11 470. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park and the allocation of \$4.8 million in the 2017-18 Budget for this project, have contracts been awarded for pre-construction activity.

ANSWER:

Yes, contracts have been awarded for pre-construction activity.

Roads and road safety

11 471. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park and the allocation of \$4.8 million in the 2017-18 Budget for this project, what company has been awarded the contract for the pre-construction activities.

ANSWER:

VicRoads engaged WSP P/L to undertake the pre-construction activities. This contract was awarded on 14 October 2016.

VicRoads has engaged Safe System Solutions to undertake a Safe System Assessment on the functional design.

Roads and road safety

11 472. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the duplication of Hallam Road between Ormond Road and the South Gippsland Highway, Hampton Park and the allocation of \$4.8 million in the 2017-18 Budget for this project, what date will the project go out to tender.

ANSWER:

Subject to the resolution of all issues identified during pre-construction, the issue of tender documentation is currently targeted for early 2018.

Special Minister of State

11 593. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: Have you referred any matters to Infrastructure Victoria other than in relation to the location of Victoria's second container port, if so, what matters have been referred.

ANSWER:

The Government has recently requested Infrastructure Victoria to provide advice on the infrastructure requirements to facilitate the implementation of automated and zero emission vehicles.

The Terms of Reference outlining the scope and timing of this advice can be found on Infrastructure Victoria's website (www.infrastructurevictoria.com.au).

Families and children

11 601. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the responsibility for Youth Justice moving from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the Department of Justice and Regulation (DJR) on 3 April 2017, as at 15 August 2017 —

- (1) how many staff employed by DHHS have moved to the DJR;
- (2) how many full time staff are budgeted for to work in Youth Justice at the DJR;
- (3) how many permanent part-time staff are budgeted for to work in Youth Justice at the DJR; and
- (4) how many staff are budgeted to work on a casual basis in Youth Justice at the DJR.

ANSWER:

I refer the member to the Department of Justice and Regulation Annual Report 2016-17 for details relating to machinery of government changes.

Families and children

11 603. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the responsibility for Youth Justice moving from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the Department of Justice and Regulation (DJR) on 3 April 2017, as at 15 August 2017 —

- (1) how many full-time permanent staff work in Youth Justice at Corrections Victoria;
- (2) how many part-time permanent staff work in Youth Justice at Corrections Victoria;
- (3) how many casual staff work in Youth Justice at Corrections Victoria; and
- (4) how many staffing positions in Youth Justice in Corrections Victoria are yet to be filled.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Justice and Regulation Annual Report contains details of the department's organisational structure and staff numbers.

Families and children

11 604. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the responsibility for Youth Justice moving from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the Department of Justice and Regulation (DJR) on 3 April 2017, as at 15 August 2017, what is the total cost to the Department of Justice and Regulation to take on and operate the Youth Justice area.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

I refer the member to my response to Question on Notice number 11601.

Families and children

11 605. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the responsibility for Youth Justice moving from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the Department of Justice and Regulation (DJR) on 3 April 2017, as at 15 August 2017, what is the total cost incurred for changes to departmental stationery and publications, including letterhead, signage and websites due to taking on Youth Justice.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The costs associated with the machinery of government change can be found in the Department of Justice and Regulation Annual Report.

Families and children

11 617. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to Youth Justice, as at 31 July 2017, how many youths in the Youth Justice system were on Community Corrections orders.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the member to the Youth Parole Board Annual Report 2016/17.

Families and children

11 637. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, how many kindergartens in Victoria operate under an Independent Committees of Management model.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As at 31 July 2017, there were 470 funded, independent kindergarten services in Victoria operated by Incorporated Associations. Kindergartens operated by Incorporated Associations are community-based not-for-profit organisations, generally run by parent volunteer Committees of Management.

Families and children

11 638. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, how many kindergartens in Victoria operate under cluster management model.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As at 31 July 2017, there were 905 funded kindergarten services in Victoria operating under the Early Years Management (previously known as Cluster Management) model.

Families and children

11 639. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the \$4.4 million funding allocation for rural kindergarten viability, as at 31 July 2017 —

- (a) how many rural kindergartens have benefitted;
- (b) how much has each rural kindergarten received; and
- (c) which kindergartens received funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government invested an additional \$4.4m over four years in the Victorian Budget 2015/16 to maintain the financial viability of rural kindergartens. Following this investment a new funding model was

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introduced in 2017 which means that rural kindergartens receive a base level of funding (\$76 739) which is equivalent to 18 enrolments. As a result a number of rural kindergartens have re-opened including Cann Valley Community Kindergarten and Community Early years Childcare-Walwa.

Just in 2017 a total of 111 services have benefitted from the rural funding model. These services are listed in the table below.

Service	Per Capita Funding
Back Creek Kindergarten	\$76 739
Balmoral and District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Barmah Outreach Kindergarten	\$76 739
Berringa Kindergarten	\$76 739
Beulah Outreach Preschool	\$76 739
Birchip & District Preschool	\$76 739
Birregurra Preschool Centre	\$76 739
Boolarra Kindergarten	\$76 739
Boort Preschool	\$76 739
Branxholme Kindergarten	\$76 739
Briagolong Kindergarten	\$76 739
Bruthen Kindergarten	\$76 739
Buchan Early Childhood Development Centre	\$76 739
Cann Valley Community Kindergarten	\$76 739
Cavendish Kindergarten	\$76 739
Charlton & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Colbinabbin Preschool	\$76 739
Community Early-years-Mitta Mitta	\$76 739
Community Early-years Childcare-Tawonga	\$76 739
Community Early-years Childcare-Walwa	\$76 739
Country Buddies Wahgunyah	\$76 739
Dederang Primary School Care	\$76 739
Derrinallum Preschool	\$76 739
Dimboola Child Care	\$76 739
Dingee Preschool	\$76 739
Dunolly Kindergarten	\$76 739
Edenhope Kindergarten	\$76 739
Eildon and District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Erica Kindergarten	\$76 739
Falls Creek Childcare	\$76 739
Flowerdale Kindergarten	\$76 739
Forrest Learning Centre	\$76 739
Girgarre Community Kindergarten	\$76 739
Glenrowan Kindergarten	\$76 739
Gormandale Kindergarten	\$76 739
Goroke Preschool	\$76 739
Gunbower Preschool Play Centre	\$76 739

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Service	Per Capita Funding
Hawkesdale and District Family Centre	\$76 739
Hepburn Kindergarten	\$76 739
Hopetoun Preschool	\$76 739
Inglewood Kindergarten	\$76 739
Jeparit Kindergarten	\$76 739
Kaniva Kindergarten	\$76 739
Katamatite Children's Centre	\$76 739
Katandra West Early Childhood Centre	\$76 739
Koondrook Preschool	\$76 739
Laharum Preschool	\$76 739
Lake Boga Preschool	\$76 739
Lake Bolac & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Lavers Hill and District Preschool	\$76 739
Leitchville Preschool Play Centre	\$76 739
Lismore Preschool	\$76 739
Little River Kindergarten	\$76 739
Lockington Kindergarten	\$76 739
Longford Kindergarten	\$76 739
Lorne Kindergarten	\$76 739
Maldon Preschool Centre	\$76 739
Mallacoota Kindergarten	\$76 739
Mallee Minors Child Care Centre-Murrayville	\$76 739
Mallee Minors Child Care Centre-Underbool	\$76 739
Manangatang & District Preschool	\$76 739
Mary Beck Kindergarten	\$76 739
Marysville and District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Meredith Kindergarten	\$76 739
Merrigum Kindergarten	\$76 739
Millewa Preschool	\$76 739
Minyip Kindergarten	\$76 739
Moyhu & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Murchison Kindergarten	\$76 739
Murtoa Kindergarten	\$76 739
Nangiloc & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Nathalia & District Preschool	\$76 739
Natimuk Preschool	\$76 739
Neighbourhood Kids Early Learning Centre	\$76 739
Newstead Preschool	\$76 739
Nullawarre Kindergarten	\$76 739
Nyah West & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Omeo Kindergarten	\$76 739
Ouyen Preschool	\$76 739

Service	Per Capita Funding
Penshurst Preschool	\$76 739
Pyalong Preschool	\$76 739
Pyramid Hill Preschool	\$76 739
Rainbow Kindergarten	\$76 739
Rokewood Kindergarten	\$76 739
Rupanyup Kindergarten	\$76 739
Save the Children Kindergarten-Nowa Nowa	\$76 739
Simpson and District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Skipton Kindergarten	\$76 739
Stanhope & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Swifts Creek Kindergarten	\$76 739
Tallangatta & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Tallygaroopna Children's Centre.	\$76 739
Thorpdale Kindergarten	\$76 739
Trentham Kindergarten	\$76 739
Tungamah Kindergarten	\$76 739
Undera Kindergarten	\$76 739
Violet Town District Early Childhood Centre	\$76 739
Waubra Children's Service	\$76 739
Wedderburn Preschool	\$76 739
Toora Kindergarten/Welshpool Kindergarten	\$76 739
Whorouly & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Willaura & District Kindergarten	\$76 739
Willow Grove Kindergarten	\$76 739
Wycheproof Preschool Play Centre	\$76 739

Families and children

11 640. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, how many playgroups have been established as part of the \$150 000 Great Start Community Playgroup Fund.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Support for community playgroups is funded by the Commonwealth Government.

The Great Start Community Playgroup Grants Scheme (Grants Scheme) was established by the Andrews Labor Government and provides grants to support community playgroups to buy books, toys and educational resources.

The total amount allocated to this initiative by the Andrews Labor Government over 4 years is \$200 000.

Since the commencement of the Grants Scheme and as at 31 July 2017, a total of 124 community playgroups have benefited from the grants.

Families and children

11 641. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In which local government areas have the playgroups under the Great Start Community Playgroup Fund been established.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Support for community playgroups is funded by the Commonwealth Government. The Great Start Community Playgroup Grants Scheme (Grants Scheme) was established by the Andrews Labor Government and provides grants to support community playgroups to buy books, toys and educational resources. To date, community playgroups in the following local government areas received grants:

Banyule City Council	Knox City Council
Baw Baw Shire Council	Latrobe City Council
City of Ballarat	Macedon Ranges City Council
City of Boroondara	Manningham City Council
City of Brimbank	Maribyrnong City Council
City of Casey	Maroondah City Council
City of Darebin	Moonee Valley City Council
City of Glen Eira	Moorabool Shire Council
City of Greater Dandenong	Mornington Peninsula Shire
City of Greater Bendigo	Nillumbik Shire Council
City of Greater Geelong	Rural City of Horsham
City of Kingston	Rural City of Swan Hill
City of Melbourne	Shire of Campaspe
City of Moreland	Shire of Central Goldfields
City of Melton	Shire of Hindmarsh
City of Port Phillip	Shire of Moyne
City of Stonnington	Shire of Murrindindi
City of Whittlesea	Shire of Northern Grampians
City of Yarra	Shire of Southern Grampians
Colac Otway Shire	Shire of Yarra Ranges
East Gippsland Shire Council	South Gippsland Shire Council
Frankston City Council	Warrnambool City Council
Hobsons Bay City Council	Wyndham City Council
Hume City Council	

Families and children

11 642. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, how many children with special needs have utilised the Early Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) learning assessment tool.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I launched Early ABLES in March 2016. Since then 440 children from more than 100 early childhood services have been assessed against the Early ABLES assessment tools.

1100 Victorian educators have completed the Early ABLES professional development. Another 400 educators are currently completing the Early ABLES professional learning.

As more educators become familiar with the Early ABLES assessment tools it is anticipated that more children will receive an assessment.

Early ABLES is an online assessment tool to help educators develop and provide a tailored learning experience for children aged two to five years with disabilities or developmental delay. It can also be used to support the transition to school for children with disabilities or developmental delay.

The tool helps educators to assess a child’s progress in learning against the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework, and develop appropriate learning goals in collaboration with families and other professionals involved in the education and care of the child.

The tool supports the development of personalised learning plans with proven teaching and learning strategies to monitor progress along a likely progression of learning.

Early ABLES supports consistent information sharing across services and schools.

Families and children

11 645. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the \$200 000 one-off grants process for specialist bi-cultural workers in supported playgroups —

- (1) how many workers were granted funding; and
- (2) in which areas are the workers based.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Funding for bicultural support in Supported Playgroups was provided on a once-off basis for service providers as a short term response to an identified gap in workforce capacity. There have been 30 bicultural workers employed across 16 local government areas through grants to service providers.

The funding did not go to the workers directly but to the service providers. All service providers who applied, received a grant.

The LGA’s to receive this funding were:

LGA
City of Brimbank
Shire of Cardinia
City of Casey
City of Greater Dandenong
City of Darebin
City of Greater Shepparton
City of Hobsons Bay
City of Hume
City of Kingston
City of Melton
City of Whittlesea
City of Wyndham
Rural City of Wodonga
Shire of Yarra Ranges
City of Casey
Latrobe City Council

Families and children

11 647. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, how many drought-stricken families have received support for their children to attend 15 hours of kindergarten.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In 2016, approximately 650 families accessed free or low cost kindergarten through the Drought Kindergarten Fee Subsidy.

In addition, a total of 41 community based services with approximately 800 children enrolled in funded kindergarten programs in 2016 received a Financial Hardship Grant of up to \$10 000 to support their continued operation.

Families and children

11 648. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the drought-stricken families who received support for the kindergarten subsidy, which local government areas are they from.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As stated in my media release at the time of the announcement, the families supported through the Drought Kindergarten Fee Subsidy resided in the following 11 local government areas identified as drought affected:

- Ararat Rural City
- Buloke Shire
- Central Goldfields Shire
- Hindmarsh Shire
- Horsham Rural City
- Gannawarra Shire
- Loddon Shire
- Northern Grampians Shire
- Pyrenees Shire
- West Wimmera Shire
- Yarriambiack Shire

Families and children

11 650. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the \$4 million allocated funding for IT services and support to kindergartens, as at 31 July 2017 —

- (a) which kindergartens have received funding; and
- (b) which local government areas are those kindergartens in.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is providing \$4 million over three years to the State Library of Victoria to continue the Kindergarten IT program that provides vital IT services and support to funded kindergartens services across the state.

The Kindergarten IT program provides the following range of supports:

- internet connectivity
- six email addresses per kindergarten
- kindergarten.vic.gov.au domain name renewal and hosting

- help desk support for general computer and software enquiries
- repair of computer hardware where that hardware was provided by the Department of Education and Training through the Kindergarten IT roll out (where warranty will apply)
- free community web hosting
- free IT training including face-to-face KIM system training.

As at 24 August 2017, there were 1227 kindergarten services receiving support through the State Library of Victoria as part of the Kindergarten IT program.

These kindergarten services are located across all 79 local government areas.

Families and children

11 652. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to a state-wide trial of a phone and online parenting support service run by Gateway Health, how many areas and service locations are involved in the trial.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Telephone and Online Parenting Support trial, provided by Gateway Health Community Health Service based in Wodonga, is available to all families living in rural Victoria, to fathers from across the state and also to grandparents providing full-time care to their grandchildren.

Families and children

11 653. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to a state-wide trial of a phone and online parenting support service run by Gateway Health —

- (a) how many participants are involved in the trial; and
- (b) how many participants will receive weekly telephone calls from each location.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

From September 2016 to June 2017 there have been 184 participants involved in the trial. All families are offered weekly telephone calls with a Parenting Support Worker at Gateway Health. Families can arrange telephone contact at times and frequency convenient for them.

Families and children

11 654. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to a state-wide trial of a phone and online parenting support service run by Gateway Health, how many participants in the trial have been contacted weekly from the start of the trial in September 2016 to 30 June 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Refer to the answer to QON 11653.

Families and children

11 655. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to a state-wide trial of a phone and online parenting support service run by Gateway Health, how much in funding was provided to Gateway Health to conduct the trial.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In May 2016, \$207 152 was provided to Gateway Health for the Telephone and Online Parenting Support trial.

In May 2017, a further \$171 000 was approved to extend the trial until June 2018.

Families and children

11 665. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the \$4.6 million allocated funding to trial Caring Dads program, as at 31 July 2017 —

- (a) how much has been spent;
- (b) how many fathers have benefitted from the program;
- (c) which local government areas do the beneficiaries come from; and
- (d) which community organisations have been tapped in the program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caring Dad's program is an early intervention pilot program aimed at fathers experiencing drug or alcohol abuse who have committed, or are at risk of committing family violence. Fathers attend voluntary group sessions over 17 weeks where they learn parenting skills and the impact of family violence on their children as well as the importance of a respectful relationship with their children's mother.

In May 2016 the Andrews Labor Government allocated \$575 000 to Children's Protection Society to begin a pilot of the Caring Dads program. In June 2017 we allocated a further \$4.6 million to the Caring Dads program with an additional \$1 million dollars contributed by the Gandel Foundation. This enabled the program to be expanded to other providers across the state.

Participating fathers are from the local government areas of Banyule, Darebin, Greater Geelong, Hobson's Bay, Hume, Latrobe, Melton, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Yarra.

The community organisations that deliver the Caring Dads program are:

- Children's Protection Society (northern metro)
- Uniting Regen (northern metro)
- Anglicare (western Melbourne)
- IPC Health (western Melbourne)
- Anglicare Gippsland (Inner Gippsland)

Families and children

11 667. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the \$700 000 allocated funding to expand three Adolescent Family Violence program in Ballarat, Geelong and Frankston —

- (a) how much funding did each program receive;
- (b) how many adolescents in Ballarat have been supported through the program;
- (c) how many adolescents in Geelong have been supported through the program; and
- (d) how many adolescents in Frankston have been supported through the program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

\$714 000 per annum for three years was provided to the three Adolescent Family Violence programs in 2016/17. Child Youth and Family Services Ballarat, Barwon Child Youth and Family Services and Peninsula Health will each receive \$238 000 per annum.

Each agency is tracking well, or over performing against their targets. The Department is working with agencies to improve performance measures, including measures that consider both the intensity of the service provided, as well as the number of families supported.

Industry and employment

11 670. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Industry and Employment: Of the 55 young Victorians being assisted through the Central Victorian Group Training (CVGT) Australia funding program, how many remained employed in full time work.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government came to office with a clear agenda to create more jobs and help disadvantaged jobseekers into work. The government has now allocated over \$68 million to Jobs Victoria, reflecting the commitment that all Victorians should have the opportunity to share in the social and economic benefits that come from employment. The funding is enabling the development of a more coordinated and streamlined system of employment assistance to achieve better employment outcomes for disadvantaged Victorians.

CVGT Australia is one of the organisations that the Victorian Government is partnering with through Jobs Victoria to support disadvantaged Victorian jobseekers into employment. On 17 August 2017, the former Minister announced funding to CVGT to support 55 Youth Justice clients into sustainable employment. A formal funding agreement is being finalised, and this service will commence shortly.

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11 671. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Industry and Employment: Of the 55 young Victorians being assisted through the Central Victorian Group Training (CVGT) Australia funding program, how many remained employed in part-time work.

ANSWER:

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Industry and employment

11 672. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Industry and Employment: Of the 100 young people who were placed in employment opportunities in the Broadmeadows area through Central Victorian Group Training (CVGT) Australia, which companies or organisations were a part of the program.

ANSWER:

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Attorney-General

11 683. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Courts case management system’, at what stage of development is the new case management system to operate across the Magistrates’ Court.

ANSWER:

The new case management system for the Magistrates’ Court and Children’s Court is in progress. Current activities include detailed planning, business analysis and requirement gathering to prepare for procurement.

Attorney-General

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11 685. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Courts case management system’, when will the new case management system become operational in the Magistrates’ Court.

ANSWER:

The new case management system for the Magistrates’ Court and Children’s courts is intended to become operational by July 2021.

Attorney-General

11 686. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Courts case management system’, when will the new case management system become operational in the Children’s Court.

ANSWER:

The new case management system for the Magistrates’ Court and Children’s courts is intended to become operational by July 2021.

Attorney-General

11 687. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Courts case management system’, what issues have been identified in the establishment of the new case management system to operate across the Magistrates’ Court.

ANSWER:

The business case for the courts case management system identified a number of key issues with the existing case management systems that are incompatible with the requirements of a modern, efficient court system. These include:

- Limited ability to exchange data with other agencies;
- Considerable reliance on manual data entry;
- Case-based approach to data, instead of person-based data collection approaches;
- Out-dated and unsupported technology

Attorney-General

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Attorney-General

11 689. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Courts case management system’, what issues have been identified which may impede progress of the Children’s Court.

ANSWER:

Court Services Victoria advises it has not identified any issues arising from the development of the new courts case management system that may impede the progress of the Children’s Court.

Attorney-General

11 690. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and CISP Remand Outreach Pilot’, can the Minister please provide a breakdown of the funding allocation of \$2.6 million in 2017-18.

ANSWER:

The funding allocation of the \$2.6 million in 2017-18 is for the implementation of additional staffing for CISP and CISP Remand Outreach Pilot (CROP). Funding also includes client brokerage for services and training.

The breakdown is as follows:

CISP & CROP	\$m (2017-18)
Employee costs	1.7
Operating costs	0.6
Assets (Leasing)	0.3
Total	2.6

Attorney-General

11 691. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and CISP Remand Outreach Pilot’, in what time frame will the capacity of CISP be increased to match the demand in the Magistrates’ Courts.

ANSWER:

The Department of Justice and Regulation is working with the Magistrates’ Court to ensure the capacity of CISP is increased as soon as possible. The expansion of CISP, through the funding in the 2017-18 State Budget, will be operational in the first half of 2018.

Attorney-General

11 692. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and CISP Remand Outreach Pilot’, how long has the CISP Remand Outreach Pilot been extended and is there a concluding date.

ANSWER:

The CISP Remand Outreach Pilot has been funded on an ongoing basis through the 2017/18 budget.

Attorney-General

11 693. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the 2017-18 Budget, budget paper 3, page 5, family violence initiatives, as the Minister responsible for line item ‘Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and CISP Remand Outreach Pilot’, which additional prison has been included in the CISP Remand Outreach Pilot.

ANSWER:

The additional prison that has been included in the CISP Remand Outreach Pilot (CROP) is Marngoneet Correctional Centre; CROP will also be available at the new Ravenhall Prison when it is operational.

Families and children

11 720. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to Youth Justice WorkCover claims —

- (1) how many WorkCover claims were lodged between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 by —
 - (a) Secure Services staff;
 - (b) Youth Justice workers;
 - (c) correctional staff;
 - (d) agency staff; and
 - (e) any other staff members.
- (2) what was the total cost of those WorkCover claims

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Information relating to Workcover claims is available in the relevant Departmental annual report.

Roads and road safety

11 736. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Has VicRoads given any consideration to upgrading Main Road, Eltham between Fitzsimons Lane and Bridge Street.

ANSWER:

Over recent years, VicRoads has been working with stakeholders, including the Nillumbik Shire Council, to help identify transport priority needs across the metropolitan region, including Main Road, Eltham.

As a result of advocacy by the Member for Eltham, VicRoads is currently investigating the intersection to develop options to address overall traffic congestion along Fitzsimons Lane between Main Road and Foote Street. More information will be provided to the community by mid-2018.

Education

11 742. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): With the Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School opening in mid-2018, can the Minister please outline the planned budget for the 2017-18 financial year and the projected costs for the 2018-19 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School is making great strides in preparation for opening in mid-2018. I was pleased to join Member for Eltham Vicki Ward and Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines on 17 August 2017 to turn the first sod on the new Tech School.

The Executive Director of Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School is working closely with local stakeholders, including engagement with industry partners, to develop engaging and dynamic learning programs for the partner school students.

A key feature of each Tech School, including Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School, is that it is owned and operated by the host TAFE or university (in this case, Melbourne Polytechnic). The Government has made a long term funding commitment to each Tech School, through 20 year operational funding agreements with these hosts. The funding provides for the staff, student transport and program consumables for the Tech School and forms part of the overall TAFE or university budget under the funding arrangements. The host is responsible for facility related costs including, maintenance, utilities, cleaning and security.

Government's provision of ongoing funding for the Tech Schools provides important funding certainty for schools, industry and the hosting TAFEs and universities. Most of these funding agreements have been executed (including with Melbourne Polytechnic for the Banyule-Nillumbik and Whittlesea Tech Schools), however, some are still being negotiated.

No site specific funding details are being released whilst negotiations remain open. So as not to prejudice commercial negotiations with other hosts, until all funding agreements are finalised, the requested financial details for the Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School will not be released.

The Tech School is located at the Greensborough Campus of Melbourne Polytechnic. This is a Campus that closed under the former Government in 2013 by a Liberal Party who was determined to see our TAFE organisations fail. I urge you to show support for this new Tech School and the future of the Melbourne Polytechnic Greensborough Campus.

Families and children

11 744. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the establishment of Risk Assessments and Management Panels in Victoria, as at 31 July 2017 —

- (1) how many cases have been assessed as high risk;
- (2) how many cases have been referred which were not treated as high risk; and
- (3) in which local government areas are those high risk cases from.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- To be eligible for referral and consideration by a RAMP, an assessment must be made that the victim's life, health, safety or welfare are at serious and imminent threat from family violence. Therefore all cases referred to a RAMP were treated as high risk.
- RAMP data is collected at a Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) local area level, not at a local government area level. All 17 DHHS local areas had RAMP cases in 2016-17.

Families and children

11 745. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 5100 loans which have been approved through the Good Money program —

- (1) how many of the recipients come from Metropolitan Victoria; and
- (2) how many of the recipients come from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Good Money provides a range of financial products and services including access to No Interest Loans of low interest loans, affordable insurance and debt management services to vulnerable Victorians experiencing financial pressure.

This year the Andrews Government funded the first regional Good Money store in Morwell. The Morwell Good Money store also provides financial and counselling services.

Good Money stores in Victoria have worked with nearly 28 000 clients and approved more than 5100 No Interest and low interest loans. Approximately 3330 loan recipients were from metropolitan Victoria and approximately 1800 recipients were from regional and rural areas of Victoria. With the latest Good Money store opening in Morwell, more families in rural Victoria will have access to a range of safe and affordable financial services and assistance.

Families and children

11 746. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, what is the average ratio of maternal and child health nurses to expectant mothers in Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Training collects data annually from Maternal and Child Health service providers on the delivery of Maternal and Child Health Services. The most recent available data is for the 2015-16 financial year. Maternal and Child Health service providers do not collect data on expectant mothers, but do collect data on birth notifications.

In 2015-16, 79 336 birth notifications were received by Maternal and Child Health service providers.

As at 30 June 2016, 1125 Maternal and Child Health nurses were employed by Maternal and Child Health service providers, as either full-time, part-time or permanent relief employees.

The Andrews Labor Government has invested a record amount in our world class MCH service, including \$81.1 million in the 2017/18 Victorian Budget. This investment includes funding for MCH workforce development and attraction. Funding will be used to attract more MCH nurses to the workforce to ensure there are enough MCH nurses to successfully deliver the MCH reforms.

The reforms include expanding the enhanced MCH service—a special level of assistance available to families needing the most support. And for the first time, those at risk of family violence will receive additional outreach visits by Maternal Child Health nurses.

As part of the package, Maternal Child Health nurses will also get training in the latest techniques and practices to support families, including those struggling with trauma.

The Maternal and Child Health Line will get additional funding to respond to parents' concerns over the phone.

Families and children

11 747. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, what is the participation rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the State's maternal health services.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Training collects data annually from Maternal and Child Health service providers on the delivery of Maternal and Child Health Services. The most recent available data is for the 2015-16 financial year.

The Universal Maternal and Child Health Service provides ten consultations for children at key ages and stages between birth and 3.5 years of age. 87.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families participated in maternal and child health services.

Families and children

11 748. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, what is the participation rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the State's kindergarten services.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In 2016, the kindergarten participation rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders was 90.5 per cent, compared to 82.2 per cent in 2015. The 2017 kindergarten participation rates are not yet available.

The Victorian Government supports the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in early childhood education through the following initiatives:

- fee subsidies to enable free access to three and four-year-old kindergarten for Aboriginal children
- Koorie Kids Shine at Kindergarten, a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of three-and four-year-old kindergarten and promote available supports
- pre-purchased kindergarten places across the state to help ensure Aboriginal children who enrol late are able to access a local kindergarten place.

Families and children

11 749. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, what is the participation rate of families coming from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in the State's maternal health services.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Training collects data annually from Maternal and Child Health service providers on the delivery of Maternal and Child Health Services. The most recent available data is for the 2015-16 financial year.

Data is collected on participation rates for all families, and also for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Data is not currently collected on participation rates for families coming from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Families and children

11 750. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 July 2017, what is the participation rate of families coming from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in the State's kindergarten services.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In 2016, 14 044 children from non-English speaking backgrounds attended a funded kindergarten program, compared to 11 657 children in 2015. This information is not yet available for children participating in kindergarten in 2017.

The Department of Education and Training does not calculate a kindergarten participation rate for children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds because there is no comparable count of CALD children in the community to use as a denominator.

Families and children

11 752. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 31 June 2017, how many families with young children have moved to Victoria from interstate.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Migration estimates are prepared by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The data for interstate migration does not provide breakdowns for families with children.

Families and children

11 753. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the \$266 million budget allotted for maternal child health services, as at 31 July 2017, how much has been spent for —

- (1) universal maternal child health services; and
- (2) enhanced maternal child health services.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In the 2016-17 Victorian State Budget an additional \$133 million over four years was allocated to Maternal and Child Health Services. This was in addition to the existing significant ongoing budget allocation, bringing funding over four years to a total of \$266 million.

In the 2016-17 financial year, this funding provided:

- \$41.6 million for the Universal Maternal and Child Health Service
- \$16.5 million for the Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Service
- \$6.9 million for various other service costs, such as workforce professional development.

Beyond this commitment, the 2017-18 Victorian State Budget provided further investment in Maternal and Child Health Services, with \$81.1 million allocated for Maternal and Child Health and parenting support reforms.

Families and children

11 754. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the children who applied for child care in 2016, as at September 2016, how many were not given a slot.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for funding support for families accessing long day care services in Victoria and the collection of enrolment information regarding these children. The Commonwealth Government does not share long day care enrolment data with Victoria.

Families and children

11 755. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 159 780 children who used long day care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many came from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for funding support for families accessing long day care services in Victoria and the collection of enrolment information regarding these children.

The Department of Education and Training collects data for children attending funded kindergarten programs within long day care services and does not collect enrolment data for other children attending these services.

Families and children

11 756. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 70, 860 children who used family day care and in home care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many came from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for collecting enrolment information for family day care services. The Department of Education and Training does not collect enrolment data for children attending family day care services.

Families and children

11 757. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 2470 children who used occasional care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many came from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for collecting enrolment information for occasional care services. The Department of Education and Training does not collect enrolment data for children attending occasional care services.

Families and children

11 758. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 129 940 children who used outside school hours care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many came from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for collecting enrolment information for outside school hours care services. The Department of Education and Training does not collect enrolment data for children attending outside school hours care services.

Families and children

11 759. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 1600 Indigenous children who used long day care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many came from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for funding support for families accessing long day care services in Victoria and the collection of enrolment information regarding these children. The Commonwealth Government does not share long day care enrolment data with Victoria.

Families and children

11 760. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 570 Indigenous children who used family day care band in home care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many came from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for collecting enrolment information for family day care services. The Department of Education and Training does not collect enrolment data for children attending family day care services.

Families and children

11 761. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 40 Indigenous children who used occasional care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many came from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for collecting enrolment information for occasional care services for which it provides funding support. The Department of Education and Training does not collect enrolment data for children attending occasional care services.

Families and children

11 762. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 730 Indigenous children who used outside school hours care in Victoria for the September quarter 2015 to the September quarter 2016, how many come from the regional and remote areas of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for collecting enrolment information for outside school hours care services. The Department of Education and Training does not collect enrolment data for children attending outside school hours care services.

Families and children

11 763. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the nurses the Department of Education and Training funded to do a postgraduate program since 2004, how many are still currently working at the Department of Health and Human Services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Questions regarding nurses relate to the Minister for Health's portfolio.

If the question relates to Maternal and Child Health nurses, they are not employed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Families and children

11 764. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the nurses the Department of Education and Training funded to do a postgraduate program since 2004, how many have resigned from the Department of Health and Human Services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Questions regarding nurses relate to the Minister for Health's portfolio.

If the question relates to Maternal and Child Health nurses, they are not employed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Prevention of family violence

11 765. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): In relation to the state Government grants being offered to victims of family violence, as at 31 July 2017, how many grants have been given out for —

- (1) rent;
- (2) home alarms;
- (3) closed-circuit television (CCTV);
- (4) clothing; and
- (5) education and training.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data for flexible support packages is collected quarterly. In December 2016 the department changed the reporting template for flexible support packages to enable more detailed reporting on specific items purchased. Accordingly, the data provided is for the time period of 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017.

Agencies delivering the packages have reported the following in acquittal data:

- 489 flexible support packages contributed to rent
- 41 contributed to home alarms
- 189 contributed to closed circuit television (CCTV)
- 57 contributed to clothing
- 821 contributed to education and training

Prevention of family violence

11 766. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): In relation to the state Government grants being offered to victims of family violence, as at 31 July 2017 —

- (1) how many victims from metropolitan Victoria have availed of the grant; and
- (2) how many victims from rural and remote Victoria have availed of the grant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- 3304 packages were delivered by flexible support packages providers in metropolitan Victoria
- 1879 packages were delivered by flexible support package providers in regional Victoria

Prevention of family violence

11 767. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): In relation to the \$12.4 million funding announcement for family violence programs and referral services for men —

- (1) when are the programs expected to roll out;
- (2) how long are the programs expected to run;
- (3) in which locations will those programs run;
- (4) which agencies or community service organisations in Victoria have been chosen to deliver such programs; and
- (5) how many men are expected to benefit from these programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The \$12.4 million allocation provided by the 2017-18 State Budget will continue existing service levels for men’s behaviour change program (MBCP) providers, men’s intake providers, and provide a boost to No to Violence incorporating the Men’s Referral Service.
- Funding has been provided for a two year period.
- The allocation relates to MBCPs and men’s intake services delivered across the state. No to Violence incorporating the Men’s Referral Service is the men’s family violence peak body and provides state wide information and guidance to perpetrators, frontline staff and the community.
- The investment will support 32 agencies to deliver MBCPs and intake services across the state. Providers in the Southern Metropolitan region include, Relationships Australia, Peninsula Health, EACH and Star Health.
- Funding will provide access to up to approximately 3500 places in MBCPs over the two year period.

Roads and road safety

11 769. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How many tram passengers have been hospitalised due to injury or killed due to vehicles illegally passing a tram which has stopped to allow passengers to alight or board in —

- (1) 2014;
- (2) 2015;
- (3) 2016; and
- (4) 2017 year-to-date.

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for this question but wish to advise that the data is held by Public Transport Victoria so the question should be redirected to Minister for Public Transport, the Hon Jacinta Allan MP.

Families and children

11 770. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have received help for child protection issues through Victoria Legal Aid from January 2015 to present.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) is an independent statutory authority under the Legal Aid Act 1978. VLA is funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, but operates independently of government. The Department of Health and Human Services therefore has no access to data from the VLA to answer this question.

Families and children

11 771. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: How many students have engaged in the Child Protection Vacation Employment Program of the Department of Health and Human Services from January 2015 to present.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Eighty students have been engaged in the Child Protection Vacation Employment Program since its first intake in January 2016.

Families and children

11 772. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the students who engaged in the Child Protection Vacation Employment Program of the Department of Health and Human Services from January 2015 to June 2017, how many—

- (1) come from metropolitan Victoria;
- (2) come from regional and rural Victoria; and
- (3) have been employed by the Department of Health and Human Services in an ongoing position.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Of the students who engaged in the Child Protection Vacation Employment Program of the Department of Health and Human Services from January 2015 to June 2017, 64 students came from metropolitan Victoria; 16 students came from regional and rural Victoria; and 42 have been employed by the Department of Health and Human Services, 3 were recruited into vacant ongoing positions. 39 were recruited into fixed term positions and are soon to be offered ongoing roles.

Families and children

11 773. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Which universities and/or institutions in Victoria are involved in Department of Health and Human Services' Child Protection Vacation Employment Program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following universities are involved in the Department's Child Protection Vacation Employment Program.

- Australian Catholic University
- Deakin University
- Federation University
- Flinders University
- Latrobe University
- Monash University
- RMIT University
- Swinburne University
- University of Melbourne
- University of South Australia

– Victoria University

Families and children

11 774. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the ‘Open Your Heart, Open Your Homes’ campaign, how much funding has been allocated for the program and how much has been spent on —

- (1) digital and print media;
- (2) social media; and
- (3) radio advertising.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to making a difference to the lives of all children. Since coming to government, we have been working to better support everyday people, from all walks of life, who offer their hearts and their homes to children and young people in need.

Finding suitable foster carers for children and young people is an ongoing challenge; a challenge that under the previous Government was ignored.

Despite losing more foster carers from the system than were entering, the former Coalition government had no strategy, nor a coordinated approach to attracting, recruiting and retaining carers. This function was undertaken by each individual foster care agency in Victoria.

This is why Fostering Connections was developed to bring 26 foster care agencies in Victoria together for the very first time under one centralised marketing approach to the attraction, recruitment and retention of foster carers.

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare has been allocated \$3.1 million to deliver the Fostering Connections project, which brings together Victoria’s foster care agencies to work collaboratively on a broad range of objectives, including increasing community awareness of foster care, increasing number of carers accredited, improving the carers recruitment experience, improving data collection and usage. The Fostering Connections media campaign is a part of this funding.

Families and children

11 775. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the \$3.1 million investment for Fostering Connections, how much has been spent.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the Member to my answer to Question On Notice No: 11774.

Families and children

11 776. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the Fostering Connections program, how much has been spent on —

- (1) digital and print media;
- (2) social media; and
- (3) radio advertising.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the Member to my answer to Question On Notice No: 11774.

Families and children

11 777. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 500 new foster carers who have opened their homes for vulnerable children in Victoria, how many come from —

- (1) metropolitan Victoria; and
- (2) regional and rural Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Most recent data indicates around 55% of new foster carers who have opened their homes for vulnerable children come from metropolitan Victoria.

Most recent data indicates around 45% of new foster carers who have opened their homes for vulnerable children come from regional and rural Victoria.

Families and children

11 778. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 500 new foster carers who have opened their homes for vulnerable children in Victoria, how many come from —

- (1) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and
- (2) culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data the member has requested is not currently available.

The Fostering Connections campaign is seeking to recruit carer's from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Families and children

11 779. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the 500 new foster carers who have opened their homes for vulnerable children in Victoria, how many are —

- (1) Aboriginal people;
- (2) same-sex couples;
- (3) single people; and
- (4) people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data the member has requested is not currently available.

The Fostering Connections campaign is seeking to recruit carers from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Families and children

11 780. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the Department of Health and Human Services' Aboriginal cultural support plans for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth, as at 31 August 2017, how many are on the waitlist.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government provided \$16.5 million in the 2016-17 budget to better support Aboriginal children and families.

This included an additional \$5.33 million over two years to support the implementation of a new model of cultural planning. This includes an on-line portal and the employment of a state-wide co-ordinator and 18 cultural planners who will deliver quality cultural plans for vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, with a focus on culturally appropriate placements. There is no 'wait list' for cultural support plans.

Families and children

11 781. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the Department of Health and Human Services' Aboriginal cultural support plans for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth, what is the specific timeframe as to when a cultural plan is set out.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the member to my answer to Question on Notice no. 11780.

Roads and road safety

11 825. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link Project —

- (1) will Corridor A impact the Koonung Trail and Bulleen sports grounds;
- (2) how will the North East Link Authority treat all four of the alignments, considering the recent Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murrong) Bill 2017 provides for specific protections of the banks of the Yarra River;
- (3) is the North East Link Authority pursuing a declaration under the Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009 and the Transport Integration Act 2010 that might exempt it from these legislative protections;
- (4) how does the North East Link Authority propose to manage impacts on floodplains and how will it ensure that flooding risks are not increased for adjacent properties and infrastructure; and
- (5) what will happen to the soon to be completed catchment works at the \$2.8 million Bolin Bolin Integrated Water Harvesting Facility if Corridor A is selected.

ANSWER:

NELA is undertaking a range of technical, engineering, environmental and other studies to assess the four corridor options released for public consultation. These studies will inform the selection of the preferred corridor.

The assessment of the corridors will consider all potential impacts of the project to the community (including waterways, flood plains, public open space and sporting grounds), and will seek to reduce these impacts to the minimum level possible.

All corridor options propose a tunnel for crossing the Yarra River and also aim to minimise the number of river crossings. NELA is working with Melbourne Water to understand and comply with the requirements of the Yarra River Strategic Plan and will ensure that the alignment of the preferred corridor complies with the requirements of all relevant laws and regulations.

Consistent with other recent major transport projects, NELA will seek to declare the North East Link a project under the Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009. The project will also comply with the requirements of the Transport Integration Act 2010.

Should Corridor A be identified as the preferred corridor, the Bolin Bolin Integrated Water Harvesting Facility will be avoided wherever possible as part of the detailed planning and design work.

Roads and road safety

11 826. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link Project, why has the North East Link Authority failed to conduct studies into the potential impact of the increased pollution on human health prior to selecting the final Corridor.

ANSWER:

Minimising impacts on the environment and places with cultural or heritage value, including by minimising visual, noise and air impacts is one of the guiding principles of the project. The assessment of the proposed corridors has considered existing information about traffic levels and the impact on amenity (including air quality).

Detailed studies of air quality impacts and human health will be undertaken during the assessments undertaken for the Environment Effects Statement (EES). This will consider the vehicle emissions from current traffic and future traffic levels, noting that there is already significant traffic levels in locations across all corridors.

Roads and road safety

11 827. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link Project, table 22 on page 69 of the North East Link Authority Technical Report says Corridor A ‘may require lengthy disruptions to the Eastern Freeway between Chandler Highway and Springvale Road’ but gives no detail on the size and duration of such works —

- (1) what upgrades are required on the Eastern Freeway between the Chandler Highway and Springvale Road;
- (2) what infrastructure is planned at the Bulleen Road and Eastern Freeway interchange under the Corridor A plan;
- (3) will there be freeway entrance and exit closures at Bulleen Road and if so, where and for what duration;
- (4) will homes in Balwyn North be compulsorily acquired to make way for the expansion of two additional lanes on either side of the Eastern Freeway if Corridor A proceeds;
- (5) if compulsory acquisition does proceed, what compensation would be received; and
- (6) will that compensation factor in the potential of additional education costs of not being able to buy back into the Balwyn High School zone.

ANSWER:

No route has been chosen at this time. When a preferred route has been chosen, I will be in a better position to answer questions in relation to that route.

Roads and road safety

11 828. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link Project, will Corridor A potentially wipe out any possibility of the much needed Doncaster Rail being built.

ANSWER:

The North East Link will not preclude a potential future Doncaster Rail. In the event that Corridor A is selected, the addition of new lanes on the Eastern Freeway would not preclude the construction of a railway line on the median strip west of Bulleen Road.

Roads and road safety

11 829. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link Project —

- (1) why has the North East Link Authority's marketing material failed to show that Corridor A requires expansion of the Eastern Freeway works, and therefore is longer than shown;
- (2) how can the North East Link Authority come up with high-level cost indications and how much each option will cost, but not be able to breakdown how much of this would be spent on property acquisition; and
- (3) why has the public consultation process prior to Corridor selection been so short, such that few residents in the affected areas know about the project.

ANSWER:

Information regarding the need to build complementary road infrastructure and upgrade existing assets (including the Eastern Freeway for Corridor A) has been well documented for all potential corridors and included in all public materials. The specific nature of upgrades to existing assets will be determined when detailed planning and design is undertaken on the preferred corridor. Widening will be required between Chandler Highway and Springvale Road for this corridor.

The North East Link Authority has not released cost indications for any of the proposed options. It is not possible to provide accurate cost estimates for property acquisition prior to the completion of detailed planning and design work.

The first round of North East Link community engagement as part of business case development began on Monday 7 August and concluded on Monday 18 September. During this period, over 2400 people attended twelve sessions held in communities across the project area, more than 18 000 people visited the NELA Engagement HQ website and over 3000 pieces of feedback were collected. Along with briefings for local councils and other key stakeholders, community sessions have provided a deeper understanding of what communities want North East Link to achieve. The North East Link Authority will report back on the results from this round of community engagement and continue to examine the opportunities and challenges presented by the project. Following a corridor decision later this year, community consultation will continue as part of a statutory planning process.

Public transport

11 832. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): Has the Government given any consideration to expanding bus services in the Frank Street/Milborne Crescent/Bayfield Drive areas of Eltham and if so, in what form.

ANSWER:

The Government recognises the important role that buses play in meeting the travel needs of people living in Melbourne's outer suburbs, and regularly reviews the entire metropolitan bus network.

Route 582 (Eltham Town Service), operates on a one-way loop providing residents to the east of Main Road in Eltham a service that connects them to Eltham Station. This service runs approximately every 20 minutes, every day of the week.

I have asked Transport for Victoria to consider this request as part of a future bus network review.

Roads and road safety

11 835. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link technical summary stating that the restrictions imposed by the North East truck curfew coupled with congestion throughout the day further limits efficient freight movement through Melbourne's north east, what work has been done to fully assess the impact.

ANSWER:

The North East Link Authority (NELA) is currently undertaking assessments of the corridors which considers all potential impacts of the project on freight movement.

The following is a summary of the studies undertaken to date:

- Consultation with the freight industry on the impacts from the curfew, including:
 - The curfew period results in longer distances needing to be travelled by freight operators.
 - Increase of freight trips outside curfew hours resulting in more freight vehicles travelling in peak periods.
- Review of VicRoads' origin-destination survey, to confirm that:
 - Freight vehicles are diverting onto Plenty Road during the curfew period.
 - Compliance to curfew restrictions.
- Travel time surveys throughout the day showing the extent of delays on key routes within the North East and an impact assessment on all road users.
- Automatic tube counters at over 160 locations to determine vehicle types including freight on key routes and confirmation of other routes used by freight outside curfew periods.
- NELA origin-destination survey to assess freight routes throughout the day, including:
 - Assessment of current freight routes and the change in road user types throughout day.

North East Link Authority is considering both the extent of impact at key interfaces with the existing road network and the potential to mitigate this impact. These studies will inform the selection of the preferred corridor.

Roads and road safety

11 838. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): With road lanes now smaller due to the works underway in Bolton Street, Eltham, will the Government immediately impose its planned permanent truck ban in order to enhance safety both for motorists and construction workers and if not, when will the ban be implemented.

ANSWER:

VicRoads will implement the truck ban along Bolton Street in early 2018 when construction works are complete. VicRoads will undertake communications and awareness activities to ensure that those directly or indirectly affected are aware before the truck bans are in place.

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.

Thursday, 16 November 2017

Finance

11 584. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the Greener Government Buildings program, how much was spent on this program by Government in 2016-17.

ANSWER:

In relation to the Greener Government Buildings program, \$5 112 041 was spent by the Government in 2016-17.

This project not only brings environmental benefits, but it strengthens the State's finances by producing savings on energy bills.

[Question 11 584 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5364.]

Finance

11 587. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the Greener Government Buildings program, how much does the Government plan to spend on the Greener Government Buildings program in 2017-18, and on how many different projects.

ANSWER:

In relation to the Greener Government Buildings program, the Government plans to spend \$31 291 868 in 2017-18 across nine projects.

This project not only brings environmental benefits, but it strengthens the State's finances by producing savings on energy bills.

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