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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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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Families and children

11 608. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the number of youth detained in the Youth Justice system, as at 31 July 2017, how many males up to the age of 18 years were on remand in Victoria’s Youth Justice facilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Public transport

11 833. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets have been employed to work on the Hurstbridge duplication line project since April 2017.

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.

The Government’s Major Projects Skills Guarantee requires contractors on big infrastructure projects (worth more than \$20 million) to ensure at least 10 per cent of their workforce is made up of apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets.

The Hurstbridge duplication rail line project is being delivered as a single package of works along with two level crossing removals at Grange Road in Alphington and Lower Plenty Road in Rosanna, and a new Rosanna Station. For this work package, up to 24 apprentices, eight trainees, and 14 engineering cadets are expected to be engaged over the duration of the works.

Public transport

11 834. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets are expected to be employed to work on the Hurstbridge duplication line project until its completion in 2019.

ANSWER:

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Roads and road safety

11 837. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How much of the previous road corridor from the Greensborough Bypass/Diamond Creek Road roundabout to Ryans Road is still available for possible development for the North East Link.

ANSWER:

The extent of land required for the North East Link project is yet to be determined. This will be subject to the selection of a preferred corridor by the state government later this year.

Education

11 841. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): When will details of the initial learning programs for the Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School be finalised and made available.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School is at an exciting stage of its development. The first sod was turned on 17 August 2017, marking the commencement of construction. The Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School continues to make great progress and will open its doors in mid-2018.

Simultaneously with construction, the development of immersive science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) learning programs and engagement of industry partners continues apace. The Tech School Director, Marc Blanks, is leading this work in collaboration with the Tech School Committee and partner schools.

The Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School has held a three-day curriculum co-design workshop with its partner schools. At these workshops, the Tech School staff and partner school teachers worked together to continue their design of high-quality inquiry based learning programs.

These programs will have an industry focus on scientific and technical services, healthcare and social assistance and entrepreneurial skills. They will be enriched by high-tech equipment, integrated with the teaching and learning programs of the partner schools and are a valuable addition to education in the Banyule-Nillumbik area.

The programs will support student engagement and achievement in STEM. In addition to STEM, Tech Schools will also expose students to real world problems and the skills needed for the jobs of the future, including critical and creative thinking.

The Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School recently hosted the 'chatbot-a-thon' with partner school students and industry partner Microsoft to design the chat bot that will answer questions on the Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School website.

The Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School has commenced piloting its learning programs with students and is providing professional development to partner school teachers.

Housing, disability and ageing

11 854. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): How many applications for public housing were declined between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Health and Human Services assists thousands of Victorians to apply for housing via the Victorian Housing Register, a reform promised by the former Minister for Housing in December 2010, but never delivered until the election of the Andrews Labor Government. This reform enables Victorians who need housing to apply to over 40 housing wait lists in one single application. The department does not ordinarily collate statistics regarding the number of applications refused.

Housing, disability and ageing

11 855. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): How many applications for social housing were declined between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Health and Human Services assists thousands of Victorians to apply for housing via the Victorian Housing Register, a reform promised by the former Minister for Housing in December 2010, but never delivered until the election of the Andrews Labor Government. This reform enables Victorians who need housing to apply to over 40 housing wait lists in one single application. The department does not ordinarily collate statistics regarding the number of applications refused.

Families and children

11 863. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Which local government areas in Victoria will share in the grant allocated for men’s behavioural change programs for the 2017-18 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The 2017-18 budget provided \$49.5 million for perpetrator intervention programs to change the attitudes and behaviours of people committing family violence. About 4000 perpetrators of family violence will have access to voluntary places in men’s behaviour change programs over the next two years.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) does not fund on local government areas basis however funding has been allocated to all 17 DHHS areas, providing statewide access to men’s family violence services.

Families and children

11 864. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: How much funding, if any, has been spent on accommodating victims of family violence in Victoria, broken down by local government area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government's \$1.9 billion family violence package is a whole of government initiative to deliver on the Government's 10-year strategy to fulfil every recommendation from the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

I note that the member and the Coalition are yet to indicate their support for each of these recommendations.

Family Safety Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services provide accommodation across a range of other programs that are accessible to victims of family violence. As a result, the department cannot quantify with any specificity the total investment in accommodating victims of family violence because victims are accommodated through a range of programs where they may not be identified as victims of family violence.

Roads and road safety

12 264. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Is any consideration being given to introducing a bus route along Bolton Street, Eltham once it has been upgraded.

ANSWER:

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

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Wednesday, 29 November 2017

Families and children

11 329. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the legal costs of the first two failed cases regarding the housing of youth offenders in the Grevillea unit of Barwon Prison, as advised during the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget hearings, the appeal options from the second case closed on 9 June following which costs would be finalised and advised, could the Minister advise what the final costs of the two cases were.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government will not be appealing the recent Supreme Court decision regarding the accommodation of young people in the temporary youth justice centre at the Grevillea Unit of Barwon Prison.

The Grevillea Unit was de-gazetted as a youth justice centre on 23 May 2017 and all young people transferred to either the Parkville or Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct.

The use of Grevillea Unit as a youth justice centre was a temporary measure due to unprecedented circumstances that reduced capacity to securely and appropriately house young people.

Final costs are yet to be determined. It is usual for the apportionment of legal costs between parties to occur sometime after the conclusion of proceedings. I have previously committed to advising the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the matter of legal costs and will do so once these matters are settled.

Families and children

11 609. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the number of youth detained in the Youth Justice system, as at 31 July 2017, how many males between the ages of 18 and 21 years were on remand in Victoria's Youth Justice facilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Families and children

11 610. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the number of youth detained in the Youth Justice system, as at 31 July 2017, how many males between the ages of 18 and 21 years were serving custodial sentences in Victoria's Youth Justice facilities.

ANSWER:

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Families and children

11 611. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the number of youth detained in the Youth Justice system, as at 31 July 2017, how many females up to the age of 18 years were serving custodial sentences in Victoria’s Youth Justice facilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Families and children

11 612. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the number of youth detained in the Youth Justice system, as at 31 July 2017, how many females up to the age of 18 years were on remand in Victoria’s Youth Justice facilities.

ANSWER:

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Families and children

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ANSWER:

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11 614. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the number of youth detained in the Youth Justice system, as at 31 July 2017, how many females between the ages of 18 and 21 years were serving custodial sentences in Victoria’s Youth Justice facilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Water

12 283. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Water): How much money did the Government allocate to the maintenance/upgrading of the Diamond Creek river in the Nillumbik Shire in 2015 and 2016.

ANSWER:

Between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2016, Melbourne Water invested \$1 666 820 to maintain and enhance Diamond Creek in Nillumbik Shire, comprising:

- Maintenance works — \$973 265
- Capital works — \$386 339
- Melbourne Water River Health Incentive Program Grants — \$307 216.