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¹ Resigned 25 February 2015

⁴ Appointed 12 October 2016

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

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

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Tuesday, 7 March 2017

Families and children

7632. **MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to Youth Justice, how many incidents of assault on staff by youth clients were recorded at —

- (a) Parkville Youth Justice Precinct between 1 January–30 September 2016; and
- (b) Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct between 1 January–30 September 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Many young people involved with youth justice come from troubled backgrounds.

Youth justice workers help young people to address their underlying problems, understand the impact of their offending and learn to be accountable for their actions.

Staff undergo training to work in a youth justice environment, including managing difficult situations and behaviours.

Any injury sustained by staff is treated seriously and adequate support is provided.

The Andrews Labor Government has published quarterly data of Category One incidents on the Department's website for the first time, which did not occur under the previous Coalition Government. Our government has also legislated to provide all Category One incidents to the Commission for Children and Young People to ensure adequate oversight of these matters.

The available data on the department's website captures the entire period sought.

Families and children

7685. **MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to Youth Justice–WorkCover claims in Youth Justice and Secure Services facilities —

- (1) how many WorkCover claims were made by staff in the Secure Services division or DHHS:
 - (a) In 2014-15;
 - (b) In 2015-16.
- (2) what was the average cost of occupational violence WorkCover claims made by Youth Justice and Secure Services staff in:
 - (a) 2014-15; and
 - (b) 2015-16.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Youth justice workers help young people in youth justice to address their underlying problems, understand the impact of their offending and learn to be accountable for their actions.

Staff undergo training to work in a youth justice environment, including managing difficult situations and behaviours.

Any injury sustained by staff is treated seriously and adequate support is provided.

For employees who are on sick leave or off work as a result of a work related injury, including stress, the department maintains contact with the employee to ensure they can return to work when they are fit to do so.

Workcover claim rates in Secure Services are trending down after soaring under the Liberals.

In September 2016 the Workcover claim rate was less than half of what it was under the previous government in July 2014.

Information relating to Workcover claims is available in the Department of Health and Human Services Annual reports.

Health

7705. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Victorian Auditor-General’s report Efficiency and Effectiveness of Hospital Services: Emergency, tabled on 26 October 2016, the report identifies new quality performance measures that health services will begin to publically report on from 2017, for the new performance measure ‘Patient’s experience of ED care’ —

- (1) which health services are already recording this data;
- (2) which health services have reported this data to the Department in 2016; and
- (3) what were the results of the data reported to the Department.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2016 results of overall positive inpatient experience are reported publically on the Victorian Health Services Performance website:

<http://performance.health.vic.gov.au/Home/Report.aspx?ReportKey=735>. This data is not reported at an emergency department level.

Health

7707. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): The department rates health services quarterly, using a performance assessment score (PAS) —

- (1) In Quarter 4 of 2015-16, how many health services were assessed to have achieved the following scores:
 - (a) standard monitoring (PAS >=70);
 - (b) performance watch (PAS 50–69);
 - (c) intensive monitoring (PAS <=49); and
- (2) which health services were rated for “intensive monitoring”.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Performance Assessment Score is a standardised method of comparing health service performance across the sector. The Performance Assessment Score is one mechanism used by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine the level of monitoring and intervention of an individual health service. In line with the Victorian health agency monitoring and intervention document, the Performance Assessment Score supports the Department's approach to monitoring and assessing the performance of health agencies and detecting, actively responding and intervening in relation to performance concerns and risk. This is an internal performance measure and is not publicly reported.

Public performance measures are reported through hospital annual reports and via the Victorian Health Performance website.

Health

7708. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): The department rates health services quarterly, using a performance assessment score (PAS), in Quarter 3 of 2015-16, how many health services were assessed to have achieved the following scores —

- (a) standard monitoring (PAS >=70)
- (b) performance watch (PAS 50–69)
- (c) intensive monitoring (PAS <=49)

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Performance Assessment Score is a standardised method of comparing health service performance across the sector. The Performance Assessment Score is one mechanism used by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine the level of monitoring and intervention of an individual health service. In line with the Victorian health agency monitoring and intervention document, the Performance Assessment Score supports the Department's approach to monitoring and assessing the performance of health agencies and detecting, actively responding and intervening in relation to performance concerns and risk. This is an internal performance measure and is not publicly reported.

Public performance measures are reported through hospital annual reports and via the Victorian Health Performance website.

Families and children

7713. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to Youth Justice Category 1 incident data Quarter 1 2016-17 —

- (1) of the 12 assaults recorded, how many were from:
 - (a) Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre;
 - (b) Parkville Youth Justice Precinct;
- (2) of the 2 'Behaviour' incidents recorded, how many were from:
 - (a) Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre; and
 - (b) Parkville Youth Justice Precinct.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government has published quarterly data of Category One incidents on the Department's website for the first time, which did not occur under the previous Coalition Government. Our government has also legislated to provide all Category One incidents to the Commission for Children and Young People to ensure adequate oversight of these matters.

The available data on the department's website captures the entire period sought.

Public transport

7714. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): Can the Minister confirm that two peak hour train services, promised by the Member for Eltham in the other place to start in 2015, will now not begin service until 2019.

ANSWER:

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

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

Roads and road safety

7723. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Chandler Highway Bridge Duplication Project, the City of Yarra and City of Darebin have a united position that the upgrade should be about improved mobility across all modes —

- (1) what public transport options will be integrated into the design for north-south commuters;
- (2) what percentage of people who use the road will be accessing the freeway, compared to the ones who are using the Chandler Highway as a river crossing;
- (3) what is the benefit to local traffic;
- (4) how will this project stop bottle necks, in particular, the project may well move bottle necks closer to residential areas (Earl Street to the south and Heidelberg Road to the north) rather than easing total pressure in the system; and
- (5) will the Minister make the Victorian Integrated Transport Modelling report of all the options considered (base case, 4 lanes, 6 lanes in the present, 2018 and 2031) publicly available, if so, when.

ANSWER:

- (1) VicRoads has worked with Public Transport Victoria, local councils and an independent expert to explore all options for improvements to improve public transport. This consultation has raised the possibility of introducing several new north-south bus routes and associated infrastructure. Bus lanes in each direction were considered but ultimately not recommended as it would be detrimental to the overall function of the corridor.
- (2) 44 000 vehicles currently travel over the Chandler Highway Bridge each day. In the PM peak period approximately 4000 vehicles travel along the Chandler Highway towards Heidelberg Road. Approximately 50 per cent of these vehicles travel onto Heidelberg Road and approximately 50 per cent of vehicles continue travelling north onto Grange Road. In the AM and PM peak periods, of the vehicles travelling south towards Earl Street and Princess Street, approximately 33 per cent of these vehicles will enter the Eastern Freeway and 67 per cent will continue travelling south towards Earl Street and Princess Street.

- (3) A six lane bridge will better cater for current and future traffic volumes and result in a safer and more reliable driving experience. Local traffic is expected to benefit from improved traffic flow, enabling easier access onto Chandler Highway. The project will improve road safety for cyclists and pedestrians by introducing improved paths and connections.
- (4) VicRoads is investigating opportunities to improve traffic flow along the corridor. This includes the possibility of introducing clearways on Grange Road, Alphington and Princess Street, Kew to reduce bottlenecks. A formal consultation process is required to understand the parking needs of local businesses and residents. The proposed Grange Road level crossing removal will also improve traffic flow.
- (5) The relevant traffic modelling reports are publically available on the VicRoads Chandler Highway Upgrade website.

Aboriginal affairs

- 8947. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): How many properties relating to your portfolio have been purchased by the Department of Premier and Cabinet between 1 January 2015 to 23 November 2016 including —
- (a) the address of each property;
 - (b) the zoning of each property;
 - (c) the price was paid for the property; and
 - (d) the size of the property.

ANSWER:

Extensive reporting on properties is publicly available in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Annual Report and can be found on the Department's website.

Industrial relations

- 8948. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many properties relating to your portfolio have been purchased by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources between 1 January 2015 to 23 November 2016 including —
- (a) the address of each property;
 - (b) the zoning of each property;
 - (c) the price was paid for the property; and
 - (d) the size of the property.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Extensive reporting on properties is publicly available in the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources' Annual Report and can be found on the Department's website.

Corrections

8953. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): How many properties relating to your portfolio have been purchased by the Department of Justice and Regulation between 1 January 2015 to 23 November 2016 including —

- (a) the address of each property;
- (b) the zoning of each property;
- (c) the price was paid for the property; and
- (d) the size of the property.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Extensive reporting on properties is publicly available in the Department of Justice and Regulation’s Annual Report and can be found on the Department’s website.

Aboriginal affairs

8985. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): How many properties relating to your portfolio have been sold by the Department of Premier and Cabinet between 1 January 2015 to 23 November 2016 including —

- (a) the address of each property;
- (b) the zoning of each property;
- (c) the price was received for the property; and
- (d) the size of the property.

ANSWER:

Extensive reporting on properties is publicly available in the Department of Premier and Cabinet’s Annual Report and can be found on the Department’s website.

Industrial relations

8986. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many properties relating to your portfolio have been sold by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources between 1 January 2015 to 23 November 2016 including —

- (a) the address of each property;
- (b) the zoning of each property;
- (c) the price was received for the property; and
- (d) the size of the property.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Extensive reporting on properties is publicly available in the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources’ Annual Report and can be found on the Department’s website.

Corrections

8991. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): How many properties relating to your portfolio have been sold by the Department of Justice and Regulation between 1 January 2015 to 23 November 2016 including —

- (a) the address of each property;
- (b) the zoning of each property;
- (c) the price was received for the property; and
- (d) the size of the property.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Extensive reporting on properties is publicly available in the Department of Justice and Regulation’s Annual Report and can be found on the Department’s website.

Health

10 503. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How much of the extra \$11 million being provided by the Andrews Government to support refugees will go specifically to support the Syrian refugees being settled in Eltham at St Vincent’s Care Services and Catholic Care. Of that money, much will be spent on —

- (a) paediatric specialist outreach clinics;
- (b) catch up immunisation programs;
- (c) language services; and
- (d) child, youth and family refugees’ mental health programs.

ANSWER:

Up to 120 Syrian and Iraqi refugees are expected to settle at the transitional accommodation site in Eltham over the next two years after exiting Commonwealth settlement services provided by AMES Australia. Given settlement is not yet completed, it is not possible to answer your specific questions.

Police

10 512. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How will the reduced speed limit along Bolton Street, Eltham be policed effectively.

ANSWER:

Victoria Police advises that tasked police units and Highway Patrol officers regularly patrol high-traffic flow and high-traffic offence areas, such as Bolton Street in Eltham, enforcing road safety laws.

Police

10 515. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How much money has been provided and how many projects have been funded under the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund in the Nillumbik local government area in —

- (a) 2014–15;
- (b) 2015–16; and
- (c) 2016–17.

ANSWER:

Detailed information on grants is available via the Community Crime Prevention Victoria website, and can be accessed at <http://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/home/your+community/all+funded+projects/>

The website provides this information by grant program, round, and region or local government area.

Police

10 516. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): What projects and how much funding has been given under the Community Safety Fund in the Nillumbik local government area in —

- (a) 2014–15;
- (b) 2015–16; and
- (c) 2016–17.

ANSWER:

Detailed information on grants is available via the Community Crime Prevention Victoria website, and can be accessed at <http://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/home/your+community/all+funded+projects/>

The website provides this information by grant program, round, and region or local government area.

Police

10 517. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How much money has been provided and how many projects have been funded under the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund in the Banyule local government area in —

- (a) 2014–15;
- (b) 2015–16; and
- (c) 2016–17.

ANSWER:

Detailed information on grants is available via the Community Crime Prevention Victoria website, and can be accessed at <http://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/home/your+community/all+funded+projects/>

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Police

10 518. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): What projects and how much funding has been given under the Community Safety Fund in the Banyule local government area in —

- (a) 2014–15;
- (b) 2015–16; and
- (c) 2016–17.

ANSWER:

Detailed information on grants is available via the Community Crime Prevention Victoria website, and can be accessed at <http://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/home/your+community/all+funded+projects/>

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Police

10 519. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): What plans do the Government have to maintain/upgrade the Eltham police station in the next two years.

ANSWER:

The Eltham Police Station was completed in 2002.

The station will continue to receive annual scheduled maintenance to meet compliance and safety requirements.

Police

10 520. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): What plans do the Government have to maintain/upgrade the Greensborough police station in the next two years.

ANSWER:

The Greensborough Police Station received a major upgrade between 2013 and 2014.

The station will continue to receive annual scheduled maintenance to meet compliance and safety requirements.

Health

10 549. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Government’s PrEPX study —

- (1) what is the total allocation of funding for this study;
- (2) what proportion of this was contributed by the Victorian Government;
- (3) what proportion of funding was allocated by each of the partner organisations;
- (4) what proportion of the funding has been allocated to a PrEP education campaign;
- (5) what will the funding for the education campaign provide for;
- (6) how many people are participating in the study, by month, since the study began; and
- (7) what has been the attrition rate of participants, by month, since the study began.

ANSWER:

The total amount of funding for the PrEPX public health research study is \$1.8 million.

Of the total amount, the Victorian Government has contributed approximately 78 per cent of funds, with the partners contributing the rest.

Since the start of the study in July 2016, the attrition rate through formal withdrawal from the study has been less than 2 percent.

Public transport

10 586. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister Public Transport): In relation to the Taxi Industry Fairness Fund —

- (1) who is the administrator of the Fairness Fund on behalf of the Government; and
- (2) is the administrator being paid for their services from the fund itself.

ANSWER:

Marnie Williams is the administrator of the Fairness Fund on behalf of the State Government.

She is not being paid for her services from the fund itself.

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Wednesday, 8 March 2017

Corrections

9729. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to all prisons in Victoria and other facilities managed by Corrections Victoria, for the periods between 1 October 2016 and 31 October 2016 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
- (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances have each item been detected;
- (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
- (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

Information regarding drugs and contraband in Victorian prisons can now be found in the publicly available report, *Drugs in Victorian Prisons*, which has been accessible online from 20 December 2016.

This information was previously publically available until the former Coalition Government stopped its release.