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**PARTY ABBREVIATIONS**

ALP — Labor Party; ASP — Australian Sex Party;  
DLP — Democratic Labour Party; Greens — Australian Greens;  
LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals;  
SFFP — Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; V1LJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs



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**WRITTEN ADJOURNMENT RESPONSES**

*Responses have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.*

**Tuesday, 21 March 2017**

**Goulburn Valley Health radiotherapy services**

**Raised with:** Minister for Health  
**Raised by:** Ms Lovell  
**Raised on:** 8 November 2016

**REPLY:**

As part of the Andrews Labor Government's record investment in health in Victoria, Goulburn Valley Health received \$168.6 million in the 2016-17 State Budget, \$10 million more than the previous year.

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

We have significantly invested in growing and expanding the range and quality of cancer services in regional Victoria. Over recent years this has included the development of new regional cancer centres in Bendigo, Warrnambool and Albury Wodonga, as well as new models of care at sub-regional health services linked to major regional hospitals.

Goulburn Valley Health oncologists are currently involved in managing new chemotherapy services at both Kyabram and Seymour, and there are many similar examples of how the Victorian Government and our leading public hospitals are supporting the safe and accessible delivery of cancer services to regional Victorians.

The Member for Shepparton has raised the needs of her community to have access to radiotherapy services with the previous Federal Minister for Health and I have assured Ms Sheed that we will continue to work with regional areas of Victoria on the development of cancer services to ensure patients have access to high quality and safe treatment as close to home as possible.

Our actions are in stark contrast to the inaction of the previous Liberal Government who had four years to build additional services in the Goulburn Valley but failed to lift a finger to support rural and regional Victorians gain access to services.

**Government procurement policy**

**Raised with:** Premier  
**Raised by:** Ms Lovell  
**Raised on:** 22 November 2016

**REPLY:**

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to increasing opportunities for local businesses and growing Victorian jobs through our industry procurement and participation policies, including in the food industry.

Since the start of 2017, the School Breakfast Clubs Program will use milk sourced from Shepparton and the program's baked beans will also be manufactured by SPC Ardmona, enabling us to deliver more Victorian and Australian produce into schools than ever before.

Not only does this support 130 farms in the Murray Goulburn district, 500 SPC factory jobs and 2700 grower and supplier jobs but the School Breakfast Clubs provide a free breakfast to up to 25 000 children in the 500 Victorian government primary schools most in need, setting children up to reach their full potential.

The food and fibre industry is recognised as one of the Andrews Government's priority sectors and we are working to support its growth. The Food & Beverage Trade Week (FBTW) brought delegations of international buyers to the Shepparton region.

In addition to this, the Andrews Government is investing further in the Shepparton region by opening a new Victoria Legal Aid office, building the state-of-the-art \$73 million Shepparton Law Courts and putting \$10 million towards the Shepparton Art Museum Redevelopment Project.

More widely, the Local Jobs First — Victorian Industry Participation Policy (VIPP) ensures that strategic projects worth more than \$50 million require companies to meet local content requirements using local firms, local materials, local expertise and local skills. Since 1 September 2016, all government departments and agencies must consider local businesses for contracts valued at \$1 million or more in Regional Victoria, or \$3 million or more in metropolitan Melbourne or for state-wide activities.

There have already been more than 30 projects with mandated local content requirements under the Andrews Government, compared to only eight projects over four years under the previous Liberal government. The pipeline of major projects have a combined value of \$16 billion, supporting 10 600 current and new jobs.

### **Youth justice centres**

**Raised with:** Minister for Families and Children

**Raised by:** Mr Finn

**Raised on:** 7 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

I wrote to the organisers on 9 February 2017 to let them know that I would be unable to attend their community meeting on Monday 13 February 2017.

Importantly, I have been engaging with Wyndham City Council and community representatives as part of our ongoing consultation process.

Werribee has been announced as the preferred site for the new youth justice facility. The Victorian Government is working closely with Wyndham City Council and wants to hear all views and opinions. We are consulting widely to ensure the local community is actively engaged throughout this project.

This includes hearing views about impacts on residents and businesses in the area as well as helping us explore opportunities for new transport and community infrastructure.

Residents and businesses in the vicinity are being contacted directly — and times and locations of community information and consultation sessions will be provided shortly. We understand community members have concerns and questions and we want to hear them.

The new youth justice facility will be the most secure youth justice facility ever built in this state. It will also provide significant benefits to the local area it is built in.

It represents an investment of more than \$288 million, creating up to 3000 construction and related jobs in the area and delivering an estimated economic benefit of almost \$420 million for Wyndham City.

The new facility will bring around 450 ongoing jobs to the area, providing opportunities for local businesses. It will support the development of new local infrastructure like roads and improved public transport.

Senior members of my department will be hosting information sessions soon and I will make sure these community consultation sessions are well publicised beforehand. I am eager to hear community thoughts and opinions.

There's also information line dedicated to answering questions about the new youth justice facility. It available on 1800 630 738, if you or fellow residents have specific questions or comments.

Information can also be found on the website [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au).

**Ballarat railway station precinct**

**Raised with:** Minister for Regional Development  
**Raised by:** Mr Morris  
**Raised on:** 7 February 2017

**REPLY:**

The Victorian Government is getting on with delivering its \$25 million Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment project election commitment. Leveraging investment from the private sector, the \$44 million project will deliver a vibrant and accessible mixed use community, transport and commercial hub at the Ballarat Station Precinct.

The Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment Project represents action towards the delivery of the Ballarat Station Precinct Master Plan. For too many years the station precinct has been underutilised, with the historic Goods Shed in disrepair and the economic opportunities of the site unrealised.

The previous Coalition Government only made a \$5.3 million election commitment to the Ballarat Station Precinct in 2014. This represents a momentous contrast between the \$25 million committed at the 2014 election by the Andrews Government.

**Northern Victoria Region rail culverts**

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Mr O'Sullivan  
**Raised on:** 7 February 2017

**REPLY:**

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

**Country Fire Authority Ballan brigade**

**Raised with:** Minister for Emergency Services  
**Raised by:** Mr Ramsay  
**Raised on:** 7 February 2017

**REPLY:**

The Government has taken, and continues to take, significant steps to address the issue of contamination at firefighting training sites with firefighter safety being of the utmost importance.

The 2016-17 State Budget allocated \$80.7 million over four years to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to decommission and remediate the site of the former Fiskville training facility and conduct environmental assessments and upgrades at six other operational emergency management training centres, located at Bangholme, Huntly, Longerenong, Penshurst, Wangaratta and West Sale.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has statutory oversight of CFA's coordination of this remediation work and environmental assessments (including audits) and the CFA is complying with all EPA regulatory requirements at all of its training grounds.

In October 2016, as part of its regular testing regime, Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB) found low levels of per and poly fluoro alkyl substance (PFAS) at the Victorian Emergency Management Training Centre at Craigieburn. The MFB isolated the source of the PFAS and undertook a rigorous clean up regime. Ongoing tests will ensure any future contamination risks are appropriately mitigated.

The 2015-16 State Budget included \$300 000 to commence planning for a new training site in Central Highlands to replace the regional training capacity lost through Fiskville's closure. In addition, the Government allocated

\$46.4 million in the 2016-17 Budget to the CFA Fiskville Transition Program, which, among other things, is to fund the development of a CFA Central Highland Regional Training Centre. The CFA has identified a number of potential sites around Ballan, but as yet has not been able to acquire one.

The CFA recently advertised for interested land holders to contact them as part of the search and will continue to consult with the Shire of Moorabool, the Ballan community and the Ballan Fire Brigade on these developments.

I look forward to visiting Ballan and meeting community members in the future.

### **Flemington Road trams**

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Ms Fitzherbert  
**Raised on:** 7 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

As the Andrews Labor Government has previously announced, in mid-2017, Routes 8 and 55 will be combined into a new Route 58 and will run from Toorak to West Coburg via the hospital precinct.

For the first time low floor trams will operate on the new route 58 ensuring that there will be low floor trams servicing both the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Royal Children's hospital stops. Around one-third of services will be low floor on Route 58.

Low floor trams comprise of approximately 32 per cent of the tram fleet, and approximately 24 per cent of tram stops have been upgraded to level access stops. As at February 2017, Victoria is procuring a total of 70 new low-floor trams, with 48 currently in service.

### **Melbourne Metro rail project**

**Raised with:** Minister for Planning  
**Raised by:** Mr Davis  
**Raised on:** 7 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

The term 'preliminary works' is not used in the Environment Effects Act 1978 or in Amendment GC45 to the Melbourne, Maribyrnong, Port Phillip and Stonnington planning schemes. In responding to this matter, I have presumed that the question relates to 'preparatory works' as defined in clause 4.12 of the incorporated document included in Amendment GC45.

There is no 'carte blanche' for preparatory works. Exempt preparatory works are set out explicitly in clause 4.12 of the incorporated document. Clause 4.12 provides that preparatory works may commence prior to the approval of the environmental management framework and urban design strategy (among other instruments).

Preparatory work is defined in clause 4.12 of the incorporated document to include works which would not have been subject to a planning permit in the absence of the incorporated document. Amendment GC45 provides no exemption from requirements under the Heritage Act 1995.

Amendment GC45 gives effect to findings arising from the environment effects statement (EES). The EES process was concluded with my assessment under the Environment Effects Act.

I am satisfied that the amendment provides adequate protection for values identified through the EES process. Works that might have a significant effect on those values will be controlled by secondary consents, including the environmental management framework (which documents the environmental performance requirements for the project), the early works' plan, and development plans.

**Shepparton East Primary School**

**Raised with:** Minister for Education  
**Raised by:** Ms Lovell  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

**REPLY:**

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to investing in educational infrastructure, and this has been demonstrated through the allocation of \$1.8 billion in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 State Budgets to build, upgrade and maintain school facilities. However, fulfilling our ambitious agenda to make Victoria the 'Education State' will take some time, and our ongoing challenge is to responsibly balance and prioritise the needs of over 1500 government schools.

While the Department of Education and Training takes this matter seriously, parking beyond school boundaries and the maintenance of service roads are local authority issues. For this reason, I urge the Greater Shepparton City Council to continue liaising with VicRoads to upgrade this area and ensure both the safety and convenience of the Shepparton East Primary School community.

In reference to your request for capital works, I can assure you that the infrastructure needs of all schools, including those of Shepparton East Primary, will be considered through the State Budget process when determining future priorities for the capital works program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

**Never Leave Kids in Cars**

**Raised with:** Minister for Families and Children  
**Raised by:** Mr Eideh  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

**REPLY:**

I am informed as follows:

In 2016, Ambulance Victoria responded to 1562 calls of children being left unattended in cars across the State. It is essential that we continue to remind parents and carers to take their children with them whenever they get out of the car.

The 2016-17 summer campaign *Never Leave Kids in Cars* was launched in December with the key message 'Our valuables should never be left in the car'.

This year's campaign is employing a broad range of strategies to ensure that this important message reaches as many families as possible. This includes:

- advertising across radio and digital media and in shopping centre car parks
- developing posters and flyers for early childhood services to display and distribute to families, including kindergartens and maternal and child health services
- engaging Shane Crawford, AFL identity and father of four, as campaign ambassador
- generating activity on social media.

To generate social media activity, three videos featuring Shane Crawford were developed for sharing and promotion across various social media platforms. These videos have been highly successful, with the first being viewed more than 410 000 times on Premier Daniel Andrews' Facebook page.

Families and services are able to access posters and flyers in English and ten other languages on the Department of Education and Training website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/health/Pages/kidsincars.aspx>. For more information on child safety, families should visit [kidsafe.vic.gov.au](http://kidsafe.vic.gov.au).

### **Caroline Springs Blue Devils Basketball Club**

**Raised with:** Minister for Sport  
**Raised by:** Mr Finn  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

I refer to the adjournment debate of 08 February regarding concerns the member has over the Caroline Springs Blue Devils Basketball Club's access to facilities at the Caroline Springs Leisure Centre.

Local sporting clubs such as the Caroline Springs Blue Devils Basketball Club play a vital role in their communities and the Victorian Government will continue to support community clubs.

Being a growth suburb, I understand that Caroline Springs has recently seen a marked increase in demand for its sports facilities. In recognition of this, late last year the Andrews Labor Government announced a \$2.5 million grant for the Caroline Springs Leisure Centre Extension from the Growing Suburbs Fund. The project will include the construction of two additional courts at the facility to support a range of indoor sports and programs.

In the meantime, I understand Melton City Council has tenant agreements with futsal, netball and basketball groups in addition to the Blue Devils. I have been informed that they are working with all of the tenants to provide a range of activities to keep as many people active in their municipality as possible.

I encourage the Caroline Springs Blue Devils Basketball Club to continue to work with Melton City Council, the Caroline Springs Basketball Association, the Keilor Basketball Association and other user groups in order to achieve the best outcomes for the club and local community.

### **Public transport**

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Ms Patten  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

As the Victorian Government is currently in a 'good faith' negotiation process with Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) and Yarra Trams to negotiate an extension to their franchise term, it is not appropriate at this point for the government to appoint an expert panel to assess the viability of Victoria's public transport model.

The current agreements with the operators have been in place since 2009 and are due to expire in November 2017. These agreements provide that subject to satisfying necessary conditions, the operators have a right to negotiate exclusively with government for a further seven year franchise term.

Both operators met the necessary conditions and now the government is in a 'good faith' negotiation process with them.

However, in negotiating new contracts, the government is requiring significantly stronger standards than in the current contracts, particularly in the areas of performance; passenger experience; maintenance and renewal of the asset base; accessibility and restrictions on advertising content.

These improvements have been designed to make the operators more open and accountable to passengers, and create a safer, more accessible and user-friendly transport system.

Both MTM and Yarra Trams have now submitted formal proposals to operate the train and tram network respectively for the next seven years. The proposals are being evaluated and a decision is expected to be made later in the year. As this process is confidential I cannot comment further at this stage.

Should appropriate terms not be reached with the incumbent franchisees during the negotiations, the government may pursue alternative options.

### **Salvation Army community shed**

**Raised with:** Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing  
**Raised by:** Mr Leane  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

I thank the Member for Metropolitan East, Parliamentary Secretary to the Special Minister of State and Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure for inviting me, on behalf of his constituent, Major Brendan Nottle of The Salvation Army, to open the Salvation Army's community shed upon its completion.

The Salvation Army's new community shed will further expand its services to vulnerable members of our community. I recognise the importance of creating supportive environments and opportunities for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including rough sleepers, and I commend the Salvation Army for establishing this new community shed.

The community shed will offer homeless and at risk men and women within the central business district of Melbourne the chance to actively engage in social activities. I look forward to hearing more about the progress of the community shed and my office will liaise with you directly about the opening.

### **Southern Metropolitan Region crime**

**Raised with:** Minister for Corrections  
**Raised by:** Mr Davis  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

Your request does not stipulate a period in time for the information that is being sought. Over a period of weeks, dozens of court orders commence, are altered or are completed. Without a specific date it is not possible to answer the question accurately.

For more information on Community Corrections Orders please visit the website at <http://www.corrections.vic.gov.au/home/community+corrections/orders/>.

### **Chandler Highway bridge**

**Raised with:** Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
**Raised by:** Mr Elasmr  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

VicRoads has advised that Tenders for Contract No. 9270 for the Chandler Highway Upgrade Project closed on 30 November 2016 and I announced the successful tenderer, Seymour Whyte Constructions, on 22 February, 2017.

All required land for the project has been secured. The Government Land Monitor's endorsement of the negotiated purchase of the required land for the project was received on 2 February 2017.

Early works to relocate a High Voltage power line across the Yarra River were undertaken in January 2017.

The upgraded six-lane Chandler Highway will be open to traffic in mid 2018.

VicRoads has advised that additional traffic modelling and assessments are currently being undertaken regarding the installation of clearways along Princes Street in Kew and Grange Road in Alphington. A formal consultation process with the community will commence once these investigations have been completed.

### **Youth justice centres**

**Raised with:** Minister for Families and Children  
**Raised by:** Ms Crozier  
**Raised on:** 8 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

The Andrews Labor Government and my department are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for young people and staff in our youth justice centres, while protecting the safety of the Victorian community.

Considerable work has been undertaken to improve the safety of our youth justice services, including investing in an additional 41 new youth justice positions in our facilities.

Opportunities for staff to access psychological and emotional wellbeing exist through the Department of Health and Human Services' Employee Assistance Program and the Secure Services Staff Wellbeing Program. This Program aims to create a continuum of care where staff are supported in times of distress but is also focused on assisting staff in working pro-actively to develop an understanding of their mental health needs.

In addition, a client behaviour management model has been developed to support the establishment of a consistent behaviour management approach across all youth justice precincts. The model focuses on young people taking individual responsibility, with staff providing feedback on that behaviour.

Corrections Victoria staff are working with youth justice staff to support the safety and security of the youth justice centres, particularly when young people are exhibiting dangerous and violent behaviours that may impact on the safety of staff and other young people.

### **Murchison East rail services**

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Ms Lovell  
**Raised on:** 9 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

The Government has recently introduced a new extended service from Seymour each weekday to Shepparton via Murchison East station as of 29 January 2017.

The Government is committed to delivering five services, five days a week to the outer regional train lines, including Shepparton, as part of the Regional Network Development Plan.

Additional stops at Murchison East station will be considered in future timetable reviews.



### **Flemington Road trams**

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Mr Barber  
**Raised on:** 9 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

As the Andrews Labor Government has previously announced, in mid-2017, Routes 8 and 55 will be combined into a new Route 58 and will run from Toorak to West Coburg via the hospital precinct.

A mixture of low floor and high floor trams will operate on the new route 58 ensuring that there will be low floor trams servicing both the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Royal Children's hospital stops.

Low floor trams comprise of approximately 32 per cent of the tram fleet, and approximately 24 per cent of tram stops have been upgraded to level access stops. Presently, Victoria is procuring a total of 70 new low-floor trams, with 47 currently in service. Over time, the introduction of the new trams will allow a greater number of low-floor vehicles being allocated across more tram routes. The routes to receive low floor trams first have been chosen based on the level of demand and the overall need for accessible tram services.

### **Pakenham East train stabling depot**

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Mr Mulino  
**Raised on:** 9 February 2017

#### **REPLY:**

I would first like to thank the Member for Eastern Victoria for his hard work and support for this project.

I am pleased to provide you with more detail on the High Capacity Metro Trains (HCMT) Project. This \$2.3 billion Project is for the State's largest single order of trains. It is an investment into bigger trains for Melbourne and a better passenger, experience, and represents a commitment to local jobs, workforce development and local industry.

The Project includes the construction of a new train depot in Pakenham East, which will feature a train maintenance facility, high-tech simulator and a stabling yard for 30 of the 65 trains.

The depot will be constructed from 87 per cent local content and local suppliers from South-East Melbourne will have an opportunity to bid for work. When complete the depot will result in 100 long-term jobs associated with maintenance of the fleet of HCMTs.

Early works in Pakenham East have commenced including site preparation activities, flora and fauna surveys, geotechnical investigation, and a topographical survey. Earth works are expected to commence in the coming months, with construction of the depot due for completion by the end of 2018.

Supporting local content and jobs is a key objective of the HCMT Project. The trains will be built in Melbourne with 60 per cent local content, exceeding the Victorian Government's minimum requirement of 50 per cent. In total, the HCMT Project will result in 1100 jobs, including those in the broader supply chain.

The full HCMT program, which includes new and upgraded rail infrastructure in the Cranbourne-Pakenham corridor, will significantly increase capacity on the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines, carrying an additional 11 000 passengers in the morning peak. The innovative design will use the latest technology, making the trains safer, more reliable and comfortable for passengers, and providing enhanced accessibility features.

The first HCMT will be delivered to the depot for testing in November 2018 and will enter service in mid-2019. The first 37 HCMTs will run on the Cranbourne-Pakenham lines and the full fleet of 65 HCMTs will run through the new Metro Tunnel to Sunbury.

### Youth justice centres

**Raised with:** Minister for Families and Children  
**Raised by:** Mr Finn  
**Raised on:** 9 February 2017

**REPLY:**

The case for this new facility involved consideration of more than a dozen sites including regional sites.

The criteria in determining a preferred site included access for staff and visitors, the proximity to public transport, proximity to relevant services, planning considerations, size and shape of land and the cost and speed of construction.

The Hoppers Lane South site is vacant land and is preferred because of its close proximity to services, including meeting legal obligations around access to court, access to young offenders for legal representatives, family and other services, the relative distance from residential communities and the suitability of the site itself.

This development will provide considerable employment opportunities in the local area. It represents an investment of more than \$288 million, creating up to 3000 construction and related jobs in the area and delivering an estimated economic benefit of almost \$420 million for Wyndham City.

The new facility will bring around 450 ongoing jobs to the area, providing opportunities for local businesses. It will support the development of new local infrastructure like roads and improved public transport.

The Victorian Government is working closely with Wyndham City Council and wants to hear all views and opinions. We are consulting widely to ensure the local community is actively engaged throughout this project.

This includes hearing views about impacts on residents and businesses in the area as well as helping us explore opportunities for new transport and community infrastructure.

Residents and businesses in the vicinity are being contacted directly — and times and locations of community information and consultation sessions will be provided shortly. We understand community members have concerns and questions and we want to hear them.

There's also a dedicated Hoppers Lane South Youth Justice Centre information line available on 1800 630 738, if you or fellow residents have specific questions or comments.

Information can also be found on the website [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au).

### Great Ocean Road tourism

**Raised with:** Minister for Tourism and Major Events  
**Raised by:** Mr Ramsay  
**Raised on:** 9 February 2017

**REPLY:**

I recognise the importance of the Great Ocean Road to Victoria's tourism industry. The Government is committed to ensuring its long term sustainability as an iconic tourist drive.

I acknowledge the significance of the road as the economic lifeblood for the communities located along its 270 kilometres and commend the Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism Board for its strong industry leadership during recent crisis events.

The Government recognises the critical need for continued investment in tourism-related infrastructure in the region, as demonstrated in the recent announcement of a further \$53 million by the Premier, Daniel Andrews MP to improve the surface of the road and reduce the risk of closure from landslips.

The Government has a demonstrated track record of support for communities in the region including; the establishment of Tourism Greater Geelong and The Bellarine as a Regional Tourism Board; \$9.8 million allocated in the 2016-17 State Budget to deliver Stage One of the Shipwreck Coast Master Plan; and \$1.4 million in funding for the Great Ocean Road Economic and Community Bushfire Support Package following the Wye River-Jamieson Track bushfire in December 2015.

I note the capacity issues confronting the iconic Twelve Apostles precinct and, while growing the State's tourism industry will continue to be a priority in the 2017-18 budget, initiatives such as the Shipwreck Coast Master Plan will need to be assessed with other budget priorities.

### **South Yarra railway station**

**Raised with: Minister for Planning**

**Raised by: Mr Davis**

**Raised on: 9 February 2017**

#### **REPLY:**

I thank you for your question about the interface between South Yarra railway station and the Melbourne Metro rail tunnel project.

The Melbourne Metro rail tunnel project was the subject of an exhaustive environment effects statement process which culminated in December 2016 with my assessment of the environmental effects of the project under the Environment Effects Act 1978. I have since approved amendment GC45 to the Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Port Phillip and Stonnington planning schemes. Amendment GC45 provides an approvals framework for the project, subject to a range of secondary consent requirements.

Regarding a new station at South Yarra, I agreed with the independent Melbourne Metro Rail joint Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) that a new station not be included as part of this project due to its poor cost/benefit ratio.

However, in line with my assessment of the project, the Government has informed the three short listed bidders that their designs for the project must not preclude the provision of a new station at South Yarra in the future.

### **Rushworth State Forest**

**Raised with: Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change**

**Raised by: Ms Lovell**

**Raised on: 21 February 2017**

#### **REPLY:**

I have asked the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning for a full explanation of why the trees were damaged and pushed over the track.

This practice is not an Andrews Labor Government policy. The department will report back to me on an improved process so this does not happen again anywhere across Victoria. Forest Fire Management Victoria is developing a policy on permanent track closures in state forest. This will be ready by mid-March 2017.

Importantly, the track is now closed to be rehabilitated. Signs are now in place and access to the area for firefighting has not been compromised. In terms of access for biking, there is a formed legal public road 50 metres west of the track that can be used for vehicles, including trail bikes, to access and enjoy the forest.

Forest Fire Management Victoria is also working with the Campaspe Shire to engage with local community members on rehabilitation of the track and the future management of the Whroo State Forest. The first formal meeting will take place in April 2017.

### Sunbury development

**Raised with:** Minister for Planning  
**Raised by:** Mr Finn  
**Raised on:** 21 February 2017

**REPLY:**

I thank Mr Finn for his question and concern regarding heritage and conservation values in the Sunbury area.

This matter relates to the ongoing work the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) is undertaking for the preparation of the Lancefield Road Precinct Structure Plan (PSP).

As part of developing the Lancefield Road PSP, the VPA has undertaken extensive reviews and studies of both Aboriginal cultural heritage sites as well as post-contact heritage sites, which have informed the preparation of the PSP.

Thorough arboriculture and scattered tree assessments have also been conducted and are reflected in the PSP, and I note that the PSP proposes to apply a Rural Conservation Zone to areas under the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and areas of regionally significant landscape values.

These studies have identified a number of sites of significance which in turn are referenced in the PSP. Any development around these sites much comply with a suite of legislation designed to protect such heritage and environmental values.

I am confident that the Lancefield Road PSP will respond adequately to both Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and post-contact heritage sites in the Sunbury area. However, as the VPA is currently assessing all submissions received in relation to this project, it would be inappropriate for me to intervene in this matter.

### Melbourne Regional Landfill

**Raised with:** Minister for Planning  
**Raised by:** Mr Finn  
**Raised on:** 22 February 2017

**REPLY:**

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

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

### Drug rehabilitation services

**Raised with:** Minister for Mental Health  
**Raised by:** Mr Ramsay  
**Raised on:** 22 February 2017

**REPLY:**

This year alone, the Andrews Labor Government has invested more than \$192.5 million to reduce alcohol and other drug related harm, including through expanding access to treatment in Victoria.

The Government's Ice Action Plan has been accompanied by more than \$100 million in new investment to reduce the availability of and harm caused by ice and other drugs. This includes \$6 million in the 2016-17 Victorian Budget to develop an 18 to 20 bed drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility in the Grampians region. The Government has also introduced an additional 32 residential rehabilitations beds in existing alcohol and other drug

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treatment services across the state. This represents, in total, a 25% increase in residential rehab bed numbers since the Andrews Labor Government came into power.

All residential rehabilitation and withdrawal bed-based services in the alcohol and other drug treatment system are available to clients from across the state. In addition, alcohol and other drug treatment services have access to approximately 390 transitional housing beds to assist clients in need of stable housing while engaging in treatment or returning to the community following a period of residential treatment.

In 2016-17, the Barwon catchment received funding of \$8.2 million for alcohol and other drug treatment services, making it one of the highest funded (by population) catchments in the state.

This funding includes two residential withdrawal services, being a 14 bed adult residential withdrawal service and a specialist 4 bed youth residential withdrawal service, as well as therapeutic day rehabilitation services and a range of other community based treatment services.

The Government is committed to reducing the impact of alcohol and other drugs on individuals and families across the State, and will continue to work with the community and the alcohol and other drug treatment sector to identify future priorities for investment.



**WRITTEN ADJOURNMENT RESPONSES**

*Responses have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.*

**Wednesday, 22 March 2017**

**Ballarat bus services**

**Raised with: Minister for Public Transport**

**Raised by: Mr Morris**

**Raised on: 21 February 2017**

**REPLY:**

The new network delivers much needed investment in new bus services in Ballarat, neglected by the previous Liberal Government which slashed funding for bus services.

The new Ballarat Bus Network increases service levels for growing areas, introduce more direct routes for a faster journey and improve connections to key destinations. The new network also provides better bus to train connections to improve access to education, employment and social opportunities.

The new Ballarat Bus Network is part of the Andrews Labor Governments \$100 million investment in improving bus services across Victoria.

The design of the network was the result of extensive community consultation undertaken in mid-2016 involving community members, local council and other key stakeholders.

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resource (DEDJTR) will continue to monitor the performance of the new network.