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¹ Appointed 16 April 2015

² DLP until 26 June 2017

³ Resigned 27 May 2016

⁴ Appointed 7 June 2017

⁵ Resigned 6 April 2017

⁶ Resigned 25 February 2015

⁷ Appointed 13 October 2016

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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Wednesday, 6 September 2017

Timber industry

Raised with: Minister for Agriculture
Raised by: Ms Bath
Raised on: 24 November 2016

REPLY:

The Member asked that I commit to fight for the timber industry and its workers.

We've always said we would fight for every job.

That doesn't mean industries won't change — but Victorian workers can know that this Labor Government is on their side.

Because good, secure work is the backbone of every town, every community, and every family.

Bendigo Health

Raised with: Minister for Health
Raised by: Ms Wooldridge
Raised on: 24 May 2017

REPLY:

Bendigo Health's transition to an anaesthetic nurse model in its operating theatres has brought staffing into line with the organisational practices of similar hospitals across Victoria.

Safer Care Victoria is working closely with Bendigo Health managers, clinicians and scientists to assess proposed changes to its microbiology service to ensure any changes continue to ensure patient safety and quality service delivery.

In relation to the elective surgery waiting list, transition to the new hospital has resulted in reduced activity levels temporarily. A phased approach to increasing surgical sessions has been taken, in order to ensure there is no compromise to safety and quality while new systems are established. Bendigo Health is currently increasing its surgical capacity and has also put in arrangements with Castlemaine Health, St John of God Bendigo and Bendigo Day Surgery to reduce the waiting list.

The board of Bendigo Health are responsible for the employment of the Chief Executive. The board have recently terminated the previous Chief Executive.

This Government provided \$290.5 million to Bendigo Health in the 2017/18 budget, that's 10% more than they received in the last budget and 24% more than they received when the Liberals were last in office.

Yarragon and Hill End primary school sites

Raised with: Minister for Education
Raised by: Ms Shing
Raised on: 8 June 2017

REPLY:

I am informed as follows:

I thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of the Hill End and Yarragon communities.

The former Hill End Primary School site has been designated as surplus to the Department of Education and Training's (DET) current and future education delivery needs, and will be disposed of in accordance with the Victorian Government Landholding Policy and Guidelines 2016. The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) has been engaged to prepare the site for sale, although a final decision has not been made regarding its future.

In the meantime, DET will liaise with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to explore options and possible alternative sites for community users of the former school. This exploratory process will commence in the coming months, once DET has met further with DELWP.

DET will be writing to Hill End Community Incorporated requesting a written submission regarding its current use of the site. This information will be reviewed by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), together with the updated strategic Crown land assessment.

The community group will be advised of the review process with DELWP and will be further consulted before any final decision is made concerning the former school site's future.

The former Yarragon Primary School has also been designated as surplus to DET's current and future education delivery needs, and is being prepared for sale by DTF. I am advised that the Country Fire Authority (CFA) has expressed interest in purchasing a portion of the site, and is currently undertaking further due diligence regarding its suitability. The VSBA will consult further with Baw Shire Council and the CFA before this site is progressed to public sale.

I am advised that the Baw Baw Shire Council has not expressed interest in buying either site on a restricted basis for a public or community use.

It should be noted that, when surplus sites are rezoned, this is reflective of the fact that they are no longer required for education purposes, and does not preclude community use.

Nathalia Recreation Reserve

Raised with: Minister for Sport
Raised by: Ms Lovell
Raised on: 23 June 2017

REPLY:

I refer to your adjournment debate matter regarding funding to the Nathalia Recreation Reserve lighting project, raised in the Legislative Council on 23 June 2017.

Providing high quality sport and recreation facilities in Victoria is a key aim of the Victorian Government.

That is why the Government is investing \$120 million into the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund to facilitate the upgrade and development of community sports facilities during this term of government.

Moira Shire Council have previously received funding from the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund to undertake three key sport and active recreation projects within the municipality. These have included funding of:

- \$28 851 to upgrade the athletics track at the Nathalia Show Grounds,
- \$30 000 to undertake an Aquatics Feasibility Study for the municipality, and
- \$84 000 to construct four new practice cricket nets at the Cobram Showgrounds.

I am pleased to advise the Moira Shire Council has applied for \$100 000 for Nathalia Recreation Reserve to install competition standard lighting to the oval and netball courts. This project proposal is currently being assessed and Council will be notified in due course if the project proposal is successful to proceed to full application.

Thank you for raising this matter with me and I trust this information has been of assistance to you.

Marine rescue services

Raised with: Minister for Emergency Services
Raised by: Ms Bath
Raised on: 23 June 2017

REPLY:

The Victorian Government greatly appreciates the time and skills of Marine Search and Rescue (MSAR) volunteers, including those volunteers of the Eastern Victoria Region.

Marine Search and Rescue in Victoria has made substantial strides forward and, with a strong foundation for a vibrant volunteer MSAR sector, it remains a priority for the Victorian Government.

The establishment of the MSAR Office within Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) has provided a co-ordinated and collaborative approach to the development of strategy, policies and programs. Emergency Management Victoria also undertook a state-wide risk and capability assessment to highlight any response capability gaps across the State and develop plans to overcome this. In addition, a 12 year capital (vessel) replacement program was also developed.

Further, the implementation of a managed insurance scheme through the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 fiscal years, has enabled the sector to focus on MSAR activities with the knowledge that it has adequate insurance.

The Victorian Government is continuing to work through the funding requirements and means to sustainably fund the MSAR sector in the long term.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Pharmaceutical industry

Raised with: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Raised by: Mr Elasmr
Raised on: 8 August 2017

REPLY:

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the medical technologies and pharmaceuticals sector as a leading industry of the future and in March 2016, the Victorian Government released its Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals sector strategy.

Pharmaceuticals manufacturing presents a unique economic and social opportunity for Victoria with strong potential for additional growth. The Victorian Government recently released State of the Sector, Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals 2017 which found that revenues across the sector have quadrupled since 2003,

exports have doubled since 2011 and manufacturing employment has steadily increased over the past two decades, largely driven by pharmaceuticals manufacturing.

Across Victoria, the medical technologies and pharmaceuticals sector contributed over \$1.35 billion in exports over 2013-14. This is a measure of goods exports only and does not include services exports or licensing of intellectual property (IP). This accounted for just over 3.5 per cent of a Victorian total of \$24 billion over the same period.

Melbourne's north is home to the global headquarters of leading manufacturer, CSL Limited, with manufacturing operations in Broadmeadows and Parkville, employing over 2000 Victorians. In financial year 2017, CSL Limited reported a 15 per cent increase in (global) revenues to \$6.923 billion. Melbourne's north is also home to pharmaceutical manufacturers Baxter Healthcare, Cyclotek, Abbot Australia, Auspep and TPI Enterprises.

CSL is currently undertaking a \$210 million expansion of its Broadmeadows facility which will create hundreds of jobs and almost double the manufacturing output of an in-demand blood product used to treat serious and rare conditions. Once operating at full production, the plant is expected to generate an additional \$600 million of exports per annum.

The Victorian Government supports pharmaceutical manufacturers with several key initiatives including funding support for the Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre and BioCurate, and through the Future Industries Sector Growth and Manufacturing Programs and the Local Industry Fund for Transition.

Buckley Street, Essendon, level crossing

Raised with: Minister for Public Transport

Raised by: Mr Finn

Raised on: 8 August 2017

REPLY:

I once again thank the Member for Western Metropolitan for his continued interest in the Andrews Labor Government's plan to remove the dangerous and congested level crossing at Buckley Street, Essendon.

An Alliance of John Holland and KBR won the contract for the North West program of works. Under this contract, the level crossings at Camp Road in Campbellfield and Skye/Overton Road in Frankston comprise the Initial Works Package.

If these works are delivered well, the Alliance will then progressively remove the level crossings in the Additional Works Package, which are at Buckley Street in Essendon, Glenroy Road in Glenroy, Bell Street in Coburg and Moreland Road in Brunswick.

The North West Program contract relates to all six level crossing sites listed above, with the price for works at Buckley Street, Glenroy Road, Bell Street and Moreland Road to be progressively developed as the Level Crossings Removal Authority (LXRA) confirms the contractor is meeting performance targets and should proceed with delivery of each site.

LXRA is now finalising design, which will factor in community ideas and feedback, and work at Buckley Street will begin later this year.

The George apartments

Raised with: Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation

Raised by: Ms Fitzherbert

Raised on: 8 August 2017

REPLY:

I have received correspondence from residents of The George Apartments regarding noise complaints as a result of live music at The George Hotel. I have referred these complaints to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and

Liquor Regulation as the entity responsible for ensuring that liquor licensed premises are operated in accordance with the requirements of the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998. The correspondent has been advised of this referral.

I am advised that Commission staff met with representatives of the City of Port Phillip Council and the Victoria Police Divisional Licensing Unit on 2 August 2017 to discuss this matter. Consideration of the issues raised is ongoing.

I understand that there have been regular inspections of licensed premises in and around The George Hotel and a number of licensees have been subject to enforcement action and penalties in the past 12 months.

The Commission will continue to work with the residents of The George apartments and the licensees of The George Hotel until the issue is resolved.

Hill End Primary School site

Raised with: Minister for Education

Raised by: Ms Bath

Raised on: 8 August 2017

REPLY:

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The community group will be advised of the review process with DELWP and will be further consulted before any final decision is made concerning the former school site's future.

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Shepparton alternate route

Raised with: Minister for Roads and Road Safety

Raised by: Ms Lovell

Raised on: 9 August 2017

REPLY:

Upgrading the Shepparton Alternate Route is an important project and requires the joint commitment of the State and Federal governments.

VicRoads advises me that it is currently carrying out maintenance works to address the immediate pavement issues on the alternate bypass route, which includes asphaltting a number of sections of road along the route.

I understand that two major roundabout upgrades for New Dookie Road and Old Dookie Road have been funded and that VicRoads is scoping these works before awarding the contract to the constructor.

Bulla gas supply

Raised with: Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
Raised by: Mr Finn
Raised on: 9 August 2017

REPLY:

Extending the gas network is the responsibility of gas distributors. AusNet Services is the gas distributor in the area surrounding Melbourne Airport.

In Victoria, the Gas Distribution System Code outlines obligations placed on gas distributors when dealing with customers who request connection to the network.

The Code specifies that if a customer's premises are located within one kilometre of the existing network, then the extension is regarded as a "minor or infill" connection. Under this scenario, the local distributor is required to respond to the customer's request with "fair and reasonable terms and conditions".

If the premises are located more than one kilometre from the existing network then, as noted above, connections are the responsibility of the gas distributor and are typically undertaken where it is commercially feasible to do so.

Mental health services

Raised with: Minister for Mental Health
Raised by: Ms Bath
Raised on: 9 August 2017

REPLY:

I was saddened to hear of the untimely death of one of the Honourable Member's constituents. Suicide is always a tragedy and I extend my condolences to the family who must be struggling to cope with their grief at this time.

The Chief Psychiatrist is notified of the deaths of current and recent consumers of mental health services. This information is considered carefully and will in certain circumstances prompt an enquiry into the circumstances of death. The deaths of people who were inpatients at the time of death are followed in every instance by a detailed review by a panel of experts from a range of mental health services with a view to formulating recommendations to improve the safety and quality of the care provided in future.

I have asked the Chief Psychiatrist to give particular consideration to this matter that you have raised with me. Thank you for your advocacy in this important matter

North Road, Ormond, flooding

Raised with: Minister for Water
Raised by: Ms Crozier
Raised on: 9 August 2017

REPLY:

During the flood event on 29 December 2016 some parts of Melbourne recorded more than 40 millimetres of rain in 15 minutes, which is among the heaviest known rainfalls on record in Victoria for such a short duration. This led to flooding around the city and suburbs.

Since this event Melbourne Water has been undertaking a detailed technical survey to better understand the drainage system and associated complexities of moving flood waters through the McKinnon/Ormond area. The investigation has identified that the storm on 29 December 2016 was a very intense and extremely rare event with a one per cent chance of occurring in any one year.

The floodplain and associated drainage assets in this catchment are extremely complex, with three drainage systems coming together. The review has therefore taken some time to complete.

The repeated above-floor flooding experienced by several residents in 2011 and again in 2016 has led Melbourne Water to pilot a program in this area to look at localised solutions for individual properties.

Surveyors undertook investigations throughout the local area to measure drainage asset levels, surface levels, the floor level of homes and key landscape features in the area.

Stage One of this pilot program has recently been completed, with over 600 properties surveyed over the last two months. Residents may have seen surveyors out collecting information or allowed them access to their property to take floor level measurements.

Stage Two of the pilot program will use the survey information to understand where localised solutions may be applied in the area to lessen repeat flood effects on properties. This stage is currently ongoing and Melbourne Water will update residents in due course.

Northern Victoria Region roads

Raised with: Minister for Roads and Road Safety

Raised by: Mr Gepp

Raised on: 10 August 2017

REPLY:

In answer to Mr Gepp, the Government will be resurfacing over 1600 sites this year state wide with over 500 sites to be treated within the electoral region of Northern Victoria. These sites are being treated to increase the life of 'the pavement by preventing water ingress into the pavement which reduces potholes.

I am advised that preparation works for pavement resurfacing have commenced, with tenders currently being evaluated and works due to commence in October 2017. Works are expected to be completed in April 2018.

The road pavement at over 160 sites across Victoria will be strengthened, with 51 sites being located within the Northern Electorate.

Individual sites are listed below:

Road Name	General Location	Length (m)	Municipality
Bacchus Marsh-Gisborne Road	Coimadai	870	Moorabool
Benalla-Tocumwal Road	Katamatite	170	Moira
Benalla-Tocumwal Road	Katamatite	230	Moira
Benalla-Yarrowonga Road	Benalla	350	Benalla
Broadford-Flowerdale Road	Strath Creek	665	Murrindindi
Broadford-Flowerdale Road	Strath Creek	310	Murrindindi
Daylesford-Malmsbury Road	Drummond to Boundary	5373	Hepburn
Echuca-Mooroopna Road	Wyuna East	1270	Campaspe
Eltham-Yarra Glen Road	Christmas Hills	190	Nillumbik
Glenrowan-Myrtleford Road	Milawa	340	Wangaratta
Goulburn Valley Highway	Yea	70	Murrindindi
Goulburn Valley Highway	Cobram	200	Moira
Goulburn Valley Highway	Shepparton	100	Shepparton
Goulburn Valley Highway	Shepparton	290	Shepparton
Heathcote-Kyneton Road	Edgecombe	3450	Macedon Ranges
Heathcote-Kyneton Road	Redesdale	3140	Greater Bendigo
Hume Freeway	Euroa	637	Strathbogie

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Hume Freeway	Euroa	1000	Strathbogie
Hume Link-Lincoln Cway	Wodonga	280	Wodonga
Hume Link-Lincoln Cway	Wodonga	185	Wodonga
Katamatite-Shepparton Road	Katandra	330	Moira
Katamatite-Yarrowonga Road	Yarrowonga	190	Moira
Kiewa East Road	Red Bluff	240	Indigo
Kiewa Valley Highway	Kergunyah	700	Indigo
Kilmore-Lancefield Road	west of Forbes	400	Macedon Ranges
Lancaster-Mooroopna Road	Lancaster	800	Shepparton
Midland Highway	Yin Barin	494	Benalla
Midland Highway	Benalla — near Sheepwash Creek	497	Benalla
Midland Highway	Castlemaine	660	Mount Alexander
Mount Buller Road	Mansfield	330	Mansfield
Murchison-Violet Town Road	Miepoll	200	Strathbogie
Murray River Road	Towong	780	Towang
Murray Valley Highway	Kotupna	415	Moira
Murray Valley Highway	Ebden	960	Wodonga
Murray Valley Highway	Cobram East	170	Moira
Murray Valley Highway (Sec 4)	North Warparilla	1740	Gannawarra
Murray Valley Highway (Sec 5)	Fairley	450	Gannawarra
Plenty Road	Yan Yean	300	Whittlesea
Plenty Road	Mernda	153	Whittlesea
Prairie-Rochester Road	south of Lockington	1080	Campaspe
Sunraysia Highway	Morton Plains	1895	Buloke
Sunraysia Highway	Morton Plains	720	Buloke
Sunraysia Highway	South of Woomelang	880	Yarriambiack
Tatura Undera Road	Lancaster	60	Shepparton
Wahgunyah-Wangaratta Road	Wangaratta	750	Wangaratta
Wangaratta Road	Wangaratta	40	Wangaratta
Wangaratta Road	Bowser	40	Wangaratta
Wangaratta-Whitfield Road	Moyhu	320	Wangaratta
Whittlesea-Yea Road	Kinglake West	270	Murrindindi
Whittlesea-Yea Road	Flowerdale	420	Murrindindi
Whittlesea-Yea Road	Flowerdale	350	Murrindindi
	TOTAL	35922.6	

I am advised by VicRoads that pavement strengthening works are due to commence from mid September 2017 at various locations across Victoria, including Northern Victoria. Works are programmed to be complete by the end of April 2018.

Fawkner Primary School

Raised with: Minister for Education
Raised by: Mr Barber
Raised on: 10 August 2017

REPLY:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to investing in education and school infrastructure, and this is why we have allocated more than \$2.5 billion over the last three state budgets to build, upgrade and maintain school

infrastructure across the state. We know that having modern and up-to-date classrooms and school facilities is a fundamental part of ensuring that every child has the best possible start in life, no matter where they live.

However, it will take some time for the entire school portfolio to be brought up to a standard commensurate with our ambition. It is an ongoing challenge to responsibly balance and prioritise the needs of over 1500 government schools, all in varying condition.

Unlike the Greens Party, the Labor Party understands that Melbourne's boundaries continue beyond its tram tracks. Indeed, the Andrews Labor Government has allocated \$352 000 through the 2017-18 State Budget to upgrade Fawkner Primary School. This funding will build on \$155 000 allocated to the school through the Department of Education and Training's 2016-17 Planned Maintenance Program.

Fawkner Primary's project is currently in the planning phase, and I have asked the Department to continue to work closely with the school in order to achieve the best outcome for the whole community.

In the meantime, I can assure you that the infrastructure requirements of all schools, including Fawkner Primary, will continue to be given fair and equitable consideration when determining future priorities for the capital works program, and that the Government will continue to use all available data, including condition assessments and pre-existing project plans, when allocating resources in future state budgets.

State Revenue Office

Raised with: Treasurer
Raised by: Ms Lovell
Raised on: 10 August 2017

REPLY:

The content of notices issued by the State Revenue Office is an administrative matter within the responsibility of the Commissioner of State Revenue. The Commissioner has informed me that the State Revenue Office's digital strategy reflects the contemporary expectation that services can be accessed anywhere, any time and on any device. However, the SRO also recognises that not all taxpayers wish to, or are in a position to make payments online, and offers a range of practicable alternatives. The State Revenue Office values customers' feedback and is continually refining its services to enhance its customers' experience. The State Revenue Office reviews its assessment notices every year and will do so again when designing the 2018 land tax assessment notices.

Australian Paper Maryvale mill

Raised with: Minister for Planning
Raised by: Ms Bath
Raised on: 23 August 2017

REPLY:

Planning consultants acting on behalf of Australian Paper Maryvale have recently submitted a request to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to amend the planning controls affecting land around the Maryville mill.

The proposed planning controls would introduce an Environmental Significance Overlay to manage development around the Maryvale Pulp and Paper Mill.

The department is consulting with Latrobe City Council and Australian Paper Maryvale before assessing the request.

I have not considered the request.

WRITTEN ADJOURNMENT RESPONSES

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

Friday, 8 September 2017

Dandenong South public transport

Raised with: Minister for Public Transport
Raised by: Ms Springle
Raised on: 8 August 2017

REPLY:

There are three bus services that operate through the Dandenong South area — Route 857, Route 890 and SmartBus 901.

Route 890 was introduced in November last year in response to calls for more services in the area. Transport For Victoria (TFV) will continue to monitor patronage of services on these routes.

TFV continually reviews the bus network to determine where changes should be made to respond to growth and changing conditions. TFV advises that the Dandenong South area continues to undergo development and the connecting road network from Casey is yet to be completed. TFV's reviews will consider improvements to the bus network based on these factors.

There are no plans for an additional station on the Cranbourne line at this stage. TFV will continue to monitor patronage to inform long-term rail network planning.

Melbourne Airport rail link

Raised with: Minister for Public Transport
Raised by: Ms Patten
Raised on: 9 August 2017

REPLY:

The Andrews Labor Government and Federal Government are working together to develop an Airport Rail Link Plan. As part of this plan, we will assess the best route for an airport rail link, how much it would cost, and how best to fund and deliver it.

The Andrews Labor Government is currently delivering the Metro Tunnel, which will create the capacity to run more trains into and out of Melbourne. This project is a vital next step towards future projects, such as an Airport Rail Link, and is also important for supporting population growth. It will enable more trains to operate more trains across Melbourne.

In the interim, we will continue to improve and promote the existing SkyBus service to the airport. SkyBus offers an express service to and from Southern Cross Station, departing every 10 minutes during the day. In addition, SkyBus is improving capacity by up to 33 per cent by operating double-decker buses on some services.

Calder Freeway

Raised with: Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Raised by: Mr Finn
Raised on: 10 August 2017

REPLY:

As confirmed by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Natalie Hutchins MLA, on 22 May 2017, the 2017-18 Victorian State Budget secured funding to develop a business case to:

- Improve the capacity and safety of the Calder Freeway between the M80 and Diggers Rest;
- Investigate building the Calder Park Drive Interchange (overpass); and
- Duplicating Calder Park Drive and a grade separation.

VicRoads advises me that it has consulted with the Calder Action Group, along with other key stakeholders such as the Brimbank City Council and the Calder Highway Improvement Committee, as part of its investigation into an interchange at the intersection of Calder Park Drive and the Calder Freeway. I understand this also includes the northern section of Calder Park Drive.