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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; VILJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs

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Responses have been incorporated in the form provided to Hansard and received in the period shown.

11 August to 24 August 2017

Medicinal cannabis

Question asked by: Ms Patten
Directed to: Minister for Families and Children
Asked on: 9 August 2017

RESPONSE:

There are no restrictions on the medical conditions for which medicinal cannabis can be used in Victoria. Recent changes at the Commonwealth level have opened up new pathways for access to medicinal cannabis, and Victorian patients are already accessing imported products, for a range of conditions, under these pathways.

The first patient group to access medicinal cannabis under Victoria's Access to Medicinal Cannabis Act 2016 will be children with severe, intractable epilepsy. Eligible patient groups will be expanded over time, based on best available evidence and the advice of the Independent Medical Advisory Committee. There is no specific timeframe for this expansion.

Police numbers

Question asked by: Mr Bourman
Directed to: Minister for Corrections
Asked on: 9 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

I thank the member for his question on this important issue. The importance of the work police do in rural Victoria cannot be underestimated.

In every region in Victoria we have more police than in 2014. And, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's record investment in Victoria Police, 3135 additional police will be recruited over the next five years. The deployment of frontline police officers will be made using the sophisticated new police staff allocation model (SAM) that Victoria Police has developed in consultation with The Police Association, and which the Government has endorsed.

The new SAM moves us away from the boom bust nature of police recruiting to an evidence informed base that makes sure Victoria always has the police force it needs. SAM takes account of distance, population growth, as well as intelligence from the LEAP database, Computer Aided Dispatch and Traffic Incident System, among other variables, to get a much better picture of the sorts of demands being placed on police and where.

The Chief Commissioner of Police recognises that proactive operations, putting resources where they are needed and responding to calls for assistance will best address crime and other community concerns.

In addition to police resources, the 2016-17 State Budget delivers \$36.8 million to replace or refurbish police stations across regional and rural Victoria. This package will deliver modern facilities and support police officers in country Victoria.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

I can assure you that the Government and Victoria Police are committed to keeping all Victorians safe.

As the member would appreciate, the decision on how and where resources are deployed is ultimately a matter for the Chief Commissioner of Police.

Victoria Police will continue to ensure that additional frontline police are deployed to the areas of the greatest need. This will include strong consideration regarding rural Victoria. There are a number of other initiatives included in the Community Safety Statement that will ensure rural Victoria will receive additional police over the coming years. This will include additional specialist resources to address family violence issues within the community, as well as additional resources to backfill police officers on parental leave.

Mr Eideh

Question asked by: Mr Rich-Phillips
Directed to: Special Minister of State
Asked on: 9 August 2017

RESPONSE:

I am advised that Mr Eideh has not undertaken any activities in Syria on behalf of the Premier.

I would note that Mr Eideh has family in Lebanon and Syria and has a fundamental right to visit his family.

I would caution the Coalition against making baseless accusations against Victoria's multicultural leaders purely based on their family heritage.

Victorians deserve better than those who would seek to capitalise on matters for political purposes rather than questions that relate to the business of government.

Mr Eideh

Question asked by: Mr Rich-Phillips
Directed to: Special Minister of State
Asked on: 9 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

I am advised that no answer has been provided.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

No.

Victims of youth crime

Question asked by: Ms Crozier
Directed to: Minister for Families and Children
Asked on: 10 August 2017

RESPONSE:

As per Standing Order 8.02 (2)(c), the member's question is out of order as it asks for a statement or announcement of the Government's policy.

Heyfield timber mill

Question asked by: Ms Bath
Directed to: Minister for Agriculture
Asked on: 10 August 2017

RESPONSE:

The Andrews Labor Government understands the vital role the Heyfield mill plays in the local community and across the timber products industry.

That's why we are committed to the mill remaining operational.

The Government reached an in-principle agreement with the Hermal Group to buy the Heyfield mill, subject to due diligence checks.

The sale process is in the final stages of completion.

Parole reform

Question asked by: Mr O'Donohue
Directed to: Minister for Corrections
Asked on: 10 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

A number of system changes were made following Ms Chetcuti's death, including further improvements to information sharing arrangements and more stringent requirements relating to home assessments.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

Victoria arguably has the strictest parole system in Australia. Victoria has far fewer people on parole today than ever before — 800 fewer than four years ago.

Legislation has also been passed expanding the range of offences classified as Serious Violent Offences, ensuring that more potential parolees are subject to tougher assessment criteria throughout the parole application process. The Corrections Act has been amended also to broaden information sharing powers about prisoners on parole, and Corrections Victoria has continued to strengthen its case management practices and enhance the governance arrangements which apply to the difficult work undertaken by parole officers.

Parole reform

Question asked by: Mr O'Donohue
Directed to: Minister for Corrections
Asked on: 10 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

It is proper for neither Corrections Victoria nor I to comment on the circumstances of individual prisoners. However, you can be assured that assessments are completed on all addresses at which Serious Violent or Sex Offender prisoners propose to live if granted parole, and that this advice is provided to the Adult Parole Board to assist it in determining the suitability of the accommodation arrangements.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

I reiterate that it is proper for neither Corrections Victoria nor I to comment on the circumstances of individual prisoners, particularly where an offender has not been sentenced and any contribution to public debate about the case might be seen to be endeavouring to influence the decision of the Court.

Melbourne Regional Landfill

Question asked by: Ms Hartland
Directed to: Special Minister of State
Asked on: 10 August 2017

RESPONSE:

The Andrews Labor Government's election commitment to 'call-in' the planning application allowed a full consideration of Victoria's waste infrastructure needs, and the community to be heard. The works approval granted by Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is for a smaller landfill, with a shorter life-span than Cleanaway applied for. This decision was based on the assessment that the full proposal would not meet several Environment Protection Principles in the Environment Protection Act 1970, and was influenced by the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan and Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan, which have not yet identified a need for landfill past 2046.

Victoria's waste infrastructure plans recognise that disposing of waste to landfill can impact health, amenity and the environment. They explain how Victoria will reduce the need for landfills by increasing recycling and developing markets for recovered materials and energy.

The Andrews Labor Government is increasing Victoria's capacity to recover resources and energy from our waste through two grants programs. The \$7 million Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund supports new or improved collection and reprocessing infrastructure for waste materials. The \$2 million Waste to Energy Infrastructure Fund supports the construction of new or improved Victorian facilities that convert waste into energy.

While the state is moving towards greater resource recovery and reduced reliance on landfill in the long term, our waste infrastructure plans note that in the medium term landfills will continue to be required to manage Victoria's residual waste. The Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan identifies the Ravenhall landfill as a hub of state importance, because it plays an important role within Melbourne's waste and resource recovery system. The Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan accounts for the planned expansion of the Ravenhall landfill in its assessment of metropolitan Melbourne's landfill needs over the next ten years. If the landfill were to close earlier than anticipated, the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group would need to assess the impact this will have on Melbourne's landfill capacity.

Under the terms of its licence Cleanaway must not allow offensive odour to escape the boundary of the landfill site. I am assured that EPA will continue to monitor and investigate odour issues in the Melton and Brimbank council areas. Since 2014, EPA has conducted three odour monitoring exercises in the surrounding area. Investigations have rarely found landfill odours in residential areas. If your constituents experience odours, I would strongly encourage them to report this to EPA through the 24/7 pollution hotline (1300 372 842), or directly to Cleanaway.

Under the \$4.8 million pilot program I announced on 27 July 2017, Brimbank City Council has been allocated one EPA employed Officer for the Protection of the Local Environment (OPLE) to respond to lower risk and complexity waste and pollution issues that negatively impact local amenity. The OPLE will be embedded in this council for a period of 15 months to respond to odour, noise, illegal dumping, litter and dust issues arising from business and industrial premises. Where the source of the complaint is from licensed premises such as the Melbourne Regional Landfill, these will be referred to the EPA regional office for response.

EPA is an independent regulator that makes decisions in accordance with its legislated functions and guiding principles.

Australian Paper

Question asked by: Ms Dunn
Directed to: Minister for Agriculture
Asked on: 10 August 2017

RESPONSE:

The Legislated Agreement in the Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act 1996 is specific about the type of pulpwood resource to be provided and its location; that being “mountain forest” and state forest within the forest area.

In relation to any payments made with regard to the Legislated Agreement in the Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act 1996, the specific details of any payments are commercial-in-confidence.

Lake Boort

Question asked by: Mr Young
Directed to: Special Minister of State
Asked on: 10 August 2017

RESPONSE:

Parks Victoria is developing a management plan for Lake Boort. The Draft Lake Boort Management Plan was published and released for public comment in June 2016 for 60 days and the feedback highlighted the need to protect the cultural importance of the reserve as well as to continue to provide recreational opportunities.

The management planning seeks to balance the natural, cultural, recreational and visitor economy outcomes important for the reserve and regional Victoria.

The plan still provides for hunting, boating, camping, fishing and campfires in the reserve as well as designated areas providing for recreational activities such as camping and having campfires. Other activities such as fishing and boating, along with duck hunting in the reserve, are also supported.

Parks Victoria will continue to engage the community in all aspects of the future of the Lake Boort Reserve.

500 Startups Melbourne

Question asked by: Mr Ondarchie
Directed to: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Asked on: 22 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

No contract was broken. The contract with 500 Startups was varied and 500 consented to that variation.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

Please see substantive response.

500 Startups Melbourne

Question asked by: Ms Wooldridge
Directed to: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Asked on: 22 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

I refer you to my answer provided to the substantive question.

500 Startups Melbourne

Question asked by: Mr Ondarchie
Directed to: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Asked on: 22 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

I believe the reports will be uploaded shortly and I will make efforts to follow up where they are in the administrative process.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

As I understand it, the reports have been signed off by both myself and the Premier.

Young Street, Frankston

Question asked by: Mrs Peulich
Directed to: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Asked on: 22 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

This question should be directed to the appropriate Minister.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

Please see substantive response.

Pitcher Partners report

Question asked by: Ms Crozier
Directed to: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Asked on: 22 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

This question should be directed to the appropriate Minister.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

My role is to look at the regulatory environment and the policy settings of the Andrews Labor Government and ensure that the Victorian economic environment is conducive to a strong and vibrant small business sector.

Door-to-door sales

Question asked by: Mr Purcell
Directed to: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Asked on: 22 August 2017

RESPONSE:

There are no current registration requirements for door to door sales people. However, under the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act (2012) (ACL) there are rules that door to door sales people must comply with when approaching consumers. The ACL promotes and encourages fair trading practices and a competitive marketplace in Australia.

A consumer has rights under the ACL when a sales person approaches them at their front door, over the phone or in a public place. These protections apply to sales methods that are called 'unsolicited consumer agreements'.

- If a sales person initiates contact with a consumer to offer an ‘unsolicited consumer agreement’ they must follow certain rules including the following:
- Disclose the purpose for their visit and show identification
- They also need to provide the name and address of the organisation or company the sales person represents
- They also must explain to the consumer that they are required by law to leave upon the consumer’s request.
- If they are asked to leave a salesperson cannot contact the consumer again for 30 days to sell the same product.

There also must be adequate information given to the consumer with regards to any sales agreement they sign.

The salesperson must provide a written copy of the agreement as soon as it has been signed. They must inform the consumer of any cooling off period and cannot encourage the consumer to waive a cooling off period through any inducements. A supplier cannot subsequently enforce a salesperson agreement if the salesperson has breached the Australian Consumer Law. Consumers also have rights in cases where there is misleading and deceptive conduct by a door to door sales person.

The Final Report of the review of the Australian Consumer Law found that:

- The preferred approach at this time is to maintain the current balance of protections and initiate an economy-wide study of unsolicited selling to further inform policy consideration
- In the interim, there is a case for clarifying definitions in the provisions of the ACL ensure they operate as intended.
- Consumer agencies should continue to liaise with relevant communications agencies to support greater transparency for unsolicited telephone sales.

Our Government takes non-compliance with the ACL seriously. Any complaints regarding door-to-door salespeople can be reported on the Consumer Affairs Victoria website.

Poker machines

Question asked by: Ms Hartland
Directed to: Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade
Asked on: 22 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

Cashless gaming systems will not make it impossible for players to track the amount they have spent on gaming machines. Players have a range of tools to track their spending, including the Australian-first YourPlay scheme. YourPlay enables a player of a gaming machine in Victoria to track their gaming machine loss across all gaming machines in the state.

The regulations require that any card used for cashless gaming must also be a YourPlay player card. This means that a player can track their play and know what time and or money they have spent.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

There is no evidence to show that the introduction of cashless gaming will impact on player loss.

The existing harm minimisation measures in venues will continue to apply, regardless of whether a player uses cash, a ticket or a card to play gaming machines.

Cashless gaming was considered as part of the public consultation process on gaming machine harm minimisation measures conducted by the Department of Justice and Regulation earlier this year. Based on this consultation, the Government is currently considering the introduction of additional harm minimisation measures to ensure cashless gaming systems are consistent with existing measures.

Prisoner classification

Question asked by: Mr Morris
Directed to: Minister for Corrections
Asked on: 23 August 2017

RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION:

Division 6 of the Corrections Regulations 2009 requires that all prisoners are classified, placed and managed according to their individual risks.

Individual prisoner placement and classification are operational matters for Corrections Victoria.

Corrections Victoria is constantly monitoring all prisoners, working closely with other law-enforcement agencies to share intelligence and ensure the security and good order of the system.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

The placement of prisoners is carefully considered so as to minimise the risk of radicalised views being reinforced or going unchallenged.

Any prisoner attempting to radicalise other prisoners will immediately be placed in a more restrictive environment to limit their influence.