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<sup>2</sup> Appointed 15 April 2015

<sup>3</sup> DLP until 26 June 2017

<sup>4</sup> Resigned 27 May 2016

<sup>5</sup> Appointed 7 June 2017

<sup>6</sup> Resigned 6 April 2017

<sup>7</sup> Resigned 25 February 2015

<sup>8</sup> Appointed 12 October 2016

<sup>9</sup> ASP until 16 January 2018

<sup>10</sup> Appointed 18 October 2017

**PARTY ABBREVIATIONS**

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



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.*

*Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.*

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

*Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.*

**Tuesday, 6 February 2018**

**Health**

**11 379. MS SPRINGLE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the replacement of ‘number of palliative care days’ with the measure of ‘number of palliative care admissions’ in the 2017-18 Budget papers: What is the rationale for replacing ‘number of palliative care days’, which measures the number of bed days taken up by palliative care patients, with ‘number of palliative care admissions’, which simply measures the number of patients admitted to palliative care services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The 2017-18 Budget Paper Three measure ‘Palliative Care Separations’ will report the ‘number of palliative care admissions’. This is a more meaningful measure for Government and the health care sector as it provides information about the number of individual episodes provided by health services, rather than counting bed days. It provides greater transparency in relation to the number of people receiving palliative care in our public hospital system as opposed to the time they spend in hospital.

This measure will provide Government with a clearer indication of the demand for palliative care across our admitted services.

**Roads and road safety**

**11 474. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier’s office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 474 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5351.]*

**Treasurer**

**11 477. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within the Treasurer’s office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 477 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5351.]*

### Finance

**11 478. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 478 reinstated by order of President on 19 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4696.]*

### Industry and employment

**11 479. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 479 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5352.]*

### Energy, environment and climate change

**11 480. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 480 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5352.]*

### Major projects

**11 482. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Major Projects): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 482 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5352.]*

### Trade and investment

**11 484. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 484 reinstated by order of President on 31 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 October 2017, page 5395.]*

### Planning

**11 485. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 485 reinstated by order of President on 17 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 September 2017, page 5021.]*

### Mental health

**11 490. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 490 reinstated by order of President on 21 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 19 September 2017, page 5002.]*

### Training and skills

**11 492. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 492 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5352.]*

### Education

**11 494. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 494 reinstated by order of President on 1 November 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 31 October 2017, page 5785.]*

### **Roads and road safety**

**11 496. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### **ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 496 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5353.]*

### **Treasurer**

**11 499. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within the Treasurer's office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### **ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 499 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5353.]*

### **Finance**

**11 500. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

#### **ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 500 reinstated by order of President on 19 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4698.]*

**Industry and employment**

**11 501. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

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*[Question 11 501 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5354.]*

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 502. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 502 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5354.]*

**Major projects**

**11 504. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Major Projects): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 504 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5355.]*

**Trade and investment**

**11 507. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 507 reinstated by order of President on 15 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4700.]*

**Planning**

**11 508. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 508 reinstated by order of President on 17 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 September 2017, page 5021.]*

**Mental health**

**11 513. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 513 reinstated by order of President on 21 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 19 September 2017, page 5006.]*

**Training and skills**

**11 515. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 515 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5355.]*

**Education**

**11 517. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 517 reinstated by order of President on 1 November 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 31 October 2017, page 5787.]*

**Roads and road safety**

**11 519. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 519 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5356.]*

**Treasurer**

**11 522. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within the Treasurer's office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 522 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5356.]*

**Finance**

**11 523. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 523 reinstated by order of President on 19 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4700.]*

**Industry and employment**

**11 524. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 524 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5356.]*

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 525. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 525 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5357.]*

### Major projects

**11 527. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Major Projects): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 527 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5357.]*

### Trade and investment

**11 529. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 529 reinstated by order of President on 15 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4702.]*

### Planning

**11 530. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

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*[Question 11 530 reinstated by order of President on 17 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 September 2017, page 5022.]*

### Mental health

**11 535. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 535 reinstated by order of President on 21 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 19 September 2017, page 5010.]*

### Training and skills

**11 537. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 537 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5358.]*

### Education

**11 539. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

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*[Question 11 539 reinstated by order of President on 1 November 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 31 October 2017, page 5788.]*

**Roads and road safety**

**11 541. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 541 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5358.]*

**Treasurer**

**11 544. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within the Treasurer's office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 544 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5359.]*

**Finance**

**11 545. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 545 reinstated by order of President on 19 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4702.]*

**Industry and employment**

**11 546. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 546 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5359.]*

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 547. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 547 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5359.]*

**Major projects**

**11 549. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Major Projects): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

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*[Question 11 549 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5360.]*

**Trade and investment**

**11 551. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

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*[Question 11 551 reinstated by order of President on 15 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4704.]*

### Planning

**11 552. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

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*[Question 11 552 reinstated by order of President on 17 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 September 2017, page 5023.]*

### Training and skills

**11 559. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

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*[Question 11 559 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5360.]*

### Education

**11 561. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

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*[Question 11 561 reinstated by order of President on 1 November 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 31 October 2017, page 5789.]*

**Roads and road safety**

**11 563. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

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*[Question 11 563 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5361.]*

**Treasurer**

**11 566. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): How many new employees commenced work within the Treasurer's office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 566 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5361.]*

**Finance**

**11 567. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 567 reinstated by order of President on 19 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4704.]*

**Industry and employment**

**11 568. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

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*[Question 11 568 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5362.]*

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 569. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 569 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5362.]*

**Major projects**

**11 571. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Major Projects): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 571 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5363.]*

**Trade and investment**

**11 573. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade: How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 573 reinstated by order of President on 15 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 6 September 2017, page 4706.]*

### Planning

**11 574. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 574 reinstated by order of President on 17 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 September 2017, page 5023.]*

### Mental health

**11 579. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 579 reinstated by order of President on 21 September 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 19 September 2017, page 5018.]*

### Training and skills

**11 581. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

#### ANSWER:

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 581 reinstated by order of President on 20 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 17 October 2017, page 5364.]*

**Education**

**11 583. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

*[Question 11 583 reinstated by order of President on 1 November 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 31 October 2017, page 5791.]*

**Education**

**11 725. MS BATH** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the Department of Education and Training's trespass policy, as outlined in the School Policy and Advisory Guide, what number of trespass notices were issued by Principals in —

- (a) 2015;
- (b) 2016; and
- (c) 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Consistent with the Department of Education and Training's Trespass Policy, records relating to Trespass Notices are maintained at school level by the Principal and there is no central collection database maintained by the Department. As such, a year by year number of Trespass Notices issued is not available.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 843. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): How many people/households will receive relocation grants under the Public Housing Renewal Program, broken down by relocating from and relocating to.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

All households who are asked to relocate as part of the Public Housing Renewal Program will have their relocation costs paid for.

Such support is part of the tenants right to return to their newly redeveloped community.

I use this opportunity to counter the deliberate distortions being peddled by the Green and Liberal parties on the Public Housing Renewal Program — a part of the Andrews Labor Government’s Homes for Victorian package, which will grow social housing by 6000 units, whilst building more diverse and inclusive medium density communities where they are needed.

The government is determined to not condemn another generation to housing poverty in sub-standard and inadequate walk-up units. These units are expensive to maintain, hot in summer and cold in winter. They discriminate against people with disabilities and the aged.

It is disappointing, but not surprising, that the Green and Liberal political parties should seek to frustrate the much needed increase in social housing and the development of diverse communities with new affordable housing. Your actions are a calculated effort to deny people in need of housing a safe, affordable, new home.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 844. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): What is the time frame of the redevelopment of public housing estates in Victoria through the Public Housing Renewal Program, broken down per housing project.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government Homes for Victorian’s Policy will deliver 6000 new Social Housing Units, tackle homelessness and the causes of homelessness. A component of this plan is the building of new and inclusive communities on Office of Housing land and to increase the social and public housing numbers.

The department is staging the relocation of tenants across each of the sites and the timing for relocations is dependent on where residents relocate to as part of their right to return to their newly rebuilt community.

I use this opportunity to counter the deliberate distortions being peddled by the Green and Liberal parties on the Public Housing Renewal Program — a part of the Andrews Labor Government’s Homes for Victorian package, which will grow social housing by 6000 units, whilst building more diverse and inclusive medium density communities in areas where they are needed.

At the same time the government is determined to not condemn another generation to housing poverty in sub-standard and inadequate walk-up units. These units are expensive to maintain, hot in summer and cold in winter. They discriminate against people with disabilities and the aged.

It is disappointing, but not surprising, that the Green and Liberal political parties should seek to frustrate the much needed increase in social housing and the development of diverse communities with new affordable housing. Your actions are a calculated effort to deny people in need of housing a safe, affordable and secure new home.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 845. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the people who will be relocated due to the Public Housing Renewal Program, how many come from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities will be determined through a combination of Office of Housing data and interviews with all residents by the Relocations Team.

Residents with known or identified language needs are being supported in the relocations and engagement process through the use of translators at events and interviews, and translated materials, as part of their right to return to their newly rebuilt community.

I use this opportunity to counter the deliberate distortions being peddled by the Green and Liberal parties on the Public Housing Renewal Program — a part of the Andrews Labor Government’s Homes for Victorian package, which will grow social housing by 6000 units, whilst building more diverse and inclusive medium density communities in areas where they are needed.

At the same time the government is determined to not condemn another generation to housing poverty in sub-standard and inadequate walk-up units. These units are expensive to maintain, hot in summer and cold in winter. They discriminate against people with disabilities and the aged.

It is disappointing, but not surprising, that the Green and Liberal political parties should seek to frustrate the much needed increase in social housing and the development of diverse communities with new affordable housing. Your actions are a calculated effort to deny people in need of housing a safe, affordable and secure new home.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 846. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the people who will be relocated due to the Public Housing Renewal Program, how many are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander will be determined through both Office of Housing tenant data and through interviews with all residents by the Relocations Team on each estate, as part of their right to return to their newly rebuilt community.

I use this opportunity to counter the deliberate distortions being peddled by the Green and Liberal parties on the Public Housing Renewal Program — a part of the Andrews Labor Government’s Homes for Victorian package, which will grow social housing by 6000 units, whilst building more diverse and inclusive medium density communities in areas where they are needed.

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**Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 847. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): What specific programs are in place to address homelessness in the Melbourne central business district and how much funding has been granted in 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

We’ve committed \$799 million since March 2016 in additional housing and homelessness support. This investment aids those homeless people fleeing family violence, recovering from trauma, or battling mental health issues.

It builds on the \$2.1 billion in financial backing as part of Homes for Victorians which will deliver thousands of new social homes. We’re delivering thousands of new social housing units, flexible packages of support for vulnerable Victorians, and rental brokerage to help sustain tenancies in the private market. Our funding has already

delivered 480 new homes in partnership with community housing through the \$73 million Rapid Housing Assistance programme.

In the CBD and beyond, we're investing \$109 million to provide earlier, targeted support to help over 19000 people back on their feet. We're expanding outreach efforts into the suburbs and regional areas to assist people at their point of origin, and providing targeted responses for veterans, young people and people exiting prison. 8 new accommodation and support projects are collectively to receive \$27 million, with half of the projects to be in regional areas.

This year we invested close to \$10 million as part of the Towards Home program to rehouse vulnerable rough sleepers in inner Melbourne. It provides innovative and comfortable modular homes Melbourne, in ordinary streets in both affluent and working-class communities. The Towards Home program works with leading service providers to support Victorians with a house and targeted support to get back on their feet.

This best-practice approach has been opposed by your colleagues in the Liberal Party, like the local candidate for Brighton, who clearly don't believe that it's important to connect former rough sleepers with areas of familiarity, to provide them with the social and family connections important to getting people back on their feet. Programs like Towards Home aim to ensure we provide the best chance to enable those people to leave housing crisis and become productive members of society, which comes first from the dignity of a roof over their heads.

Let's compare that record with the previous Government. The Family Violence Royal Commission outlined the last government's \$330m cut to housing. Investment in acquisitions and renewal fell from \$462.8m in 2009-10 to \$131m in 2014-15. The Productivity Commission's 2015 Report on Government Services revealed that the Federal Government made that a \$470m cut when their cuts were added in. The Commonwealth has confirmed that they're not putting any extra funding into homelessness, and just puts forward proposals for greater restrictions on the States.

### Housing, disability and ageing

**11 848. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): What data does the Department of Health and Human Services collect in relation to couch-surfing.

#### ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Those in the Coalition would do better to lobby their friends in Canberra to come to the table and provide real leadership for Australians in housing stress than make requests for already publically available data.

### Housing, disability and ageing

**11 850. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): How much funding has been spent on accommodating homeless people in Victoria for short-term housing between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In the Andrew's Labor Government, service providers have a partner committed to addressing housing crisis and supporting those homeless people fleeing family violence, recovering from trauma, or battling mental health issues.

We've committed \$799 million since March 2016 in additional housing and homelessness support. It builds on the \$2.1 billion in financial backing as part of Homes for Victorians which will deliver thousands of new social homes. We're delivering thousands of new social housing units, flexible packages of support for vulnerable Victorians, and rental brokerage to help sustain tenancies in the private market.

The Victorian Government funds over 100 community service organisations across Victoria to provide accommodation and support services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes a range of short term housing responses including family violence refuges, youth refuges, congregate crisis accommodation facilities and transitional housing management properties. It also includes flexible funding to assist people to purchase emergency accommodation.

In the CBD and beyond, we're investing \$109 million to provide earlier, targeted support to help over 19 000 people back on their feet. We're expanding outreach efforts into the suburbs and regional areas to assist people at their point of origin, and providing targeted responses for veterans, young people and people exiting prison. 8 new accommodation and support projects are collectively to receive \$27 million, with half of the projects to be in regional areas.

This contrasts with the lack of support provided to service providers in the last Government. The Family Violence Royal Commission outlined the last government's \$330m cut to housing and homelessness. The Productivity Commission's 2015 Report on Government Services revealed that the Federal Government made that a \$470m cut when their cuts were added in. It doesn't appear that the Coalition Government consulted service providers about those drastic cuts to services, which the Andrews Government has been repairing over the last three years.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 851. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Which providers, if any, have been granted funding to facilitate short-term housing in Victoria in 2017.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government funds over 100 community service organisations across Victoria to provide accommodation and support services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes a range of short term housing responses including family violence refuges, youth refuges, congregate crisis accommodation facilities and transitional housing management properties. It also includes flexible funding to assist people to purchase emergency accommodation.

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### **Housing, disability and ageing**

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

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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### **Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 856. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the people who were catered for crisis and emergency accommodation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2017 —

- (1) how many people came from the metropolitan area; and
- (2) how many people came from regional Victoria.

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Our \$700 million investment in housing and homelessness initiatives will aid those homeless people fleeing family violence, recovering from trauma, or battling mental health issues. It provides earlier, targeted support to help over 19 000 people back on their feet. It builds on the \$2.1 billion in financial backing as part of Homes for Victorians which will deliver thousands of new social homes. We're delivering flexible packages of support for vulnerable Victorians, and rental brokerage to help sustain tenancies in the private market. Our funding has already delivered hundreds more new homes in partnership with community housing through the \$73 million Rapid Housing Assistance programme.

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### **Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 857. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the people who were catered for crisis and emergency accommodation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2017, how many came from culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Victoria.

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Our \$700 million investment in housing and homelessness initiatives will aid those homeless people fleeing family violence, recovering from trauma, or battling mental health issues. It provides earlier, targeted support to help over 19 000 people back on their feet. It builds on the \$2.1 billion in financial backing as part of Homes for Victorians which will deliver thousands of new social homes. We're delivering flexible packages of support for vulnerable Victorians, and rental brokerage to help sustain tenancies in the private market. Our funding has already delivered hundreds more new homes in partnership with community housing through the \$73 million Rapid Housing Assistance programme.

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### **Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 858. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the people who were catered for crisis and emergency accommodation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2017, how many are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Housing, disability and ageing**

**11 859. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): As at 17 October 2017, how many crisis and emergency accommodation facilities available does Victoria have.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Public transport**

**11 865. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to Public Transport Victoria's website which states, in relation to early bird travel 'Your journey is free if you touch on and off before 7.15 am on a weekday on the metro train network' —

- (1) on what date did early bird train travel begin;
- (2) how many passengers have accessed early bird train travel annually since the program came into effect; and
- (3) what is the annual cost in terms of revenue forgone of the early bird train travel program to date.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) on what date did early bird train travel begin;  
31 March 2008
- (2) how many passengers have accessed early bird train travel annually since the program came into effect; and
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  - 2010 — 2 250 753
  - 2011 — 2 381 358
  - 2012 — 2 524 962
  - 2013 — 4 195 387
  - 2014 — 5 022 386
  - 2015 — 4 803 613
  - 2016 — 5 693 018
  - 2017 — 5 165 896 (as at 13 November)
- (3) what is the annual cost in terms of revenue forgone of the early bird train travel program to date.  
– \$15 million approximately.

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 882. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details \$1 000 000 in heritage funding for seven historic places, half of which has been allocated to Days Mill, can the Minister advise the breakdown of the remaining \$500 000 across the six sites.

**ANSWER:**

Final allocation and timing of heritage funding for six other historic places is still being determined.

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 890. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): In relation to overseas travel during the 2016-17 financial year, in a table form, what were the names and positions of the Parks Victoria staff members who undertook overseas travel, what was the purpose of the travel and what was the cost of flights and accommodation to Parks Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

All expenditure was incurred in accordance with Parks Victoria policies for travel and accommodation.

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 891. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): What is the 2017-18 target for the number of bookings at Parks Victoria estate camping and accommodation sites.

**ANSWER:**

The 2017-18 target for the number of bookings at Parks Victoria estate camping and accommodation sites is less than the number of bookings achieved in 2016-17.

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 892. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details 531 reported incidents in 2016-17, up 510 per cent since June 2014, of those 531, how many relate to bullying or inappropriate behaviour in the workplace.

**ANSWER:**

One result of the transformational initiative focusing on developing workplace culture and personal safety capabilities at Parks Victoria is that employees feel empowered to take action and report incidents as they occur. Of the 531 incidents reported through the safety incident reporting system, 0.75% related to reports of bullying and inappropriate workplace behaviour.

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 894. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details \$5500 was funded for consultant Henry J Crawford, what was the nature and basis of that consultancy.

**ANSWER:**

The nature of the consultancy work, conducted by the abovenamed supplier throughout January 2017, was tied directly to tourism assessment services for Parks Victoria.

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 903. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details that \$6.8 million has been contracted to Wannon Water for the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre toilets, aside from the \$6.8 million contracts to Wannon Water —

- (1) what has been the expenditure to date for Parks Victoria to have temporary toilets at the visitor centre;
- (2) what has been the expenditure to date for Parks Victoria to manage, design, and commence building of the toilets at the visitor centre; and
- (3) what has been the foreshadowed expenditure of Parks Victoria to manage, design, and continue to build the toilets at the visitor centre.

**ANSWER:**

The growing visitor numbers to the Twelve Apostles mean the existing onsite wastewater treatment plant is no longer capable of consistently dealing with the demand.

As a result, Parks Victoria has engaged Wannon Water to construct two pipelines to better service these facilities, with \$4.4 million allocated for a sewer pipeline and an additional \$2.4 million allocated for a potable water pipeline. The potable water pipeline will be utilised for all of the Visitor Centre’s needs.

Since 2015, Parks Victoria has invested approximately \$187 000 for the maintenance of the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre toilets. These works include retiling, replacement of fixtures and fittings, painting and plumbing.

There are no current plans to design or build more toilets at the visitor centre.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 247. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will tolls be applied to the Eastern Freeway if North East Link Corridor A, which would have an interchange with the Eastern Freeway, and would require widening works between the Chandler Highway and the Mullum Mullum tunnels, is built.

**ANSWER:**

The tolling strategy for the North East Link Project has not been developed. However, the strategy will likely include a tolling system along the new North East Link. Existing roads that are either distributing or collecting traffic from the new North East Link will not be tolled.

**Police**

**12 256. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How many police officers based at Greensborough Police Station were assaulted in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed by Victoria Police that the LEAP data recording system is unable to project an accurate number of police assaults for the Greensborough Police Station specifically. The design of the LEAP system is such that the offence category of “assault police” records all police assaults for the entire Greensborough response zone.

Victoria Police has advised that while they have attempted to match these offences with police officers working in Greensborough at the time of the offence, there are too many variables in the data to provide a definitive answer to this question.

**Police**

**12 257. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How many police officers based at Eltham Police Station were assaulted in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed by Victoria Police that the LEAP data recording system is unable to project an accurate number of police assaults for the Eltham Police Station specifically. The design of the LEAP system is such that the offence category of “assault police” records all police assaults for the entire Eltham response zone.

Victoria Police has advised that while they have attempted to match these offences with police officers working in Eltham at the time of the offence, there are too many variables in the data to provide a definitive answer to this question.

**Police**

**12 282. MR O’DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How many male prisoners were held in police cells at 7.00 a.m. on 30 September 2017 and 31 October 2017

**ANSWER:**

On 30 September 2017 at 7.00am there were 178 male prisoners held in police cells.

On 31 October 2017 at 7.00am there were 178 male prisoners held in police cells.

**Public transport**

**12 286. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): Can rail incident data for Hudsons Road, Anderson Street and Old Geelong Road level crossings be released so that safety incidents at these level crossings can be known and compared with Ferguson Street level crossing.

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Western Metropolitan for her continued interest in the Andrews Labor Government’s program of level crossing removals.

Level crossing safety and incident data is publicly available from a number of sources, including VicRoads, the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model Committee (ALCAM), Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACY), and the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA).

**Agriculture**

**12 290. MR O’SULLIVAN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to the \$6.3 million allocated to Fox and Wild Dog Management in the 2016-17 Budget —

- (1) why does the annual program funding increase in 2018-19 by \$100 000; and
- (2) why does the annual program funding decrease in 2019-20 by \$700 000.

**ANSWER:**

The Fox And Wild Dog Management funding is a four year initiative that was announced as part of the 2016-17 Budget.

The funding profile provides for an external review of the effectiveness of the program to ensure it continues to meet the needs of farmers and the community; and reflects the profile of expenditure to meet Labor’s commitment to double the amount of aerial baiting compared to that of the previous government.

**Resources**

**12 311. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Resources): In relation to the presence of elevated levels of arsenic at the Woodvale Evaporative Ponds, including the risks to public safety and the status of the area as a mine site, and previously asked Questions on Notice 11598, 11599 and 11600 answered on 17 October 2017 —

- (1) is the Minister aware that arsenic has been shown to be above background levels in Woodvale air, as noted in the April 2017 24 Hour Air Quality Monitoring, as well as in Woodvale water tanks and soil as noted in the Senversa Report 2015 referred to in the Minister’s reply to Question on Notice 11600;
- (2) did the April 2017 24 Hour Air Quality Monitoring result at the Woodvale Evaporation Ponds comply with the safety standards for airborne arsenic; and
- (3) can the Minister provide documentary evidence for the safety for humans adjacent to the Woodvale Evaporation Ponds with respect to the cumulative exposure, from multiple sources, to arsenic.

**ANSWER:**

Earth resources sites across Victoria are managed and monitored according to their licences and, where relevant, EPA guidelines. Potential risks to the health of the community or the environment from activities undertaken at earth resources sites may be responded to with monitoring and reporting requirements to clarify risks and inform future site requirements.

A number of independent technical studies have been conducted at the Woodvale Evaporation Ponds Complex to date, including the Senversa 2015 reports commissioned by DELWP. The Senversa reports found that concentrations of arsenic in water tank samples were below the potable water guideline of 0.01 mg/l and that arsenic levels in soil surrounding the ponds were reflective of the normal regional variability.

Safety standards for airborne arsenic are based on an annual average, as set out in EPA guidelines under the State Environment Protection Policy (Air Quality Management). There is no 24 hour standard. 24 Hour Air Quality Monitoring results are used to inform the annual average. Air quality data collected during 2017 established that the site was not significantly contributing to an increase in arsenic in the air.

The licensee of the Woodvale Evaporation Ponds Complex is required to undertake an Environmental Audit across the site to inform the risk management plan and future rehabilitation activities at the site. EPA appointed auditor Darren Bennetts has been engaged. The auditor submitted the audit scope to EPA on 21 December 2017. The scope includes evaluation of air quality data.

**Public transport**

**12 319. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many tram passengers have been hospitalised due to injury or killed due to vehicles illegally passing a tram which has stopped to allow passengers to alight or board in —

- (1) 2014;
- (2) 2015;
- (3) 2016; and
- (4) 2017 year-to-date.

**ANSWER:**

Yarra Trams has advised that there were no fatalities during the time period specified from vehicles illegally passing trams.

Around eight people each year (2014-2017) are transported to hospital as a result of a vehicle illegally passing a tram.

**Public transport**

**12 335. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): What has been the cost of establishing and operating the new 343 bus service from Greensborough to Hurstbridge.

**ANSWER:**

Route 343 was implemented on 19 June 2017.

The costs associated with establishing this route are part of the budget for the Plenty Valley bus network included in the Andrews Labor Government's \$100 million investment in improving bus services across Victoria.

**Public transport**

**12 336. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): What are the patronage figures of the new 343 bus service from Greensborough to Hurstbridge.

**ANSWER:**

Since July 2017 there have been between 192 to almost 300 weekday boardings on bus route 343. An average weekday excludes weekends, public holidays and school holiday periods.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 337. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): The North East Link Authority states in its North East Link Community Update 3 — November 2017, that the link will allow up to 30 minute faster trips between Melbourne's north and south east, is that time based on today's travel movements or is it a projected time saving when the link is eventually completed.

**ANSWER:**

Consistent with typical practice, we have undertaken our assessment based on ten years after opening of the North East Link, therefore this travel time assessment is based on 2036 forecasts which compares scenarios with and without the project.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 338. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): The North East Link Authority states in its North East Link Community Update 3 — November 2017, that the link will allow up to 40 per cent faster trips on the Eastern Freeway, is that time based on today's travel movements or is it a projected time saving when the link is eventually completed.

**ANSWER:**

Consistent with typical practice, we have undertaken our assessment based on ten years after opening of the North East Link, therefore this travel time assessment is based on 2036 forecasts which compares both scenarios with and without the project.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 339. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will the Government take any specific measures to ensure large trucks don't avoid tolls and continue to use local roads after the North East Link is built.

**ANSWER:**

North East Link (NEL) is being designed with the needs of the freight industry as the primary focus. Strategic transport modelling indicates that around 75% of trucks using Rosanna Road will be attracted to NEL as a result of improved travel times, journey reliability and smooth grades. The adopted project corridor also ensures the maximum number of freight origins and destinations are serviced by NEL to attract trucks off local roads. Some trucks with origins and destinations in the local area will still need to use the local road network.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 340. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will the Government consider implementing noise walls on the eastern side of the Greensborough Bypass.

**ANSWER:**

The North East Link project will be subject to an Environment Effects Statement process and as such will be required to consider the effects of noise along the entire corridor. The extent of noise mitigation to be provided is subject to the detailed design and associated noise modelling to be undertaken in coming months.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 341. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How long are works at the Lower Plenty Road intersection expected to be affected by construction activities for the North East Link.

**ANSWER:**

Lower Plenty Road is a complex intersection which will be impacted differently as staging of tunnelling works is completed. Based on current preliminary assessments, works will predominantly take place offline, away from the intersection. Following completion of the design and procurement of the project, more information will be available to determine the impacts of construction along the corridor. Disruptions will be minimised using performance criteria to limit these impacts.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 342. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): How many toll gantries are expected to be installed along the North East Link.

**ANSWER:**

The tolling structure is continuing to be developed as part of the business case. This will include the indicative location and number of tolling gantries.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 343. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Does the Government propose to upgrade the Greensborough Bypass as a result of the construction of the North East Link.

**ANSWER:**

Free flow connections will be provided in all directions between the Greensborough Bypass, the M80 and North East Link.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 344. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will there be ventilation stacks for the North East Link tunnels, and if so —

- (1) where will they be located; and
- (2) how high will they be.

**ANSWER:**

As with any road tunnel construction, a ventilation system will be included in its design to maintain air quality in accordance with Environment Protection Authority (EPA) policies and standards.

Air quality would be monitored both before and after the construction of the road tunnel to ensure EPA guidelines are met.

Allowing new generation freight vehicles which can't currently use the Eastern Freeway also means fewer emissions and even fewer trucks. We expect that reducing congestion and improving travel flows through the area will provide air quality benefits once the project is complete.

As a general rule, ventilation structures are located at the beginning or end of the tunnels. All options will be examined as part of the Environment Effects Statement process to determine this.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 345. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will construction works for the Grimshaw Street interchange proposed under the North East Link affect the operation of the Hurstbridge rail line.

**ANSWER:**

Detailed design work is being undertaken and it is too early to say what operational effects the project will have.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 346. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will the Government sell any of the remaining land set aside for a proposed possible freeway in Eltham North from the current end of the M80 Ring Road to Ryans Road in Eltham North now that it proposes to build the North East Link elsewhere.

**ANSWER:**

On 24 November 2017, the Victorian Premier, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP, announced the preferred alignment for the North East Link and next steps for the project, including, submitting a business case and timing for procurement and planning approval processes.

The subject land, while outside the scope of the announced North East Link project, is currently set aside for a future transport purpose. The status and purpose of this land will be reviewed as part of and following the business case and planning work for the North East Link which is yet to be completed.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**12 408. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the tenants on the Victorian Housing Register, as at 31 October 2017, how many own additional real estate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This data is not available from the Victorian Housing Register (the register), a reform promised by the former government, that like so many of their promises, they failed to deliver.

The Victorian Housing Register was delivered by the Andrews Labor Government that has made access to housing easier for Victorians by consolidating all of the social housing wait lists into a single register.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**12 409. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the tenants on the Victorian Housing Register, as at 31 October 2017, how many part-own additional real estate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This data is not available from the Victorian Housing Register (the register), a reform promised by the former government, that like so many of their promises, they failed to deliver.

The Victorian Housing Register was delivered by the Andrews Labor Government that has made access to housing easier for Victorians by consolidating all of the social housing wait lists into a single register.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**12 410. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): How many homelessness services are currently offered in Victoria and can the Minister please provide a list per local government area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Homelessness services are available throughout Victoria. Contact details for these services are listed by suburb at <https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-help>.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**12 411. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): Of the state-owned social housing properties in Victoria, as at October 2017 —

- (1) how many are vacant; and
- (2) per local government area, since when they have been vacated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I welcome the sudden concern for unoccupied public housing land from the Opposition, in contrast to their disgraceful decision to block the Markham Estate redevelopment.

Vacancy data as at October 2017 for each local government area is not available. I refer the Member to the Federal Government's Report on Government Services, which shows that vacancy is at 10 year low.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**12 412. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): What are the factors being considered by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine the occupancy rate of public housing in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I welcome the sudden concern for unoccupied public housing land from the Opposition, in contrast to their disgraceful decision to block the Markham Estate redevelopment.

While the occupancy figures do not account for this wilful denial of housing to those in need, the factors that are considered when determining the public housing occupancy rate are relatively consistent across states and territories, and are reported in Productivity Commission annual data.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**12 413. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): What information does the Department of Health and Human Services collect from public housing tenants and how is this information stored.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Health and Human Services collects and stores information in accordance with policies and procedures for such storage.

**Small business**

**12 434. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Small Business: Will the Government compensate traders along Bolton Street, Eltham who have suffered massive losses in income and customers as a result of the construction works over the last three months.

**ANSWER:**

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities and should be re-directed to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Hon Luke Donnellan MP.

**Small business**

**12 435. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Small Business: How much money is the Government spending in its marketing campaign 'Bolton Street Open for Business'.

**ANSWER:**

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities and should be re-directed to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Hon Luke Donnellan MP.

**Small business**

**12 436. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Small Business: Will the Government increase the funds allocated to its marketing campaign 'Bolton Street Open for Business' as a result of the hardship being faced by local traders.

**ANSWER:**

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities and should be re-directed to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Hon Luke Donnellan MP.

**Finance**

**12 437. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister for State (for the Minister for Finance): Is WorkSafe undertaking an investigation into the gas main rupture on Bolton Street, Eltham in late November and, if so, how long is it expected that the investigation will take and will the findings be made public.

**ANSWER:**

In response to the question posed by MP Mary Woolridge, I am aware of an incident involving the rupture of a gas main at Bolton Street, Eltham on 28 November 2017. I have asked WorkSafe Victoria (WorkSafe) to advise me on this matter.

I understand that during the significant road works being undertaken at the time on Bolton Street, a gas main was ruptured at approximately 11.20am during the installation of a retaining wall. I am advised that there were no injuries. Works were ceased and emergency services attended the site, with an exclusion zone set up and traffic closed for a number of hours.

I can confirm that WorkSafe visited the site to make inquiries into the circumstances of this incident.

The inspector inquiries established that the business had undertaken appropriate checks prior to the work commencing, however due to the service main not being in the location marked the incident occurred. Notwithstanding this, a review of work plans was undertaken and amended to prevent potential service strikes in the future. The business also distributed an alert of the incident to their other sites.

WorkSafe reviewed the response by the business and found appropriate actions were taken prior to, and in response to, the incident.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 438. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, will the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) include effects of tunnelling on hydrology of the wetlands area including Banyule Creek (adjacent to the Simpson Barracks); flows into the Banyule Flats and effects on the Bolin Bolin Billabong and the Yarra River, if so, will these parts of the EES be made public.

**ANSWER:**

Yes. Draft Scoping Requirements for an Environment Effects Statement (EES) are prepared by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) after considering input from the North East Link Authority on the potential issues associated with the project and with input from relevant agencies. The draft Scoping Requirement are released for public comment before they are finalised and subsequently approved by the Minister for Planning.

The Minister for Planning will confirm that the EES has addressed all items in the Scoping Requirements prior to authorising it for public exhibition. Interested members of the public, organisations and stakeholders can make written submissions in response to the EES during the exhibition period.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 439. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, what will be the effect on ground water including extensive excavations for tunnel entrance portals along Greensborough Road and exit tunnels along Manningham Road.

**ANSWER:**

Detailed geological and hydrological assessments will be undertaken for the Environment Effects Statement (EES) and to inform design development. The assessment will consider groundwater levels and flows that would be intersected during construction.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 440.** **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, what guarantees will be given on the maintenance of existing water flows into all wetlands, drains, creeks and water ways along the length of potential tunnelling and excavations during and following construction.

**ANSWER:**

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) will assess all waterways within or intersecting the project area. The assessments will cover waterway health as well as hydrology. The hydrology assessment will consider water flows and flood plain function.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 441.** **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, how will issues of noise abatement be dealt with along all above ground sections of the proposed freeway from the M80 Ring Road at Greensborough to Springvale Road and what decibel counts and standards for new roads and existing roads will be used.

**ANSWER:**

North East Link will utilise best practice noise attenuation techniques. It will be designed to operate, both during and after construction, within established noise limits in accordance with VicRoads policies. Road traffic noise will also be subject to evaluation and modelling as part of an Environment Effects Statement (EES).

**Roads and road safety**

**12 442.** **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, how will issues of compulsory acquisition be dealt with given no contracts are to be signed prior to the next state election in November 2018.

**ANSWER:**

There are no properties currently subject to compulsory acquisition processes. The North East Link Authority has identified properties which may be required to construct North East Link and contacted these residents and businesses in order to notify them of potential impacts. This was based on early design concepts and could change as the design is developed and the Environment Effects Statement (EES) assessments are undertaken

**Roads and road safety**

**12 443.** **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, will owners of properties adjacent to the proposed route (but not in the path of the proposed route) be compensated given their amenity and quiet enjoyment of their properties will be significantly impacted.

**ANSWER:**

Minimising negative impacts on communities is a guiding principle for the project and will be a key focus in design development and the Environment Effects Statement (EES).

The EES process will be informed by a range of impact assessments. Addressing amenity impacts (such as noise and visual impacts) will be a key focus and will incorporate relevant state policies.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 444. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, when will residential property owners and businesses not so far served with a Notice of Acquisition be notified.

**ANSWER:**

No properties are currently subject to compulsory acquisition and there have been no notices of acquisition issued.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 445. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, what capacity will there be to move routes within corridors and when will this be known.

**ANSWER:**

A detailed design for North East Link will be developed prior to commencement of the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) process. Once complete, findings from the EES process have the potential to inform design considerations and potentially alter certain aspects of the link.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 446. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, how many additional lanes will there be and how many lanes will there be in total, on the Eastern Freeway, at the interchange at Bulleen Road, and how much of the adjacent linear parks, golf course and tennis centre will be acquired for this interchange.

**ANSWER:**

A new interchange at Bulleen Road will be safe, seamless and kept as small and low as possible. It will fully connect with the new road infrastructure to the north, and provide connections both inbound and outbound along the Eastern Freeway. How this is achieved will be determined following a design development process and the North East Link Authority will work with Freeway Golf Course and Boroondara Tennis Centre to identify how potential impacts can be minimised.

The Eastern Freeway will receive a massive overhaul designed to eliminate some of eastern Melbourne's worst bottlenecks. Up to 7 extra lanes will be constructed near Bulleen Road to significantly increase traffic flow and safety, while the new Doncaster Busway will slash public transport times into the city.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 447. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link —

- (1) how many lanes will Greensborough Road be reduced to during and following construction;
- (2) will this be a two lane road in future; and
- (3) how will access/egress to residential streets be provided.

**ANSWER:**

All local trips currently being made, including access and egress to residential streets, will be possible without using North East Link, although the configuration of some local roads may change. Early concept designs for Greensborough Road include two lanes in both directions following completion of the project. Managing construction related disruptions would be examined as part of the tender process.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 448. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link —

- (1) how many lanes will Bulleen Road be reduced to;
- (2) will it be above, below or beside the freeway; and
- (3) how will access to existing facilities and schools be provided.

**ANSWER:**

Early concept designs for Bulleen Road retain two lanes in either direction following completion of the project. North East Link would be new road infrastructure located ‘under’, ‘over’ or ‘next to’ existing roads. All local trips currently being made will be possible without using North East Link, although the configuration of some local roads may change.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 449. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, what will be the impacts on arterial roads along the corridor over its full length to Springvale Road and how many additional vehicles are to be expected along all of the route including Mullum Mullum Tunnel.

**ANSWER:**

We will look at opportunities to improve local roads to make sure that North East Link integrates fully with the existing road network.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 450. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, when will results of the cost/benefit analysis be known and will this be made publicly available.

**ANSWER:**

This will be detailed as part of the project business case.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 451. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link —

- (1) when will Planning Panel Hearings be conducted;
- (2) will the public have full access to all relevant documents; and
- (3) which documents will be classified as commercial in confidence.

**ANSWER:**

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) timing is still to be full developed however, interested members of the public and organisations can make written submissions at the time. Details associated with document availability will be determined throughout the EES process.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 452. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will there be regular reports to Parliament on the progress of the North East Link for the remaining duration of this Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

The North East Link Authority will continue to release project updates in an open and transparent manner.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 454. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In the marketing material for the North East Link, it is stated that the North East Link will take 20 000 to 30 000 vehicles off Greensborough Road, if this figure is a deduction from future traffic numbers —

- (1) what are the future traffic counts (absolute, not relative); and
- (2) what are today's traffic counts on Greensborough Road.

**ANSWER:**

North East Link will slash travel times and stop rat-runs through congested local roads. Along Greensborough Road (between Lower Plenty Road and Watsonia Road), the new link will lead to a reduction in traffic volumes from 48 000–66 000 in 2017 down to 28 000–46 000 in 2036. Without North East Link, traffic volumes on Greensborough Road are forecast to rise to 56 000–78 000 vehicles a day.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 455. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, what will be the impact on traffic on the M80 Ring Road given that the North East Link will add more traffic to this road.

**ANSWER:**

By removing traffic lights and converting the intersection with Greensborough Bypass into an interchange, North East Link will enhance mobility on the M80 Ring Road. North East Link will re-direct traffic already using the M80 Ring Road as part of their journey away from local roads.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 456. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, what will be the impact of future residential developments and associated population beyond Doreen on the North East Link and other major arterials and has this been modelled.

**ANSWER:**

The strategic transport modelling used by the project considers where people are living now and where they will be living in the future. The scenarios adopted in the strategic modelling are based on forecasts contained in Victoria in Future and Plan Melbourne, with sensitivity undertaken to account for long term uncertainty. North East Link will support population and job growth in communities across Melbourne's north, east and south-east, while also improving cross-city connectivity and helping to address critical traffic, freight and amenity issues.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 457. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In marketing material for the North East Link, it is claimed that there will be ‘green bridges’ that will be designed in accordance with guidelines and specifications, can the Minister advise what these guidelines and specifications are.

**ANSWER:**

Green bridges aim to keep communities connected across locations where North East Link is lowered below surface level. The North East Link Authority is exploring the potential for co-design opportunities with the community. Should green bridges proceed as part of the project, they will be designed and built to adhere to Australian Standards and VicRoads’ regulations and requirements.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 458. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link —

- (1) what is the breakdown of the \$16.5 billion;
- (2) how much of it is allocated to the Doncaster Bus Rapid Transit;
- (3) how much of it is allocated to acquisitions; and
- (4) how much of it is allocated to transition costs for affected businesses.

**ANSWER:**

This will be detailed as part of the project business case.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 459. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In marketing material provided at the drop-in sessions, the North East Link Authority has claimed that air quality would improve at Grimshaw Street once the North East Link is built because traffic would be flowing freely instead of idling, can the Minister please provide the traffic modelling and air quality modelling that supports this claim.

**ANSWER:**

An air quality impact assessment will be undertaken to inform the Environment Effects Statement (EES) which will provide a detailed assessment of any potential air quality impacts. The traffic modelling will be a key input to the air quality impact assessment.

Reducing congestion and improving travel flows through the area will provide air quality benefits once the project is complete. Allowing new generation freight vehicles which can’t currently use the Eastern Freeway also means fewer emissions and fewer trucks, compared with the fleet able to use the network today.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 460. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, in marketing material provided at the drop-in sessions, the North East Link Authority has claimed that a possible solution for reducing impacts on schools and community facilities on Bulleen Road is to continue the freeway as far as practical to the Eastern Freeway, considering the grades involved at this interchange, can the Minister please provide evidence that this is technically feasible.

**ANSWER:**

Early concept designs for North East Link place the tunnel portal south of the Veneto Club. This alignment achieves the necessary grades for balancing safety and traffic flow performance.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 461. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, in marketing material provided at the drop-in sessions, the North East Link Authority has claimed that a possible solution for the tunnel entrance being in a flood plain is to incorporate flood walls or gates that would close the tunnel when needed, can the Minister please explain how this is technically feasible.

**ANSWER:**

Tunnels are complex wherever and however they are constructed. The Authority's geo-technical investigations in the north-east are providing important information regarding the geology and flood behaviour of the landscape to develop the best alignment for the road.

**Roads and road safety**

**12 462. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, in marketing material provided at the drop-in sessions, the North East Link Authority has claimed that there is the opportunity for a new shared use path linking the Main Yarra Trail at Chandler Highway to Merri Creek, can the Minister please advise —

- (1) whether or not this connection is already being built as part of the Chandler Highway bridge expansion; and
- (2) what is the net loss or gain of shared use paths from this project, considering the loss of significant stretches of shared path in linear parks and other areas with the widening of the Eastern Freeway and the acquisition of public space for the North East Link between the M80 Ring Road and the Eastern Freeway.

**ANSWER:**

North East Link will not only maintain, but expand the existing shared use path infrastructure in the north-east by adding approximately 12 kilometres of new shared use paths and 10 kilometres of on-road bicycle lanes, extending from the M80 Ring Road to the Eastern Freeway and the Yarra Trail. The North East Link Authority is also assessing upgrades to existing shared paths, especially those linking with schools.

VicRoads' Chandler Highway Upgrade includes a new shared user path linking the Chandler Highway and Yarra Boulevard intersection, allowing cyclists and pedestrians to safely cross the highway and continue their journey along the Yarra River. Cyclists will also enjoy more convenient and easier access to the Main Yarra Trail with a ramp alternative to the 70 steps that currently run along the Main Yarra Trail.



**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.*

*Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.*

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

*Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.*

**Wednesday, 7 February 2018**

**Energy, environment and climate change**

**11 893. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details Parks Victoria made changes to the executive management structure and accompanying divisional structure by introducing new positions and realigning others —

- (1) what is the list of the new positions created;
- (2) what is the list of the realigned positions; and
- (3) for any Executive or Director positions listed above, please detail the names of the current employees.

**ANSWER:**

The new position created in the May 2017 changes to the Parks Victoria management structure was the role of Chief Operating Officer.

Details of the Parks Victoria executive management team can be found in the Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17, pages 33-34.

**Corrections**

**12 349. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Barwon Prison for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs are not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Barwon Prison. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 350. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Barwon Prison for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Barwon Prison either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 351. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Beechworth Correctional Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

Prisoners experience a complex range of health issues compared to the general public. These issues can include chronic diseases such as diabetes or other illnesses which require advice on a person's diet.

It is important to provide advice and treatment for prisoners' health conditions during their imprisonment as a prisoner's health plays a significant part in their rehabilitation and ability to reintegrate into the community post release.

I am advised that \$390.00 was spent in 2015-2016, and \$179.82 was spent in 2016-2017, at Beechworth Correctional Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian.

**Corrections**

**12 352. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Beechworth Correctional Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Beechworth Correctional Centre either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 353. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Dame Phyllis Frost Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Dame Phyllis Frost Centre. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 354. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Dame Phyllis Frost Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Dame Phyllis Frost Centre either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 355. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Dhurringile Prison for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Dhurringile Prison. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 356. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Dhurringile Prison for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Dhurringile Prison either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 357. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Fulham Correctional Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Fulham Correctional Centre. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 358. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Fulham Correctional Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Fulham Correctional Centre either through telehealth or through the local public hospital.

**Corrections**

**12 359. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Hopkins Correctional Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

Prisoners experience a complex range of health issues compared to the general public. These issues can include chronic diseases such as diabetes or other illnesses which require advice on a person's diet.

It is important to provide advice and treatment for prisoners' health conditions during their imprisonment as a prisoner's health plays a significant part in their rehabilitation and ability to reintegrate into the community post release.

I am advised that \$1370.60 was spent in 2015-2016, and \$1003.85 was spent in 2016-2017, at Hopkins Correctional Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian.

**Corrections**

**12 360. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Hopkins Correctional Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Hopkins Correctional Centre either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 361. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Judy Lazarus Transition Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

The purpose of Judy Lazarus Transition Centre is to prepare prisoners for release into the community, therefore access to dietitians does not occur on site, and as such no costs are available.

**Corrections**

**12 362. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Judy Lazarus Transition Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

The purpose of Judy Lazarus Transition Centre is to prepare prisoners for release into the community therefore access to dietitians does not occur on site.

**Corrections**

**12 363. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Karreenga Annexe for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Karreenga Annexe. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 364. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Karreenga Annexe for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Karreenga Annexe either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 365. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Langi Kal Kal Prison for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

Prisoners experience a complex range of health issues compared to the general public. These issues can include chronic diseases such as diabetes or other illnesses which require advice on a person's diet.

It is important to provide advice and treatment for prisoners' health conditions during their imprisonment as a prisoner's health plays a significant part in their rehabilitation and ability to reintegrate into the community post release.

I am advised that \$2902.53 was spent in 2015-2016, and \$594.42 was spent in 2016-2017 at Langi Kal Kal Prison.

**Corrections**

**12 366. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Langi Kal Kal Prison for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Langi Kal Kal Prison either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 367. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Loddon Prison Precinct (Middleton) for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

Prisoners experience a complex range of health issues compared to the general public. These issues can include chronic diseases such as diabetes or other illnesses which require advice on a person's diet.

It is important to provide advice and treatment for prisoners' health conditions during their imprisonment as a prisoner's health plays a significant part in their rehabilitation and ability to reintegrate into the community post release.

I am advised that \$828.00 was spent in 2015-2016, and \$972.90 was spent in 2016-2017, at Loddon Prison Precinct (Middleton).

**Corrections**

**12 368. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Loddon Prison Precinct (Middleton) for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Loddon Prison Precinct (Middleton) either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 369. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Marngoneet Correctional Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Marngoneet Correctional Centre. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 370. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Marngoneet Correctional Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Marngoneet Correctional Centre either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 371. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Melbourne Assessment Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Melbourne Assessment Prison. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 372. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Melbourne Assessment Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Melbourne Assessment Prison either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 373. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Melbourne Remand Centre for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Metropolitan Remand Centre. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 374. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Melbourne Remand Centre for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Metropolitan Remand Centre either on site or through telehealth.

**Corrections**

**12 375. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Port Phillip Prison for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that specific costs were not able to be provided for dietitian costs for Port Phillip Prison. The cost is subsumed under the total cost of primary health services.

**Corrections**

**12 376. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Port Phillip Prison for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Port Phillip Prison at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne.

**Corrections**

**12 377. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How much was spent at Tarrengower Prison for prisoners to see a dietitian in —

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

Prisoners experience a complex range of health issues compared to the general public. These issues can include chronic diseases such as diabetes or other illnesses which require advice on a person's diet.

It is important to provide advice and treatment for prisoners' health conditions during their imprisonment as a prisoner's health plays a significant part in their rehabilitation and ability to reintegrate into the community post release.

I am advised that \$132.00 was spent in 2015-2016, and \$80.00 was spent in 2016-2017 at Tarrengower Prison.

**Corrections**

**12 378. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On how many occasions did prisoners leave Tarrengower Prison for the primary purpose of seeing a dietitian in

- (1) 2015-16; and
- (2) 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that dietitian services are provided to Tarrengower Prison either on site or through telehealth.

**Special Minister of State**

**12 404. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Special Minister of State: Since the family and domestic violence leave clause was included in the Victorian Public Sector Agreement in 2016, how many family and domestic violence leave entitlements have been taken from the following departments and agencies and what was the cost incurred to each department and agency —

- (a) Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;
- (b) Department of Education and Training;
- (c) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- (d) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (e) Department of Justice and Regulation;
- (f) Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (g) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (h) VicRoads;
- (i) Victoria Police; and
- (j) Victorian Public Sector Commission.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that, for the period from the commencement of the current enterprise agreements for each department and agency listed to December 2017:

<b>Department or agency</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources	51.6	\$20,081.56
Department of Education and Training	19	\$9,394.64
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	72.5	\$32,212.30
Department of Health and Human Services	260	\$79,955.97
Department of Justice and Regulation	398.5	\$114,417.67
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )
Department of Treasury and Finance	8	\$3,482.54
VicRoads	69.39	\$31,806.60
Victoria Police	154.23	\$69,501.76
Victorian Public Sector Commission	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )

**Special Minister of State**

**12 405. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Special Minister of State: For each of the following departments and agencies, of those who applied for family and domestic violence leave entitlements, how many were males —

- (a) Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;
- (b) Department of Education and Training;
- (c) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- (d) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (e) Department of Justice and Regulation;
- (f) Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (g) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (h) VicRoads;
- (i) Victoria Police; and
- (j) Victorian Public Sector Commission.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that, of those who applied for family and domestic leave entitlements, 25 were male, within the relevant Departments or Agencies these were:

Department or agency	Number
Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources	Less than 10
Department of Education and Training	0
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	Less than 10
Department of Health and Human Services	Less than 10
Department of Justice and Regulation	Less than 10
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )
Department of Treasury and Finance	0
VicRoads	Less than 10
Victoria Police	10
Victorian Public Sector Commission	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )

Note: numbers below 10 have not been disclosed to support privacy and confidentiality.

**Special Minister of State**

**12 406. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Special Minister of State: For each of the following departments and agencies, of those who applied for family and domestic violence leave entitlements, how many were females —

- (a) Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;
- (b) Department of Education and Training;
- (c) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- (d) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (e) Department of Justice and Regulation;
- (f) Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (g) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (h) VicRoads;
- (i) Victoria Police; and
- (j) Victorian Public Sector Commission.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that, of those who applied for family and domestic leave entitlements, 118 were female, with the breakdown per Department or Agency as follows:

Department or agency	Number
Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources	Less than 10
Department of Education and Training	Less than 10
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	11
Department of Health and Human Services	19
Department of Justice and Regulation	54
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )
Department of Treasury and Finance	Less than 10
VicRoads	Less than 10
Victoria Police	16
Victorian Public Sector Commission	Undetermined (recorded as <i>Special Leave</i> )

Note: numbers below 10 have not been disclosed to support privacy and confidentiality.