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AJP—Animal Justice Party; ALP—Labor Party; DHJP—Derryn Hinch's Justice Party;
FPRP—Fiona Patten's Reason Party; Greens—Australian Greens; Ind—Independent;
LDP—Liberal Democratic Party; LP—Liberal Party; Nats—The Nationals; SA—Sustainable Australia;
SFFP—Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; TMP—Transport Matters Party

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Tuesday, 5 February 2019

EDUCATION

7. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE**—To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education):
In what financial year will the \$450,000 promised to Eltham North Primary School for new toilets be funded and when will the project be completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to delivering upgrades at existing schools, building on our investment of more than \$3.8 billion over the last four State Budgets, to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the State. Labor invested \$49 million to upgrade schools across the Eltham electorate during the previous term of government—this is in stark contrast to the former Liberal Government who invested a mere \$7.9 million.

As you are aware, the Government has made a significant commitment of \$450,000 to upgrade one of the toilet blocks at Eltham North Primary School.

It is worth noting that the Liberal Party made no funding commitment to upgrade facilities at Eltham North Primary School.

Allocation of funding will be determined through the State Budget process with projects to be delivered in partnership with schools.

EDUCATION

8. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE**—To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education):
In what financial year will the \$13.4 million promised to upgrade St Helena Secondary College's facilities be funded and when will the project be completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to delivering upgrades at existing schools, building on our investment of more than \$3.8 billion over the last four State Budgets to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the State. Labor invested \$49 million to upgrade schools across the Eltham electorate during the previous term of government—this is in stark contrast to the former Liberal Government who invested a mere \$7.9 million.

As you are aware, the Labor Government has made a significant commitment of \$13.4 million to upgrade sporting facilities and learning areas at St Helena Secondary College. This builds on the \$6.3 million already provided by the Andrews Labor Government for upgrades and a modernisation of the school's facilities, including a brand new state-of-art gym.

Unfortunately, when the Liberal Party was last in Government, they failed to allocate one cent to upgrade St Helena Secondary College.

Allocation of funding will be determined through the State Budget process with projects to be delivered in partnership with schools.

EDUCATION

9. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE**—To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education):
In what financial year will the \$5.7 million promised to upgrade Research Primary School be funded and when will the project be completed

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to delivering upgrades at existing schools, building on our investment of more than \$3.8 billion over the last four State Budgets, to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the State. Labor invested \$49 million to upgrade schools across the Eltham

electorate during the previous term of government—this is in stark contrast to the former Liberal Government who invested a mere \$7.9 million.

As you are aware, the Labor Government has made a significant commitment of \$5.7 million to transform the old classrooms and facilities at Research Primary School. The Andrews Labor Government has already funded the Research Primary School masterplan.

It is worth noting that the Liberal Party made no funding commitment to upgrade facilities at Research Primary School. Further, when the Liberal Party was last in Government, they failed to allocate one cent to upgrade Research Primary School.

Allocation of funding will be determined through the State Budget process with projects to be delivered in partnership with schools.

EDUCATION

- 10. Ms WOOLDRIDGE**—To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education):
In what financial year will the \$3.8 million promised to Viewbank Primary School to demolish the northern classroom block and replace it with a new permanent building be funded and when will the project be completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to delivering upgrades at existing schools, building on our investment of more than \$3.8 billion over the last four State Budgets to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the State. Labor invested more than \$33 million to upgrade schools across the Ivanhoe electorate during the previous term of government—this is in stark contrast to the former Liberal Government who invested a mere \$5.8 million.

As you are aware, the Government has made a significant commitment of \$3.8 million to demolish the northern classroom block and replace it with a new permanent building at Viewbank Primary School.

Allocation of funding will be determined through the State Budget process with projects to be delivered in partnership with schools.

EDUCATION

- 11. Ms WOOLDRIDGE**—To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education):
In what financial year will the promised \$4.9 million to begin the redevelopment of Macleod College be funded and when will the project be completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to delivering upgrades at existing schools, building on our investment of more than \$3.8 billion over the last four State Budgets, to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the State. Labor invested more than \$33 million to upgrade schools across the Ivanhoe electorate during the previous term of government—this is in stark contrast to the former Liberal Government who invested a mere \$5.8 million.

As you are aware, the Labor Government has made a significant commitment of \$4.9 million to upgrade Block A, which houses the science and counselling rooms at Macleod College.

It is worth noting that the Liberal Party made no funding commitment to upgrade facilities at Macleod College.

Allocation of funding will be determined through the State Budget process with projects to be delivered in partnership with schools.

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Wednesday, 6 February 2019

ROADS

33. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE**—To ask the Minister for Roads: When will the promised \$200,000 to install flashing 40 km per hour speed limit signs at Rosanna Village be provided and when will the project be completed.

ANSWER:

Funding allocation for electronic speed limit signs along Lower Plenty Road in Rosanna are subject to the normal budget process. Advice on project implementation timeframes follows thereafter.

ROADS

43. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: in relation to the Government's commitment published in Labor's Financial Statement 2018 for 'Removing notorious bottlenecks on South Road'.

- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
- (2) In what year will this project be completed.
- (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

Details on South Road Improvements can be found in Labor's Financial Statement 2018 under "Suburban Roads Upgrade". Go to: www.dtf.vic.gov.au .

Funding allocations will be subject to the normal budgetary process.

ROADS

44. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government's commitment published in Labor's Financial Statement 2018 for 'Roads Initiative': What specific road initiatives promised by the Government does this item relate to.

ANSWER:

The Roads Initiative in Labor's Financial Statement 2018 includes a grant of \$4 million to the Victorian Transport Association to continue the heavy vehicle driver training and education program, and \$4 million for VicRoads to implement the *Tools Go Down, Speed Limit Goes Back Up* initiative.

ROADS

45. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government's commitment published in Labor's Financial Statement 2018 for 'Active Transport Stage 2':

- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.

- (2) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

Funding allocations will be subject to the normal budgetary process with advice on project implementation timeframes thereafter.

ROADS

46. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Active Transport Stage 2’: In what year will works at the intersection of Bayview Terrace and Maribyrnong Road be completed.

ANSWER:

Planning activities associated with Active Transport Stage 2 are still in development.

ROADS

47. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Active Transport Stage 2’: In what year will works on the connection of the bike path on Woodland Street be completed.

ANSWER:

Planning activities associated with Active Transport Stage 2 are still in development.

ROADS

48. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Active Transport Stage 2’: In what year will works on the Northern Trail Bike path between Heidelberg and Rosanna stations be completed.

ANSWER:

Planning activities associated with Active Transport Stage 2 are still in development.

ROADS

49. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Active Transport Stage 2’: In what year will works at the intersection of Hoffmans Road and Rosehill Road be completed.

ANSWER:

Planning activities associated with Active Transport Stage 2 are still in development.

ROADS

50. **Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Building a Safer and less Congested Narre Warren North Road’:

- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
- (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
- (2) In what year will this project be completed.
- (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

Details on widening of Narre Warren North Road can be found in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 under “Suburban Roads Upgrade”. Go to: www.dtf.vic.gov.au.

Funding allocations will be subject to the normal budgetary process.

ROADS

- 51. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for Local Roads and Intersection Upgrades’:
- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
 - (2) In what year will this project be completed.
 - (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

Funding allocations will be subject to the normal budgetary process with advice on project implementation timeframes thereafter.

The Local Road and Intersection Upgrades program does not rely on funding from the Commonwealth Government.

ROADS

- 52 Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Local Roads and Intersection Upgrades’: What specific local roads and intersection commitments are to be completed within this project.

ANSWER:

All local road projects and intersection commitments are listed in Labor’s Financial Statement. Go to: www.dtf.vic.gov.au.

ROADS

- 53. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Congestion Busting Upgrade for Local Roads, Hall Road’:
- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
 - (2) In what year will this project be completed.
 - (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

The delivery of the Hall Road project does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

This question should be directed to the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Transport Infrastructure.

ROADS

- 54. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Congestion Busting Upgrade for Local Roads, Western Port Highway’:
- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;

- (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
- (2) In what year will this project be completed.
 - (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

The delivery of the Western Port Highway project does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities. This question should be directed to the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Transport Infrastructure.

ROADS

- 55. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Ballarto Road and Lyrebird Drive Traffic Lights’:
- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
 - (2) In what year will this project be completed.
 - (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

The Government is committed to improving safety and local access by installing traffic lights at this intersection. Funding allocation will be subject to the normal budgetary process with advice on project implementation timeframes thereafter. There is no funding reliance on the Commonwealth Government for this project.

ROADS

- 56. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 to replace the roundabout at the intersection of Gaffney Street and Sussex Street in Coburg North with traffic lights:
- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
 - (2) In what year will this project be completed.
 - (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

Funding allocations to replace the roundabout with traffic signals on Gaffney Street and Sussex Street in Coburg North is subject to the normal budgetary process. Advice on project implementation timeframes follows thereafter. No Commonwealth funding has been committed for this project.

ROADS

- 60. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Moonee Ponds Junction Planning’:

- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
- (2) In what year will this project be completed.
- (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

Funding allocations will be subject to the normal budgetary process with advice on project implementation timeframes thereafter.

No Commonwealth funding has been committed for this project.

ROADS

61. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Open Space and Parking in Carnegie’:

- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
- (2) In what year will this project be completed.
- (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

I am advised by VicRoads that funding allocations for the development of parking and further public open space in Carnegie will be subject to the normal budgetary process with advice on project implementation timeframes thereafter.

This project commitment does not rely on any Commonwealth Government funding.

ROADS

62. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 for ‘Rosanna Village Flashing 40km/h Signs’:

- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
- (2) In what year will this project be completed.
- (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

Funding allocations for electronic speeds signs along Lower Plenty Road in Rosanna are subject to the normal budgetary process. Advice on project implementation timeframes follows thereafter.

No Commonwealth funding has been committed for this project.

ROADS

- 63. Mr RICH-PHILLIPS**—To ask the Minister for Roads: In relation to the Government’s commitment published in Labor’s Financial Statement 2018 to install flashing lights at the intersection of the South Gippsland Highway and Lynbrook Boulevard:
- (1) How much capital funding will the Government allocate to the project in—
 - (a) 2019–20;
 - (b) 2020–21;
 - (c) 2021–22;
 - (d) 2022–23; and
 - (e) beyond 2022–23.
 - (2) In what year will this project be completed.
 - (3) Does this project rely on a specific commitment of funding by the Commonwealth Government, and if so, how much.

ANSWER:

The Government is committed to improving safety by installing warning signals on approach to this intersection. Funding allocation will be subject to the normal budgetary process with advice on project implementation timeframes thereafter. There is no funding reliance on the Commonwealth Government for this project.