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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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 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.
 The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Tuesday, 10 August 2010

Public transport: vehicles

- 3531. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Public Transport: In relation to car usage by employees of the Department of Transport: What model vehicles made by the following manufacturers are currently in use, and how many of each model are in use:
- (a) Ford;
 - (b) Holden;
 - (c) Toyota;
 - (d) Subaru;
 - (e) Mazda;
 - (f) Mitsubishi; and
 - (g) other manufacturers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

(a) Ford	-	29
(b) Holden	-	36
(c) Toyota	-	35
(d) Subaru	-	8
(e) Mazda	-	0
(f) Mitsubishi	-	2
(g) other manufacturers	-	5

Public transport: advertising expenditure

- 9586. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to page 90 of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee’s Report on the 2008–09 Budget Estimates — Part Three, which notes that, “The Committee has found it difficult, analysing available information, to obtain consistent year on year comparisons [of Departmental aggregate advertising and promotional expenditure]”: What was the expenditure on advertising, communications and promotions by the Department of Transport including any statutory authorities and government-related entities for which the Department has responsibility in —
- (a) 2007–08, and
 - (b) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

To answer the question would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources.

Planning: advertising expenditure

9589. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to page 90 of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee’s Report on the 2008–09 Budget Estimates — Part Three, which notes that “The Committee has found it difficult, analysing available information, to obtain consistent year on year comparisons [of Departmental aggregate advertising and promotional expenditure]”: What was the expenditure on advertising, communications and promotions by the Department of Planning and Community Development including any statutory authorities and government-related entities for which the Department has responsibility in —

- (a) 2007–08, and
- (b) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total expenditure paid for communication services and staff was \$1.62 million for 2007–08 and \$0.97 million for 2008–09.

Planning: advertising expenditure and media and communications staff

9665. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning: For the financial years 2007–08 and 2008–09, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Planning and Community Development and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media, public relations and communications roles by the Department.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total expenditure paid for communication services and staff was \$1.62 million for 2007–08 and \$0.97 million for 2008–09.

The full-time equivalent staff employed in the Corporate Communications Unit in the department for 2007–08 was 17.1 and for 2008–09 was 23 FTE.

Planning: Growth Areas Authority — advertising expenditure and media and communications staff

9948. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning: For the financial years 2007–08 and 2008–09, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Growth Areas Authority and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media, public relations and communications roles by the Growth Areas Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Growth Areas Authority engaged the equivalent of 0.4 of an effective full time staff member in media, public relations and communications roles during most of period in the financial years ended 30 June 2008 and 30 June 2009.

The accounting records of the GAA indicate that it has expended the following total amounts on advertising and promotional material:

- \$21 256 in 2007–08
- \$45 645 in 2008–09

Planning: VicUrban — advertising expenditure and media and communications staff

9959. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning: For the financial years 2007–08 and 2008–09, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Victorian Urban Development Authority (VicUrban) and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media, public relations and communications roles by the Victorian Urban Development Authority (VicUrban).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For the financial year 2007–08, VicUrban spent a total of \$2 430 954 on communication services and staff across the business.

For the financial year 2008–09, VicUrban spent a total of \$3 072 988 on communication services and staff across the business.

As at June 30 2008, VicUrban employed eight full time equivalent staff in media and communication roles.

As at 30 June 2009, VicUrban employed six full time equivalent staff in media and communication roles.

VicUrban does not employ any staff in public relations roles.

Health: dental treatment — waiting list

10 440. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) How many residents in postcode 3108 were waiting for dental treatment in each of the financial years 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09.
- (2) What was the average waiting time for dental treatment for residents in postcode 3108 in each of the financial years 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Waitlists are managed at community dental clinic level so data on average waiting time and number of clients waiting by postcode is not available for the periods requested.

Health: dental treatment — waiting list

10 441. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) How many residents in postcode 3109 were waiting for dental treatment in each of the financial years 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09.
- (2) What was the average waiting time for dental treatment for residents in postcode 3109 in each of the financial years 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Waitlists are managed at community dental clinic level so data on average waiting time and number of clients waiting by postcode is not available for the periods requested.

Health: dental treatment — waiting list

10 442. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) How many residents in postcode 3111 were waiting for dental treatment in each of the financial years 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09.
- (2) What was the average waiting time for dental treatment for residents in postcode 3111 in each of the financial years 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Waitlists are managed at community dental clinic level so data on average waiting time and number of clients waiting by postcode is not available for the periods requested.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — redevelopment

10 513. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) When did the Government decide to abandon the master plan prepared by Eastern Health, the Department of Health and consultants for the redevelopment of the Box Hill Hospital.
- (2) Who prepared the alternate plan for the \$407 million new build and refurbishment project announced by the Government in December 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The redevelopment plans for Box Hill Hospital were developed based on the extensive planning works undertaken in collaboration with Eastern Health over the past several years.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — redevelopment

10 514. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): Has the Government ascertained whether or not the Box Hill Hospital redevelopment project will require the removal of asbestos for the existing buildings to be demolished or refurbished.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

An Asbestos Audit identified asbestos in existing buildings which will require removal prior to building demolition or refurbishment works. All asbestos removal and disposal will be undertaken in accordance with Government regulations and appropriate risk mitigation strategies to ensure the highest level of safety.

Arts: publications

10 548. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what is the title of each brochure and publication that has been published since 25 November 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the volume of exhibition catalogues, brochures and other educational, program, and curatorial publications produced by Arts Portfolio agencies, it would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources to research a response to this question.

Financial Reporting Direction 22B, about reports of operations, requires that agencies retain specific additional information, including details of the publications they produce, and to make that information available on request. The member may wish to request the information directly from Arts Portfolio agencies.

Alternatively, the member may wish to go directly to Arts Portfolio agency websites to review the publications available.

Arts: consultancies

10 631. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority under the administration of the Minister, for the periods 2008–09 and 2009 to date, what are the details of each consultancy commissioned, indicating —

- (a) the date;
- (b) cost;
- (c) purpose;
- (d) name and address of consultant;
- (e) recommendations made;
- (f) action taken in response to any recommendations; and
- (g) whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information sought about consultancies commissioned by all Arts Portfolio entities is not held centrally by my department Arts Victoria, and to research a detailed answer would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources.

Departmental and agency annual reports disclose information about each consultancy commissioned by the relevant agency that is valued at over \$100 000. Annual reports also provide aggregated summary information about the number and total value of all engaged consultancies that individually cost less than \$100 000.

Arts: grants

10 714. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): Since 25 November 2006, what is the total sum of Government grants provided to individuals, businesses and organisations by the Minister’s department in the electoral districts of:

- (a) Carrum;
- (b) Clayton;
- (c) Cranbourne;
- (d) Dandenong;
- (e) Frankston;
- (f) Lyndhurst;
- (g) Mordialloc;
- (h) Mount Waverley;
- (i) Mulgrave;
- (j) Narre Warren North; and
- (k) Narre Warren South.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria’s arts grants database reports that, between 25 November 2006 and the date of the question, the total sum of recurrent, capital or project grants approved for organisations and individuals in the specified electoral districts was as follows:

Carrum	nil
Clayton	\$76 900
Cranbourne	\$1 396 084
Dandenong	\$10 000
Frankston	\$769 500
Lyndhurst	\$6500
Mordialloc	\$10 000
Mount Waverley	\$17 653
Mulgrave	\$60 920
Narre Warren North	nil
Narre Warren South	nil

Arts: grants

10 873. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): Since 25 November 2006, what is the total sum of State Government grants that have been provided to individuals, businesses and organisations by the Minister’s department in the electoral districts of —

- (a) Gembrook;
- (b) Forest Hill;
- (c) Mitcham;
- (d) South Barwon;
- (e) Prahran;
- (f) Burwood;

- (g) Ripon;
- (h) Bendigo East;
- (i) Bentleigh;
- (j) Eltham;
- (k) Ballarat West;
- (l) Ballarat East;
- (m) Seymour;
- (n) Monbulk;
- (o) Yan Yean; and
- (p) Bellarine.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria's arts grants database reports that, between 25 November 2006 and the date of the question, the total sum of recurrent, capital or project grants approved for organisations and individuals in the specified electoral districts was as follows:

Gembrook	\$234 000
Forest Hill	Nil
Mitcham	\$13 000
South Barwon	\$21 000
Prahran	\$2 342 870
Burwood	\$25 693
Ripon	\$108 000
Bendigo East	\$87 230
Bentleigh	\$96 500
Eltham	\$506 500
Ballarat West	\$80 500
Ballarat East	\$2 160 744
Seymour	\$316 481
Monbulk	\$3 203 000
Yan Yean	\$182 544
Bellarine	\$19 300

Arts: leadership coaching

10 914. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts):

- (1) How many senior officials in the Minister's Department have a personal leadership coach or trainer.
- (2) In each case, what is the cost per hour.
- (3) What sum has been expended on leadership coaching in the Minister's Department during the 2008–09 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria's learning and development database has no record for current personal leadership coaching or training at the date the question was raised.

Arts: publications

10 956. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): Did the Minister's Department, or any agency or authority under the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a graphic design company to assist in the production of annual reports or other publications in 2009; if so, what was the name and postal address of each company engaged for this purpose and what sum was it paid.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information sought is not held centrally by my department Arts Victoria, and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to research a detailed response.

Each year, Arts Portfolio agencies produce many curatorial, educational and governance publications. The member may wish to visit our arts agency websites to ascertain the breadth of their publishing programs which range from free in-house produced downloadable educational materials to high-value curatorial and research hard-copy publications.

In summary, some Arts Portfolio agencies design and produce some of their own reports and publications, whilst other agencies sometimes use graphic design companies. A sampling of Arts Portfolio annual reports, available on agency websites, demonstrated that these publications usually state who has produced them.

Arts: media monitoring

10 998. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts):

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the Minister's office in 2008–09.
- (2) What was the name and postal address of each media monitoring company engaged by the Minister's office.
- (3) How many staff members does the Minister's office have that are allocated towards media and/or communications.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria's financial system reports no expenditure in 2008–09 on media monitoring and clipping services by the Minister for the Arts' office.

Small business: media monitoring

11 002. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Small Business):

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the Minister's office in 2008–09.
- (2) What was the name and postal address of each media monitoring company engaged by the Minister's office.
- (3) How many staff members does the Minister's office have that are allocated towards media and/or communications.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Media monitoring and clipping services are not engaged by my office.
- (2) Nil
- (3) Media and/or communications staff are engaged by the Premier's Office.

Environment and climate change: staff massages

11 032. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change:

- (1) Did the Minister's Department, or any agency or authority under the Minister's portfolio pay for massages for its staff in 2009; if so, what sum was spent on this purpose.
- (2) What was the cost per massage.
- (3) How many staff made use of the service.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE):

- (1) DSE paid for massages for staff engaged in the response to the 2009 Victorian Bushfires. The staff who received the service were undertaking their fire-related duties, mainly in the Integrated Emergency Coordination Centre and the Regional Emergency Coordination Centre Traralgon. The services were arranged as part of DSE's critical incident stress management response. \$3412 including GST was spent on this purpose.

As part of a staff wellbeing program Valuer General Victoria (VGV) offered on-site neck and shoulder massages to staff. Staff paid over 50 per cent of the cost (\$15) of these massages. In 2009 VGV paid \$2159 towards the cost of the massages. Staff can still access massages however, VGV no longer contributes to the cost.

- (2) The average cost of massages relating to the critical incident stress management response was \$66 per hour including GST.
- (3) It is not possible to determine exactly how many employees made use of either service.

The following agencies paid for massages for the calendar year 2009.

North Central Catchment Management Authority

- (1) North Central Catchment Management Authority paid for massages for staff under a condition of the North Central Catchment Management Authority's Union Collection Agreement 2007. The staff consultative committee are to prepare a Wellbeing plan for approval by management. Part of this approved plan is a masseur who attends the offices one day a month and provides staff the opportunity to receive a 10-minute head and shoulder massage. The total amount spent on massages was \$4218 including GST.
- (2) All massages were approximately \$7.00 per massage.
- (3) 30 staff used the massage service.

Sustainability Victoria

- (1) Sustainability Victoria offered 15 minute massages for staff as part of its Wellbeing Program, the aim of which is to increase the health and wellbeing of staff. The total amount spent on massages was \$5277.26 including GST.
- (2) All massages were \$15 per massage, 50 per cent of the costs were subsidised by Sustainability Victoria, which equates to 704 massages.
- (3) 64 different staff used the service throughout 2009.

Metropolitan Regional Waste Management Group

- (1) Metropolitan Regional Waste Management Group organised one massage session for staff under the organisational health and wellbeing program. The session cost \$238.65.
- (2) Massages cost \$15.90 per employee.
- (3) 15 staff used the service.

No other agency or authority under the Minister's portfolio paid for staff massages in 2009.

Arts: staff massages

11 039. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts):

- (1) Did the Minister's Department, or any agency or authority under the Minister's portfolio pay for massages for its staff in 2009; if so, what sum was spent on this purpose.
- (2) What was the cost per massage.
- (3) How many staff made use of the service.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria's financial system has no records of expenditure for massages in 2009 by either the Minister for the Arts' office or by Arts Victoria.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to research an answer to this question in relation to other Arts Portfolio agencies.

Arts: entertainment expenses

11 080. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the Minister's office and/or departmental resources used by the Minister, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred since 25 November 2006, indicating —

- (a) total cost;
- (b) itemised details of all expenditures over \$500; including —
 - (i) number of guests;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) purpose; and
 - (iv) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) My department Arts Victoria's financial system reports that \$19 948.55 has been expended on official hospitality from the Minister for the Arts' office's cost centres between 25 November 2006 and the date the question was put.
- (b) It would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to undertake the extensive research in financial records necessary to answer the detailed elements of part (b) of the question. I can advise that the expenditure was mainly for catering associated with official business functions. These official functions included, for example: the signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Arts Council of Singapore; end of year thank-you functions for the arts sector; and a funding contribution for the launch of the inaugural national John Button Prize for published non-fiction writing on politics or public policy.

Arts: credit cards

11 122. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): Does the Minister or staff of the Minister's office hold one or more credit cards issued by the Government; if so, what is the total value of purchases on each such credit card since 25 November 2006, indicating —

- (a) the date;
- (b) cost of each purchase; and
- (c) credit card provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Under guidelines issued by the Department of the Treasury and Finance for Purchasing Card Rules for Use and Administration, ministers and their staff are not eligible credit card holders.
- (2) No credit cards have been issued by my department Arts Victoria to either the Minister for the Arts or to the Minister's staff.

Arts: media training

11 164. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): Did the Minister or the Minister's personal staff receive any media training in 2009; if so —

- (a) what was the cost of the media training; and
- (b) what was the name and postal address of each company engaged to provide media training.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria's search of arts expense accounts shows no media training expenditure during 2009.

Arts: media research and public opinion polling

11 206. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted since 25 November 2006, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the Department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria's financial system has no record of expenditure for media research or public opinion polling for the period 25 November 2006 to the date of the question.

Other agencies in the Arts Portfolio are statutory authorities responsible for their own management and administration. Information of the type sought is not held centrally by Arts Victoria, and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to research the matter and provide an answer.

Arts: recruitment agencies

11 248. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts):

- (1) Which recruitment agencies were used by the Department and each agency and authority in the Minister's portfolio in 2009.
- (2) What sum was paid to each agency.
- (3) For 2009, what sum was spent on recruitment agencies by the Department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information about recruitment agency usage by Arts Portfolio agencies is not held centrally, and to research an answer would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources.

Arts Victoria does use the services of recruitment agencies on the whole-of-government panel contract.

Arts: residential allowances

11 290. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): Since 25 November 2006 to date, how much has been paid in residential allowances to the Minister and staff in the Minister's department and what are the details of each claim.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department Arts Victoria has confirmed with HR Services that no residential allowances have been paid to any Minister for the Arts since 25 November 2006.

Arts: staff

11 331. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what were the staffing levels for the financial years 2005–06 and 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on staff numbers and VPS classification is provided in the annual reports of departments, agencies and authorities.

Arts: office expenses

11 437. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): Since 25 November 2006, what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide the details of all the expenses of the office of the Minister for the Arts since 25 November 2006 to the date of the question would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Arts: operating costs

11 479. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): What were the details of the total operating costs of the Minister’s Office for the 2008–09 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Arts Victoria’s financial system reports that a total of \$26 716.86 was charged to the Minister for the Arts office’s cost centre for operating expenses in the 2008–09 financial year.

Arts: advertising

11 582. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all advertising campaigns from 25 November 2006 to date that were published in each of the following newspapers, indicating the purpose, total costs and date period of each campaign:

- (1) Cobram Courier.
- (2) Border Mail.
- (3) Age.
- (4) Herald Sun.
- (5) Sunday Herald Sun.
- (6) Advocate.
- (7) Cranbourne News.
- (8) Berwick/Pakenham Cardinia Leader.
- (9) Brimbank Leader.

- (10) Caulfield Glen Eira/Port Phillip Leader.
- (11) Community News-Moonee Valley.
- (12) Cranbourne Journal.
- (13) Cranbourne Leader.
- (14) Journal.
- (15) Diamond Valley Leader.
- (16) Manningham Leader.
- (17) Emerald Hill Weekly.
- (18) Chelsea, Mordialloc, Mentone Independent.
- (19) Peninsula Journal Weekender.
- (20) Frankston & Hastings Independent.
- (21) Frankston Standard/Hastings Leader.
- (22) Heidelberg Leader.
- (23) Hume Leader.
- (24) Knox Leader.
- (25) Knox Journal.
- (26) Lilydale & Yarra Valley Leader.
- (27) Mail/Williamstown Advertiser/Altona-Laverton Mail.
- (28) Stonnington Leader.
- (29) Maroondah Journal/Yarra Ranges Journal.
- (30) Melbourne Leader.
- (31) Melbourne Times.
- (32) Melbourne Weekly Magazine.
- (33) Melton/Moorabool Express Telegraph.
- (34) Monash Journal.
- (35) Moonee Valley Leader.
- (36) Moorabbin Kingston/Moorabbin Glen Eira Leader.
- (37) Mordialloc Chelsea Leader.
- (38) Moreland Leader.
- (39) Mornington Peninsula Leader.
- (40) Northcote Leader.
- (41) Dandenong/Springvale Dandenong Leader.
- (42) Pakenham-Berwick Gazette.
- (43) Preston Leader.
- (44) Progress Leader.
- (45) Sunbury/Macedon Ranges Leader.
- (46) Maroondah Leader.
- (47) Bayside Leader.
- (48) Free Press Leader.
- (49) Waverley/Oakleigh Monash Leader.
- (50) Werribee/Point Cook Banner.
- (51) Wyndham Leader.
- (52) Western Leader.
- (53) Whitehorse Leader.
- (54) Whittlesea Leader.

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- (55) Ranges Trader Mail.
 - (56) Alexandra & Eildon Standard.
 - (57) Ararat Advertiser.
 - (58) Bairnsdale Advertiser.
 - (59) East Gippsland News.
 - (60) Ballarat Courier.
 - (61) Ballarat News.
 - (62) Pyrenees Advocate.
 - (63) Ovens & Murray Advertiser.
 - (64) Echo.
 - (65) Benalla Ensign.
 - (66) Bendigo Advertiser.
 - (67) Loddon Times.
 - (68) Camperdown Chronicle.
 - (69) Casterton News.
 - (70) Castlemaine Mail.
 - (71) Cobden Times.
 - (72) Cohuna Farmers' Weekly.
 - (73) Colac Herald.
 - (74) Corryong Courier.
 - (75) Dimboola Banner.
 - (76) Buloke Times.
 - (77) Riverine Herald.
 - (78) West Wimmera Advocate.
 - (79) Euroa Gazette.
 - (80) Mirror.
 - (81) Geelong Advertiser.
 - (82) Geelong Independent.
 - (83) Geelong News.
 - (84) Macedon Ranges/Sunbury Telegraph.
 - (85) Hamilton Spectator.
 - (86) Mountain Views Mail.
 - (87) McIvor Times.
 - (88) Hopetoun Courier & Mallee Pioneer.
 - (89) Wimmera Mail-Times.
 - (90) Northern Times.
 - (91) Free Press.
 - (92) Great Southern Star.
 - (93) South Gippsland Sentinel-Times.
 - (94) Kyabram Free Press/Tatura Guardian.
 - (95) Macedon Ranges Guardian.
 - (96) Midland Express.
 - (97) Lakes Post.
 - (98) Western Plains Advertiser.
 - (99) Tarrangower Times.

- (100) Mansfield Courier.
- (101) Maryborough District Advertiser.
- (102) Mildura Midweek.
- (103) Sunraysia Daily.
- (104) Moe & Narracan News.
- (105) Mornington & Southern Peninsula Mail.
- (106) Latrobe Valley Express.
- (107) Bright Observer.
- (108) Wimmera Messengers: Voice of Hindmarsh.
- (109) Numurkah Leader.
- (110) Snowy River Mail.
- (111) North West Express.
- (112) Phillip Island & San Remo Advertiser.
- (113) Portland Observer & Guardian.
- (114) Rainbow-Jeparit Argus.
- (115) Robinvale Sentinel.
- (116) Campaspe Valley News.
- (117) Gippsland Times & Maffra Spectator.
- (118) Sea Lake & Wycheproof Times–Ensign.
- (119) Seymour Telegraph.
- (120) Shepparton Adviser.
- (121) Shepparton News.
- (122) North Central News.
- (123) Stawell Times–News.
- (124) Swan Hill Guardian.
- (125) Tatura Guardian.
- (126) Terang Express.
- (127) Traralgon Journal.
- (128) Chronicle.
- (129) Warracknabeal Herald.
- (130) Warragul & Drouin Gazette.
- (131) Baw Baw Shire & West Gippsland Trader.
- (132) Warrnambool Standard.
- (133) Upper Yarra Mail.
- (134) Yarram Standard–News.
- (135) Yarrawonga Chronicle.
- (136) Yea Chronicle.
- (137) Maribymong Leader.
- (138) Queenscliffe Herald.
- (139) Berwick News.
- (140) Hobsons Bay Leader.
- (141) Weekly Advertiser.
- (142) Moyne Gazette.
- (143) Star Keilor, Taylors Lakes, Sydenham.
- (144) Ferntree Gully-Belgrave Mail.

- (145) Northern Star Real Estate.
- (146) City Weekly Melbourne.
- (147) Melbourne Weekly Bayside.
- (148) North Central Review.
- (149) Melbourne Observer.
- (150) Star St Albans, Deer Park, Caroline Springs.
- (151) Star Werribee, Hoppers Crossing.
- (152) Star Williamstown, Altona, Laverton.
- (153) Star Footscray, Yarraville, Braybrook.
- (154) Star Sunshine, Ardeer, Albion.
- (155) Western Star Real Estate.
- (156) North West Star Real Estate.
- (157) Geelong Times.
- (158) Myrtleford Times.
- (159) Bendigo Weekly.
- (160) Melton/Moorabool Leader.
- (161) mX.
- (162) Seymour Nagambie Advertiser.
- (163) Surf Coast Times.
- (164) Post.
- (165) Wimmera Messengers: Voice of Wimmera.
- (166) Pakenham News.
- (167) Heidelberg & Diamond Valley Weekly.
- (168) Berwick and District Journal/Pakenham Journal.
- (169) Northern Weekly.
- (170) Melbourne Weekly Eastern.
- (171) Hume Weekly.
- (172) Moonee Valley Community News.
- (173) Trading Post.
- (174) Whittlesea Review.
- (175) Community News–Moreland.
- (176) Star Hume–Our City.
- (177) Star Whittlesea, Mernda, Doreen.
- (178) Star Wallan, Kilmore, Broadford.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Arts Portfolio agencies are statutory authorities responsible for their own day to day administration. Centralised departmental information about agency advertising campaigns is not available. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental time and resources to research and provide a detailed answer about possible advertising in 178 Victorian newspapers by several different Arts Portfolio agencies covering a period since 25 November 2006.

All Arts Portfolio agencies routinely, and appropriately, advertise their exhibitions, programs and other events so that the public is aware of arts and cultural activities on offer. Advertising includes newspapers, online advertisements, outdoor advertising, cinema, radio and television advertising, newspaper inserts and direct mail.

This type of advertising is more prevalent in Melbourne metropolitan areas, however, when the broader Victorian public needs to be alerted to a major programming event, such as a Melbourne Winter Masterpieces exhibition or touring event, advertisements are also placed in regional and outer metropolitan print and electronic media.

Arts: advertising

11 686. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all advertising campaigns from 25 November 2006 to date that were broadcast on the following radio and television outlets, indicating the purpose, total costs and date period of each campaign:

- (1) 3PVR-Plenty Valley FM.
- (2) 3SH.
- (3) 3BA 102.3 FM.
- (4) Mixx FM/3CS.
- (5) Edge FM 102.1.
- (6) K-ROCK.
- (7) 103.1-3BBR FM.
- (8) ABC Ballarat.
- (9) Kiss FM.
- (10) 3SRFM.
- (11) 103.1 Power FM.
- (12) 106.3.
- (13) ABC Gippsland.
- (14) 3AW 693.
- (15) 774 ABC Melbourne.
- (16) 3MP.
- (17) 3XY Radio Hellas.
- (18) Magic 1278.
- (19) Rete Italia (Italian Radio Network).
- (20) SBS Radio Melbourne.
- (21) Sport 927.
- (22) FOX FM Melbourne.
- (23) Gold 104.3.
- (24) Triple M Melbourne.
- (25) Mix 101.1 FM.
- (26) 3CR.
- (27) 3INR.
- (28) 3MBS.
- (29) 3MDR.
- (30) Vision Australia Radio.
- (31) 3RRR.
- (32) 3SCB-88.3 Southern FM.
- (33) 3HCR High Country Radio.
- (34) 3HOT.
- (35) 3ZZZ.

- (36) Eastern FM 98.1.
- (37) JOY Melbourne.
- (38) 979fm.
- (39) PBS FM.
- (40) 97.7 FM South Eastern Radio.
- (41) SYN.
- (42) Stereo 974.
- (43) 3CS.
- (44) Star FM 91.9.
- (45) 94.3 StarFM.
- (46) 3HA MIXX FM.
- (47) 3MAFM.
- (48) 3NE.
- (49) TRFM.
- (50) 3WM/Mixx FM.
- (51) ABC Western Victoria.
- (52) 3YB.
- (53) ABC Local Radio Victoria.
- (54) 3BO FM.
- (55) ABC South West Victoria.
- (56) 969 Star FM.
- (57) FM 98.5.
- (58) 99.5 Star FM.
- (59) ABC Central Victoria.
- (60) ABC Mildura Swan Hill.
- (61) 93.9 BAY FM.
- (62) Charlton Visitor Radio.
- (63) ABC Goulburn Murray.
- (64) 3MBR "Mallee Border Radio".
- (65) 3MFM South Gippsland.
- (66) 3MIL-FM.
- (67) 3RPC-FM.
- (68) 3RPP.
- (69) Yarra Valley FM 99.1.
- (70) OAK-FM.
- (71) 947 Pulse.
- (72) Radio Gippsland FM.
- (73) 96.3 Rhema FM.
- (74) Voice FM.
- (75) Fresh 895 FM.
- (76) 3XX.
- (77) Nova 100.3 FM.
- (78) UGFM Radio Murrindindi.
- (79) Radio KLFM/EON FM.
- (80) 98.9 North West FM.

- (81) SEN 1116 Sports Entertainment Network.
- (82) Light FM 89.9.
- (83) Vega 91.5 FM.
- (84) 100.7 Highlands FM.
- (85) C31 Melbourne.
- (86) ABC TV Victoria.
- (87) Ten Melbourne.
- (88) Nine Melbourne.
- (89) Seven Melbourne.
- (90) SBS TV Melbourne.
- (91) Prime TV Victoria.
- (92) Southern Cross Ten Victoria.
- (93) WIN TV Victoria.
- (94) One HD Melbourne.
- (95) 7 Two Melbourne.
- (96) Go! Channel.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Arts Portfolio agencies are statutory authorities responsible for their own day to day administration. Centralised departmental information about agency advertising campaigns is not available. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to research and provide a detailed answer about possible advertising in 96 radio and television stations by several different Arts Portfolio agencies since 25 November 2006.

All Arts Portfolio agencies routinely, and appropriately, advertise their exhibitions, programs and other events so that the public is aware of arts and cultural activities on offer. Advertising includes newspapers, online advertisements, outdoor advertising, cinema, radio and television advertising, newspaper inserts and direct mail. This type of advertising is more prevalent in Melbourne metropolitan areas, however, when the broader Victorian public needs to be alerted to a major programming event, such as a Melbourne Winter Masterpieces exhibition or touring event, advertisements are also placed in regional and outer metropolitan print and electronic media.

Mental health: advertising

11 698. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of all advertising campaigns from 25 November 2006 to date that were broadcast on the following radio and television outlets, indicating the purpose, total costs and date period of each campaign:

- (1) 3PVR-Plenty Valley FM.
- (2) 3SH.
- (3) 3BA 102.3 FM.
- (4) Mixx FM/3CS.
- (5) Edge FM 102.1.
- (6) K-ROCK.
- (7) 103.1-3BBR FM.
- (8) ABC Ballarat.
- (9) Kiss FM.

- (10) 3SRFM.
- (11) 103.1 Power FM.
- (12) 106.3.
- (13) ABC Gippsland.
- (14) 3AW 693.
- (15) 774 ABC Melbourne.
- (16) 3MP.
- (17) 3XY Radio Hellas.
- (18) Magic 1278.
- (19) Rete Italia (Italian Radio Network).
- (20) SBS Radio Melbourne.
- (21) Sport 927.
- (22) FOX FM Melbourne.
- (23) Gold 104.3.
- (24) Triple M Melbourne.
- (25) Mix 101.1 FM.
- (26) 3CR.
- (27) 3INR.
- (28) 3MBS.
- (29) 3MDR.
- (30) Vision Australia Radio.
- (31) 3RRR.
- (32) 3SCB-88.3 Southern FM.
- (33) 3HCR High Country Radio.
- (34) 3HOT.
- (35) 3ZZZ.
- (36) Eastern FM 98.1.
- (37) JOY Melbourne.
- (38) 979fm.
- (39) PBS FM.
- (40) 97.7 FM South Eastern Radio.
- (41) SYN.
- (42) Stereo 974.
- (43) 3CS.
- (44) Star FM 91.9.
- (45) 94.3 StarFM.
- (46) 3HA MIXX FM.
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- (48) 3NE.
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- (51) ABC Western Victoria.
- (52) 3YB.
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- (54) 3BO FM.

- (55) ABC South West Victoria.
- (56) 969 Star FM.
- (57) FM 98.5.
- (58) 99.5 Star FM.
- (59) ABC Central Victoria.
- (60) ABC Mildura Swan Hill.
- (61) 93.9 BAY FM.
- (62) Charlton Visitor Radio.
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- (68) 3RPP.
- (69) Yarra Valley FM 99.1.
- (70) OAK-FM.
- (71) 947 Pulse.
- (72) Radio Gippsland FM.
- (73) 96.3 Rhema FM.
- (74) Voice FM.
- (75) Fresh 895 FM.
- (76) 3XX.
- (77) Nova 100.3 FM.
- (78) UGFM Radio Murrindindi.
- (79) Radio KLFM/EON FM.
- (80) 98.9 North West FM.
- (81) SEN 1116 Sports Entertainment Network.
- (82) Light FM 89.9.
- (83) Vega 91.5 FM.
- (84) 100.7 Highlands FM.
- (85) C31 Melbourne.
- (86) ABC TV Victoria.
- (87) Ten Melbourne.
- (88) Nine Melbourne.
- (89) Seven Melbourne.
- (90) SBS TV Melbourne.
- (91) Prime TV Victoria.
- (92) Southern Cross Ten Victoria.
- (93) WIN TV Victoria.
- (94) One HD Melbourne.
- (95) 7 Two Melbourne.
- (96) Go! Channel.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is one of approximately 14 000 questions asked since 2006. Due to the nature of the question, the research required to provide a response would place an unreasonable burden on time and resources.

Community services: advertising

11 699. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all advertising campaigns from 25 November 2006 to date that were broadcast on the following radio and television outlets, indicating the purpose, total costs and date period of each campaign:

- (1) 3PVR-Plenty Valley FM.
- (2) 3SH.
- (3) 3BA 102.3 FM.
- (4) Mixx FM/3CS.
- (5) Edge FM 102.1.
- (6) K-ROCK.
- (7) 103.1-3BBR FM.
- (8) ABC Ballarat.
- (9) Kiss FM.
- (10) 3SRFM.
- (11) 103.1 Power FM.
- (12) 106.3.
- (13) ABC Gippsland.
- (14) 3AW 693.
- (15) 774 ABC Melbourne.
- (16) 3MP.
- (17) 3XY Radio Hellas.
- (18) Magic 1278.
- (19) Rete Italia (Italian Radio Network).
- (20) SBS Radio Melbourne.
- (21) Sport 927.
- (22) FOX FM Melbourne.
- (23) Gold 104.3.
- (24) Triple M Melbourne.
- (25) Mix 101.1 FM.
- (26) 3CR.
- (27) 3INR.
- (28) 3MBS.
- (29) 3MDR.
- (30) Vision Australia Radio.
- (31) 3RRR.
- (32) 3SCB-88.3 Southern FM.
- (33) 3HCR High Country Radio.
- (34) 3HOT.
- (35) 3ZZZ.

- (36) Eastern FM 98.1.
- (37) JOY Melbourne.
- (38) 979fm.
- (39) PBS FM.
- (40) 97.7 FM South Eastern Radio.
- (41) SYN.
- (42) Stereo 974.
- (43) 3CS.
- (44) Star FM 91.9.
- (45) 94.3 StarFM.
- (46) 3HA MIXX FM.
- (47) 3MAFM.
- (48) 3NE.
- (49) TRFM.
- (50) 3WM/Mixx FM.
- (51) ABC Western Victoria.
- (52) 3YB.
- (53) ABC Local Radio Victoria.
- (54) 3BO FM.
- (55) ABC South West Victoria.
- (56) 969 Star FM.
- (57) FM 98.5.
- (58) 99.5 Star FM.
- (59) ABC Central Victoria.
- (60) ABC Mildura Swan Hill.
- (61) 93.9 BAY FM.
- (62) Charlton Visitor Radio.
- (63) ABC Goulburn Murray.
- (64) 3MBR "Mallee Border Radio".
- (65) 3MFM South Gippsland.
- (66) 3MIL-FM.
- (67) 3RPC-FM.
- (68) 3RPP.
- (69) Yarra Valley FM 99.1.
- (70) OAK-FM.
- (71) 947 Pulse.
- (72) Radio Gippsland FM.
- (73) 96.3 Rhema FM.
- (74) Voice FM.
- (75) Fresh 895 FM.
- (76) 3XX.
- (77) Nova 100.3 FM.
- (78) UGFM Radio Murrindindi.
- (79) Radio KLFM/EON FM.
- (80) 98.9 North West FM.

- (81) SEN 1116 Sports Entertainment Network.
- (82) Light FM 89.9.
- (83) Vega 91.5 FM.
- (84) 100.7 Highlands FM.
- (85) C31 Melbourne.
- (86) ABC TV Victoria.
- (87) Ten Melbourne.
- (88) Nine Melbourne.
- (89) Seven Melbourne.
- (90) SBS TV Melbourne.
- (91) Prime TV Victoria.
- (92) Southern Cross Ten Victoria.
- (93) WIN TV Victoria.
- (94) One HD Melbourne.
- (95) 7 Two Melbourne.
- (96) Go! Channel.

ANSWER:

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Senior Victorians: advertising

11 700. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of all advertising campaigns from 25 November 2006 to date that were broadcast on the following radio and television outlets, indicating the purpose, total costs and date period of each campaign:

- (1) 3PVR-Plenty Valley FM.
- (2) 3SH.
- (3) 3BA 102.3 FM.
- (4) Mixx FM/3CS.
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- (6) K-ROCK.
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- (31) 3RRR.
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Small business: clearways

11 843. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Small Business): Given the adverse impact on small businesses created by the Government’s clearways policy, why is the Government persisting with this policy.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Brumby Government’s Keeping Melbourne Moving (KMM) plan, announced in April 2008, will alleviate congestion particularly within 10 kilometres of the CBD. The plan provides funding of \$112.7 million over four years and includes measures such as standardising clearway times, improving the operation of road-based public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing the impact of both planned events and unexpected incidents on the roads.

KMM does include a plan for the standardisation and extension of times for existing clearways on around eighty (80) declared arterial roads.

These clearway changes help the arterial road network to operate smoothly and assist in improving road-based public transport travel times and reliability.

VicRoads has implemented clearway changes in 11 of the 13 municipalities involved in the program and approximately 83 per cent of all sites have been completed.

It should be noted that VicRoads has been working continuously with all Councils and trader representatives over the past two years in order to identify possible mitigation measures that can be implemented to alleviate the impact of clearway changes. Measures include parking directional signs, parking line marking, information maps, advocating for reduced speed limits in shopping centres, and reviewing pedestrian signal operation.

The extension of existing clearway times is a strategic initiative to reduce traffic congestion in inner areas of Melbourne. Parking availability surveys before and after clearway times were extended indicated that spare parking spaces were still available along the affected routes.

The extension of existing clearway times provides the opportunity to improve public transport operation by reducing delays along the route caused by traffic queues that cannot use the left hand lane and by using the extra traffic lane to implement public transport priority treatments.

There has been ongoing publicity regarding the KMM initiatives across all media (TV, radio local and state-wide newspapers) to inform the community and the travelling public in particular. Meetings have also been held with the trader committees and

Councils and property owners directly impacted by the changes were notified in advance of signs being installed.

In addition, the Government has formed an independent panel to monitor the effectiveness of the new clearway times. The panel includes representatives of VicRoads, the Department of Transport, local Councils, Yarra Trams, the RACV, bus and local government associations and Bicycle Victoria. The panel will closely monitor current clearway zones to ensure that Melbourne’s road network operates smoothly.

Motorists are encouraged to always check clearway signs carefully and comply with signs when parking because all road users have a part in the plan to keep Melbourne moving.

Roads and ports: Akron Roads

11 939. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to road maintenance contracts with Akron Roads which is now in administration:

- (1) What was the annual value of the contracts held by Akron Roads at the time it went into administration.
- (2) Did VicRoads sustain any loss from the failure of Akron; if so, what is the value of that current loss, how was it incurred and what are the prospects for future recovery.
- (3) Has VicRoads incurred additional costs in re-letting the Akron contracts.
- (4) Did VicRoads conduct any due diligence of Akron's financial position at the time that the original contracts were let.
- (5) Has VicRoads reviewed its risk management and due diligence policies as a result of its experience with Akron; if so, what has been the outcome of this review.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

At the time Akron Roads went into administration it held no road maintenance contracts.

Roads and ports: Peninsula Link

11 941. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract for Peninsula Link:

- (1) What is the total annual amount payable to the future operators of Peninsula Link, the Southern Way Consortium, under the 'availability charge' provisions of the contract.
- (2) What was the percentage difference in cost between public financing and the chosen PPP model for Peninsula Link as revealed by the public sector comparator.
- (3) What is the estimated value of Peninsula Link as an asset in current dollar value.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

The Government released a Project Summary for Peninsula Link in May 2010 which is publicly available at www.partnerships.vic.gov.au and includes responses to these matters.

The fair value of the Peninsula Link asset on completion (in early 2013) is outlined in the 2010 budget papers.

Delivering Peninsula Link as a Public Private Partnerships has achieved a 1 per cent saving, which has a dollar value of \$9 million. It should be noted that this model has also delivered other advantages, such as a higher quality and better maintained infrastructure over the longer term and community partnerships with places like the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies (CERES) and the McClelland Gallery.

The annual amount payable to Southern Way is dependent on factors including the timing of project completion and potential abatements. As with all projects delivered by an Availability Public Private Partnership, the value of quarterly service payments for Peninsula Link will be reported in the annual budget papers.

Environment and climate change: dingo action statement

11 958. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What time frame has been given for the completion of an Action Statement for the Dingo under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) has been working with relevant stakeholders to prepare a Dingo Action Statement and is now in the process of finalising a draft. The draft Action Statement will be available on DSE's website for public comment before the statement is adopted.

DSE intends to have the Dingo Action Statement finalised by the end of 2010.

Environment and climate change: Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act review

11 959. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Minister's statement of April 2009 that the Minister would require the Secretary to report to the Minister in one year on progress made in responding to the recommendations from the Auditor-General's review of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*:

- (1) Is the Secretary now aware of the requirement to report to the Minister on progress made in responding to the recommendation from the Auditor-General's review of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*.
- (2) What progress has been made in responding to the recommendations from the Auditor-General's review of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*.
- (3) Will the report of the Secretary to the Department of Sustainability and Environment on progress made in responding to the recommendations from the Auditor-General's review of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* be made publicly available.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is currently preparing a report on the changes that have been made in response to the audit and the benefits that have been delivered. This report will be made available on DSE's website.

DSE continues to improve the monitoring and protection of native flora and fauna by:

- investing in surveys, monitoring and research on key threatened species, communities and processes (e.g. rescuing Murray Hardyhead from drying lakes in north-west Victoria and re-introducing the Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby to the Grampians)
- discussing alignment opportunities with the Commonwealth Government to avoid duplications in Commonwealth and State listing processes
- developing the Native Vegetation Tracking system and establishing a new Actions for Biodiversity Conservation information system by August 2011
- developing a cost-effective monitoring and evaluation framework to measure Action Statement effectiveness, and a database to track listing nominations
- releasing the Land and Biodiversity at a Time of Climate Change White Paper (2009), which outlines a framework to guide how knowledge is identified, created, captured, stored, shared and used
- releasing the draft Victorian Biodiversity Strategy 2010–2015, which proposes a new framework, NaturePrint, to integrate important biodiversity datasets and focus investment.

The Government will also introduce legislation in 2010 to streamline and strengthen the reporting and enforcement provisions in the FFG Act to improve biodiversity conservation and management.

Roads and ports: land acquisitions

11 961. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): What are the estimated costs involved to compulsorily acquire land for the Outer Metropolitan Ring Road and E6 freeway.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

There is no intention to compulsorily acquire land for the Outer Metropolitan Ring/E6 Transport Corridor at this time. Land acquisition costs will be dealt with closer to the time of construction of this important long-term project.

Agriculture: glue traps

11 962. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the extension of the allowable use of glue traps: How much of the estimated \$116.2 million provided for in the 2010–11 budget for regulation and compliance is expected to be spent on —

- (a) monitoring the wide range of shops where glue traps are sold, to ensure that glue traps are sold only to commercial pest control managers in accordance with section 15 of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* and section 10 of the Regulations;
- (b) monitoring illegal use of glue traps under section 15AB of the Act by commercial pest control managers;
- (c) prosecuting under section 15 of the Act; and
- (d) prosecuting under section 15AB of the Act.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) Inspectorate is responsible for compliance action relating to glue traps under a Memorandum of Understanding agreement. It responds to complaints received and at present has no plan or funding in place to actively monitor illegal sales or use of glue traps. It is not possible to estimate how many complaints will be received in 2010–11. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate what will be spent. The government provides the RSPCA with \$1 million per year towards the cost of its compliance activities.

Agriculture: renewable energy target scheme

11 963. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): In the financial year 2010–11, how much money will the Department invest in promoting the use of native forests as a source of renewable energy certificates under the Federal Renewable Energy Target Scheme.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the 2010–11 financial year the Department of Primary Industries does not plan to invest in promoting the use of native forests as a source of Renewable Energy Certificates under the Federal Renewable Energy Target Scheme.

Any initiative by the Victorian Government will be consistent with Action 7.3 of the Timber Industry Strategy to support the use of native forest wood waste for energy production, consistent with the Australian Government's expanded Renewable Energy Target scheme.

Agriculture: renewable energy target scheme

11 964. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to native forest timber:

- (1) In financial year 2010–11, how much money will the Department invest in using native forests as a source of renewable energy certificates under the Federal Renewable Energy Target Scheme.
- (2) What other areas is the State investing in to find new markets for native forest timber.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to native forest timber:

- (1) In the 2010–11 financial year the Department of Primary Industries does not plan to invest in the use of native forests as a source of Renewable Energy Certificates under the Federal Renewable Energy Target Scheme.

Any initiative by the Victorian Government will be consistent with Action 7.3 of the Timber Industry Strategy to support the use of native forest wood waste for energy production, consistent with the Australian Government’s expanded Renewable Energy Target scheme.

- (2) VicForests recognises the importance of developing new markets for wood fibre from native forests and has for the past two years had a dedicated business development position to explore opportunities for new markets. VicForests has sent trial material for stranding and pressing into orientated strand board, though VicForests itself does not plan to make any direct investment in any new native timber processing facilities.

Agriculture: waterways — pesticide pollution

11 965. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): Has the Department undertaken evaluations or research into pesticide pollution in Victorian waterways; if so —

- (a) what substances were tested for;
- (b) in what waterways and locations did the tests take place;
- (c) what types of and in what amounts were pesticides detected at each location;
- (d) what evaluation was made on the impact of the pesticides on the environmental health of the waterways in question; and
- (e) what progress has been made responding to the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) tests water for more than 90 pesticides registered for use in agriculture and forestry. More than 60 sites across Victoria have been sampled representing water from a range of landscapes and land use. DPI undertakes sample collection and analysis of samples in partnership with Centre for Aquatic Pollution Identification & Management (CAPIM) collaborators (the University of Melbourne, Melbourne Water, RMIT University and CSIRO Land and Water), and has yet to complete sample collection and chemical analysis. It is too soon to report on the types and amounts of pesticides recorded.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — Barwon-south western region

11 972. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the Barwon South-West region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the Barwon South West region for the following financial years was:

2001–02	- \$227 520
2002–03	- \$309 850
2003–04	- \$317 286
2004–05	- \$325 540
2005–06	- \$337 670
2006–07	- \$343 380
2007–08	- \$405 335
2008–09	- \$417 089
2009–10	- \$430 186
2010–11	- \$430 186

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$430 186 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — eastern metropolitan region

11 973. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the Eastern Metropolitan region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the Eastern Metropolitan region for the following financial years was:

2001–02	- \$773 750
2002–03	- \$964 722
2003–04	- \$987 875
2004–05	- \$1 013 560
2005–06	- \$1 069 900
2006–07	- \$1 071 680
2007–08	- \$1 265 110
2008–09	- \$1 301 800
2009–10	- \$1 342 678
2010–11	- \$1 342 680

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$1 342 680 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — Gippsland region

11 974. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the Gippsland region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the Gippsland region for the following financial years was:

2001–02 - \$148 130
2002–03 - \$238 666
2003–04 - \$244 394
2004–05 - \$250 750
2005–06 - \$261 020
2006–07 - \$264 490
2007–08 - \$319 160
2008–09 - \$358 420
2009–10 - \$338 729
2010–11 - \$338 730

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$338 730 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — Grampians region

11 975. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the Grampians region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the Grampians region for the following financial years was:

2001–02 - \$129 200
2002–03 - \$191 100
2003–04 - \$195 686
2004–05 - \$200 770
2005–06 - \$209 790
2006–07 - \$211 780
2007–08 - \$259 920
2008–09 - \$267 460
2009–10 - \$275 855
2010–11 - \$275 860

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$275 860 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — Hume region

11 976. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the Hume region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the Hume region for the following financial years was:

2001–02 - \$188 840
 2002–03 - \$263 370
 2003–04 - \$269 691
 2004–05 - \$276 700
 2005–06 - \$287 620
 2006–07 - \$291 870
 2007–08 - \$347 330
 2008–09 - \$407 400
 2009–10 - \$418 627
 2010–11 - \$368 630

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$368 630 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — Loddon Mallee region

11 977. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the Loddon Mallee region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the Loddon Mallee region for the following financial years was:

2001–02 - \$209 410
 2002–03 - \$310 500
 2003–04 - \$317 952
 2004–05 - \$326 220
 2005–06 - \$352 870
 2006–07 - \$346 670
 2007–08 - \$403 720
 2008–09 - \$438 150
 2009–10 - \$431 285
 2010–11 - \$431 280

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$431 280 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — north and west metropolitan region

11 978. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the North-West Metropolitan region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the North-West Metropolitan region for the following financial years was:

2001–02	- \$1 504 420
2002–03	- \$2 197 281
2003–04	- \$2 258 761
2004–05	- \$2 317 220
2005–06	- \$2 429 770
2006–07	- \$2 527 060
2007–08	- \$2 895 008
2008–09	- \$2 996 986
2009–10	- \$3 061 226
2010–11	- \$3 061 225

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$3 061 225 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund — southern metropolitan region

11 979. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided within the Southern Metropolitan region for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided within the Southern Metropolitan region for the following financial years was:

2001–02	- \$1 361 480
2002–03	- \$1 779 580
2003–04	- \$1 829 929
2004–05	- \$1 888 853
2005–06	- \$1 934 450
2006–07	- \$1 990 550
2007–08	- \$2 255 280
2008–09	- \$2 336 120
2009–10	- \$2 409 467
2010–11	- \$2 409 470

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$2 409 470 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Housing: Housing Establishment Fund

11 980. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Housing Establishment Fund (HEF), how much HEF funding was provided statewide for each financial year from 2001–02 to 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Housing Establishment Funding (HEF) provided statewide for the following financial years was:

2001–02	- \$6 175 030
2002–03	- \$6 300 000
2003–04	- \$6 489 000
2004–05	- \$6 683 700
2005–06	- \$6 884 200
2006–07	- \$7 091 061
2007–08	- \$8 326 200
2008–09	- \$8 523 725
2009–10	- \$8 710 600
2010–11	- \$8 658 061

It is projected that for 2010–11 funding of \$8 658 061 will be provided but this may be subject to change in response to significant emergencies.

Community services: Futures for Young Adults program

12 034. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Futures for Young Adults program:

- (1) How many young people leaving school at the end of 2009 were assessed as eligible to receive support through the program.
- (2) How many young people were assessed at each level of support available on this program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Over 500 young people leaving school in 2009 were assessed as eligible and a range of support was able to be provided.

Community services: respite beds

12 045. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): How many facility-based respite beds available to children and adults with disabilities had been occupied for more than four weeks by people who were in permanent or longer term crisis care as at June 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

People with disabilities occupying beds for more than four weeks are not necessarily doing so because they are in permanent or long term crisis care.

Environment and climate change: duck hunting

12 046. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Premier's comments in the June 2010 edition of the Age Magazine, that ensuring appropriate welfare for animals is important in Victoria and is the sign of any civilised society:

- (1) In determining duck hunting season arrangements, in addition to advice on environmental, population and waterfowl habitat indicators, does the Minister receive advice on animal welfare considerations.
- (2) If animal welfare considerations are taken into account in determining duck hunting season arrangements, which department or organisation provides this advice.

ANSWER:

The Department of Sustainability and Environment consults with animal welfare agencies and stakeholders each year before providing me with advice regarding duck hunting seasonal arrangements.

In addition, I receive advice and information from a range of sources regarding duck season arrangements and animal welfare issues. I receive annual advice from the Victorian Hunting Advisory Committee which includes the Director of the Bureau of Animal Welfare as a member.

Under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, a Code of Practice is in place to prevent cruelty to game species and protect the welfare of other animals where hunting occurs. Hunters who operate outside this Code may be prosecuted.

Agriculture: glue traps

12 047. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): How many complaints have been made under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* in relation to the alleged illegal use or sale of glue traps.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) Inspectorate has received two complaints relating to alleged illegal sale of glue traps. Several letters received in the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, have expressed concern about the availability of glue traps for sale, without naming premises. These correspondents have been encouraged to contact the RSPCA Inspectorate with relevant details, for further investigation. The Department of Primary Industries has received one complaint about illegal use.

Agriculture: glue traps

12 048. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): How is compliance with the use and sale guidelines for glue traps monitored by the Department other than through the receiving of public complaints.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries does not monitor compliance with the use and sale legislation for glue traps other than through the receiving of public complaints. Any complaints received are referred to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) Inspectorate for further investigation.

Agriculture: glue traps

12 049. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): How many complaints relating to alleged illegal use or sale of glue traps have been investigated by an inspector authorised under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) Inspectorate had received two complaints relating to alleged illegal sale, both of which have been investigated. The Department of Primary Industries has received one notification of illegal use, however, the correspondent, did not want to provide any further details, hence the matter could not be investigated.

Health: Medicare payments

12 079. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) Has the State Government followed the Auditor-General's directive on Medicare payments and the 'Right of Private Practice Agreements' administered in public hospitals.
- (2) Is there a risk management plan.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Auditor-General made recommendations, not directions, that the State Government should seek formal legal advice on Medicare payments and 'Right of Private Practice Agreements' administered in public hospitals.

This recommendation was not agreed to by the Secretary of the then Department of Human Services (now Department of Health), as the Department is in receipt of a several pieces of advice over a number of years from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and Medicare Australia (formerly the Health Insurance Commission) on this issue which are considered to be definitive.

- (2) The Department continually monitors advice and information provided to and from a range of stakeholders, including Hospitals, Health Services, the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, and Medicare Australia, to ensure that advice on Medicare billing is current and appropriate.

Housing: legal expenses

12 080. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing):

- (1) How much has the Office of Housing spent on external legal advice and legal representation (including from the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office) to pursue evictions under the

Residential Tenancies Act 1997 for each of the financial years 2007–08, 2008–09 and 2009–10 to date.

- (2) How much is allocated for 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Total legal costs for external legal advice and legal representation to pursue evictions under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* for each of the financial years 2007–08, 2008–09 and 2009–10 to date, are as follows:

2007–08 - \$53 680.00

2008–09 - \$69 757.02

2009–10 to date - \$106 113.89

- (2) There is no money allocated for external legal advice or legal representation to pursue evictions under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* for 2010–11, as legal cost are met as they arise.

Mental health: supported accommodation

12 081. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 11722, tabled on 25 May 2010, relating to supported accommodation:

- (1) Of the 104 supported accommodation places for people with a disability living with very high support needs:
- (a) how many are new supported accommodation places; and
 - (b) after those places are provided, what is the estimated number of people in urgent need of supported accommodation that will remain without supported accommodation.
- (2) During the four-year period over which funding has been allocated for the combined 204 supported accommodation places and 45 housing opportunities, how many people have joined the supported accommodation waiting list.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Of the 104 supported accommodation places for people with a disability living with very high support needs:
- (a) all are new; and
 - (b) prospective data is unavailable therefore the number of people in urgent need of supported accommodation once the new places are provided cannot be reliably estimated.
- (2) Prospective data is unavailable as the estimated completion date of the four-year period is 30 June 2011.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Wednesday, 11 August 2010

Health: cataract surgery

10 255. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) By how much does the Minister expect waiting lists and waiting times for cataract surgery in our public hospitals to grow as a result of the Federal Government’s decision to cut the patient rebate by 50 per cent.
- (2) How much does it cost taxpayers to fund access to cataract surgery in Victorian public hospitals (including professional services, theatre, accommodation, lens and other relevant costs).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) By how much does the Minister expect waiting lists and waiting times for cataract surgery in our public hospitals to grow as a result of the Federal Government’s decision to cut the patient rebate by 50 per cent.

It is not possible to model the impact that the 12 per cent reduction (originally proposed as a 50 per cent reduction) in the Medicare rebate may have. The impact of the reduction in the rebate is unknown as the change may affect patient choice of provider and subsequent demand on public hospitals.

- (2) How much does it cost taxpayers to fund access to cataract surgery in Victorian public hospitals (including professional services, theatre, accommodation, lens and other relevant costs).

The table below lists average cost per procedure using data from the Victorian Cost Weight Study from the 2007–08 financial year.

Cataract procedure	Average cost in 2007–08	Proportion of all procedures performed
Same day	\$2067	95 per cent
Overnight	\$3337	5 per cent

Hospitals receive funding based on the number and types of patients treated, and the average cost reported by public hospitals to provide the procedure.

Health: Manningham Community Health Service — funding

10 438. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How much money was allocated to the Manningham Community Health Service for its programs in each of the financial years 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that Manningham Community Health Services Ltd (as it has been named since 1 June 2009) has been funded for following amounts:

- (1) \$2 029 575 in 2006–07
- (2) \$2 399 038 in 2007–08
- (3) \$2 507 716 in 2008–09

This includes funding from Home and Community Care, Primary and Community Health and Early Childhood Intervention Services. As Manningham Community Health Services Ltd is an independent agency it may receive funding from other sources.

Environment and climate change: Koomba Park reserve, Vermont South

10 532. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Koomba Park reserve adjoining the Dandenong Creek in Vermont South:

- (1) What is the maintenance budget allocated for the park.
- (2) What works are proposed in the current financial year and the next two years for maintenance of capital projects.
- (3) What is the effective full time allocation of employees to maintenance of Koomba Park.
- (4) What work has been undertaken to ensure that Koomba Park and land adjoining the Dandenong Creek in Vermont South does not pose an unreasonable fire risk.
- (5) What work has been undertaken, or is proposed, to improve water quality for the Dandenong Creek, particularly in regard to the clearance of rubbish.
- (6) What weed eradication programs and indigenous planting programs have been undertaken at Koomba Park in the past three years and what programs are planned for 2010 and the next two years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Koomba Park forms part of the greater Dandenong Valley Parklands (DVP) management area which includes Jells Park, Nortons Park, Corhanwarrabul Wetlands, Shepherds Bush and Wattle Park. Maintenance of these areas is managed as an integrated program. Parks Victoria identifies each park with a level of service (LOS) rating which identifies services and facilities to be provided, as well as maintenance activities to be carried out. All works undertaken in the DVP are prioritised using this rating system.

The “2006 Dandenong Valley Parklands Future Directions Plan”, identifies management zones for park land. Koomba Park has both conservation and conservation/recreation zones that also guide the type of service provided.

Resource allocated to Koomba Park would equate to @ \$125 000 per annum.

- (2) Works of a recurrent nature are undertaken on an annual basis. These include pest plant and animal management, track and trail maintenance, fence repairs, regular grass mowing, amenity spraying (around signage, park seats/benches) and risk tree work. With the new government initiative on urban bushfire management, improvement works will be carried out on fuel breaks, as well. This will involve expanding existing fuel breaks which is done on an annual basis. No other works are proposed for this park, at this time.

The Koomba Park boardwalk is a highly used asset linking the Dandenong Creek (EastLink) Trail and Burwood Highway, meandering through a treed section of Dandenong Creek. Staff undertake regular assessments of the boardwalk to identify any risk issues, such as over hanging vegetation or failed decking. Then a program of works is developed and implemented over the twelve month period. Significant capital/initiative funds have been allocated to maintain and repair this asset; approximately \$90 000 since June 2007.

There has also now been initiative funding granted to continue to upgrade the Koomba Park boardwalk; approximately \$50K for the period of 2010–11.

As part of the EastLink works, the existing trail was upgraded throughout DVP. The Koomba Park section of this trail was included in this upgrade and includes a three metre wide concrete trail now providing multi purpose usage the length of Koomba Park. This trail is extensively used by walkers, bird observers and bike riders on a daily basis. Routine maintenance for this asset are risk related, such as sight distances being maintained and regulatory signs visible at all times.

The City of Knox also plays a significant part in managing an area of Koomba Park. The Council is responsible for the management of active recreation pursuits such as tennis, football and cricket within Wantirna Reserve. These activities all have substantial infrastructure which is maintained by the City of Knox and administered under a lease between Parks Victoria and Council.

- (3) The DVP work centre has a permanent staffing level of fifteen. Staffing includes six full time rangers, three field service officers and two new fire field service officers.

Several volunteer groups also work closely with park staff to undertake maintenance works. As an example, these groups assist in weed management and revegetation programs.

The park has a unique relationship with a lessee; Operation Reveg, who under a formal lease arrangement perform ‘in-kind’ works (weed management, revegetation) within the streamside habitat along the Dandenong Creek, including the section within Koomba Park.

Approximately a total of 1.5 of a mixture of PV staff/volunteer/‘in-kind’ person’s time is allocated to Koomba Park.

- (4) As part of the recently announced \$21m *Melbourne Bushfire Protection Program*, DVP is improving current fuel breaks to ensure that fire management adheres to the objectives of this initiative. Some minor works will be carried out through this initiative at Koomba Park. These will predominantly be expanding the width of current fuel breaks.
- (5) The Dandenong Creek water quality is the responsibility of Melbourne Water. Parks Victoria works closely with Melbourne Water to manage this area by providing local knowledge, advice on natural values and planned works. As an example, blackberry reduction is a key objective for both Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria within the creek environment of Koomba Park. This will continue to be a significant component of the weed management program at Koomba Park.
- (6) An extensive planting program has been carried out throughout Koomba Park over the past fifteen years. Parks Victoria estimates 80 000 indigenous plants have been planted throughout this park in that time. It has mainly concentrated on thickening the riparian strip by planting upper and middle story indigenous plants. More recently, the SP AusNet Power Company removed upper story plants within the power line easement adjacent to Dandenong Creek at Koomba Park. Parks Victoria was successful in negotiating for suitable middle to lower storey indigenous species to replace those plants removed. Three hundred plants will be planted in autumn 2010.

Industrial relations: consultancies

- 10 648. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations: In relation to each department, agency and authority under the administration of the Minister, for the periods 2008–09 and 2009 to date, what are the details of each consultancy commissioned, indicating —

- (a) the date;
- (b) cost;
- (c) purpose;
- (d) name and address of consultant;

- (e) recommendations made;
- (f) action taken in response to any recommendations; and
- (g) whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To provide the details of this request would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources. However, details regarding contractors employed by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development for amounts over \$100 000 are published on the Victorian Government Contracts Publishing System website.

Community development: entertainment expenses

11 077. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Minister's office and/or departmental resources used by the Minister, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred since 25 November 2006, indicating —

- (a) total cost;
- (b) itemised details of all expenditures over \$500; including —
 - (i) number of guests;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) purpose; and
 - (iv) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As I have recently been appointed Minister, I have no relevant expenses to report.

Health: entertainment expenses

11 078. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Minister's office and/or departmental resources used by the Minister, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred since 25 November 2006, indicating —

- (a) total cost;
- (b) itemised details of all expenditures over \$500; including —
 - (i) number of guests;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) purpose; and
 - (iv) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses have been incurred.

Small business: entertainment expenses

11 084. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to the Minister’s office and/or departmental resources used by the Minister, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred since 25 November 2006, indicating —

- (a) total cost;
- (b) itemised details of all expenditures over \$500; including —
 - (i) number of guests;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) purpose; and
 - (iv) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would require an unjustifiable diversion of the department’s resources.

Gaming: entertainment expenses

11 102. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to the Minister’s office and/or departmental resources used by the Minister, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred since 25 November 2006, indicating —

- (a) total cost;
- (b) itemised details of all expenditures over \$500; including —
 - (i) number of guests;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) purpose; and
 - (iv) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) From 26 November 2006 to 31 January 2010 the office entertainment expenses for both the Minister for Consumer Affairs and the Minister for Gaming was \$4,662.68.
- (b) The Oracle Financial System used by the Department of Justice cannot itemise details of expenditure in the manner requested. To individually determine the number of guests or itemise other details of the entertainment expenses as requested would be an unreasonable burden on the department’s time and resources.

Consumer affairs: entertainment expenses

11 103. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to the Minister’s office and/or departmental resources used by the Minister, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred since 25 November 2006, indicating —

- (a) total cost;
- (b) itemised details of all expenditures over \$500; including —
 - (i) number of guests;

- (ii) cost;
- (iii) purpose; and
- (iv) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Refer to the reply to question on notice 11102.

Health: residential allowances

11 288. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): Since 25 November 2006 to date, how much has been paid in residential allowances to the Minister and staff in the Minister’s department and what are the details of each claim.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Neither I, nor my ministerial staff have received residential allowances.

Agriculture: residential allowances

11 293. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): Since 25 November 2006 to date, how much has been paid in residential allowances to the Minister and staff in the Minister’s department and what are the details of each claim.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Minister and staff are not paid residential allowances.

Agriculture: travel allowances

11 375. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): Since 25 November 2006, what is the total amount paid in travel allowances to the Minister, and what are the details of each claim by the Minister, including —

- (a) the date of travel;
- (b) destination; and
- (c) purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No Allowances for domestic travel were paid to the Minister. Information relating to international travel allowances is published periodically on the Internet and is also available from the Parliamentary library.

Gaming: travel allowances

11 393. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): Since 25 November 2006, what is the total amount paid in travel allowances to the Minister, and what are the details of each claim by the Minister, including —

- (a) the date of travel;
- (b) destination; and
- (c) purpose.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

All overseas travel expenditure is published quarterly on the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development website. To provide a detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary burden the Department's time and resources.

Consumer affairs: travel allowances

11 394. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): Since 25 November 2006, what is the total amount paid in travel allowances to the Minister, and what are the details of each claim by the Minister, including —

- (a) the date of travel;
- (b) destination; and
- (c) purpose.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

All overseas travel expenditure is published quarterly on the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development website. To provide a detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary burden the Department's time and resources.

Agriculture: hold harmless clauses

11 553. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries and its subordinate agencies that fall within the jurisdiction of the Minister: Does the Department or its subordinate agencies require or recommend the inclusion of 'hold harmless clauses' within any temporary employment service procurement contracts, which provide full indemnity for the Government or its Departments for all loss and damage regardless of whether the Victorian State Government or the relevant Department has contributed to the loss or damage; if so —

- (a) which Department/subordinate agency have 'hold harmless' provisions included in their temporary employment service procurement contract; and
- (b) what is the policy justification for the inclusion of indemnity provisions which indemnify the Victorian State Government and/or its Departments regardless of contributory negligence.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries and its associated agencies, do not require or recommend the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in temporary employment service procurement contracts.

For temporary employees engaged by the Department using employment panel agencies, the whole of Government contract terms and conditions apply.

There is no requirement or recommendation for the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in the temporary employment service procurement contracts of the Department or its agencies.

Where companies or individuals are engaged by the State, under standard professional services contracts (i.e. not as employees), an indemnification to the State is a standard requirement in those circumstances, as is usual commercial practice.

Industrial relations: hold harmless clauses

11 570. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations: In relation to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development and its subordinate agencies that fall within the jurisdiction of the Minister: Does the Department or its subordinate agencies require or recommend the inclusion of ‘hold harmless clauses’ within any temporary employment service procurement contracts, which provide full indemnity for the Government or its Departments for all loss and damage regardless of whether the Victorian State Government or the relevant Department has contributed to the loss or damage; if so —

- (a) which Department/subordinate agency have ‘hold harmless’ provisions included in their temporary employment service procurement contract; and
- (b) what is the policy justification for the inclusion of indemnity provisions which indemnify the Victorian State Government and/or its Departments regardless of contributory negligence.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department does not require or recommend the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in its temporary employment service procurement contracts. For temporary employees engaged by the Department using employment panel agencies, the whole of Government contract terms and conditions apply.

There is no requirement or recommendation for the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in the temporary employment service procurement contracts of Department agencies.

Where companies or individuals are engaged by the State, under standard professional services contracts (i.e. not as employees), an indemnification to the State is a standard requirement in those circumstances, as is usual commercial practice.

Environment and climate change: renewable energy

11 602. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the \$8.4 million announced on 2 September 2003 for the renewable energy demo project:

- (1) How many renewable energy projects were funded.
- (2) What is the total amount expended on renewable energy demo projects.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. The initiative referred to is the Renewable Energy Support Fund (RESF) that was launched in September 2003.

Expressions of Interest (EoI) for RESF funding were received at any time until the fund closed at end June 2009. Over 300 potential project leads and inquiries were followed up since the program’s launch with the first project funding agreement made in June 2004.

There were three categories of project funding:

- Demonstration Projects — capital funding toward individual demonstration of innovative applications of medium-scale renewable energy technologies in Victoria;
- Access Projects — support to increase the accessibility of best practice technologies that can be used in medium-scale renewable energy projects;
- Capacity Building Projects — support to build capacity to install, service and/or maintain medium-scale renewable energy projects.

Fourteen projects have been supported

Project Category	Number of projects	Renewable Energy Type
Demonstration	10	Wind, solar, geothermal bioenergy
Access	3	Solar, Bioenergy, hydro
Capacity Building	1	Wave energy

2. All funding in this program has been expended, with some projects still in the delivery phase.
3. RESF has been twice reviewed internally by Sustainability Victoria in 2005 and 2006 and once by an external consultant in 2007.

The review found that the program was highly effective in delivery of medium-scale renewable energy projects.

Industrial relations: advertising

- 11 705. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all advertising campaigns from 25 November 2006 to date that were broadcast on the following radio and television outlets, indicating the purpose, total costs and date period of each campaign:

- (1) 3PVR-Plenty Valley FM.
- (2) 3SH.
- (3) 3BA 102.3 FM.
- (4) Mixx FM/3CS.
- (5) Edge FM 102.1.
- (6) K-ROCK.
- (7) 103.1-3BBR FM.
- (8) ABC Ballarat.
- (9) Kiss FM.
- (10) 3SRFM.
- (11) 103.1 Power FM.
- (12) 106.3.
- (13) ABC Gippsland.

- (14) 3AW 693.
- (15) 774 ABC Melbourne.
- (16) 3MP.
- (17) 3XY Radio Hellas.
- (18) Magic 1278.
- (19) Rete Italia (Italian Radio Network).
- (20) SBS Radio Melbourne.
- (21) Sport 927.
- (22) FOX FM Melbourne.
- (23) Gold 104.3.
- (24) Triple M Melbourne.
- (25) Mix 101.1 FM.
- (26) 3CR.
- (27) 3INR.
- (28) 3MBS.
- (29) 3MDR.
- (30) Vision Australia Radio.
- (31) 3RRR.
- (32) 3SCB-88.3 Southern FM.
- (33) 3HCR High Country Radio.
- (34) 3HOT.
- (35) 3ZZZ.
- (36) Eastern FM 98.1.
- (37) JOY Melbourne.
- (38) 979fm.
- (39) PBS FM.
- (40) 97.7 FM South Eastern Radio.
- (41) SYN.
- (42) Stereo 974.
- (43) 3CS.
- (44) Star FM 91.9.
- (45) 94.3 StarFM.
- (46) 3HA MIXX FM.
- (47) 3MAFM.
- (48) 3NE.
- (49) TRFM.
- (50) 3WM/Mixx FM.
- (51) ABC Western Victoria.
- (52) 3YB.
- (53) ABC Local Radio Victoria.
- (54) 3BO FM.
- (55) ABC South West Victoria.
- (56) 969 Star FM.
- (57) FM 98.5.
- (58) 99.5 Star FM.

- (59) ABC Central Victoria.
- (60) ABC Mildura Swan Hill.
- (61) 93.9 BAY FM.
- (62) Charlton Visitor Radio.
- (63) ABC Goulburn Murray.
- (64) 3MBR "Mallee Border Radio".
- (65) 3MFM South Gippsland.
- (66) 3MIL-FM.
- (67) 3RPC-FM.
- (68) 3RPP.
- (69) Yarra Valley FM 99.1.
- (70) OAK-FM.
- (71) 947 Pulse.
- (72) Radio Gippsland FM.
- (73) 96.3 Rhema FM.
- (74) Voice FM.
- (75) Fresh 895 FM.
- (76) 3XX.
- (77) Nova 100.3 FM.
- (78) UGFM Radio Murrindindi.
- (79) Radio KLFM/EON FM.
- (80) 98.9 North West FM.
- (81) SEN 1116 Sports Entertainment Network.
- (82) Light FM 89.9.
- (83) Vega 91.5 FM.
- (84) 100.7 Highlands FM.
- (85) C31 Melbourne.
- (86) ABC TV Victoria.
- (87) Ten Melbourne.
- (88) Nine Melbourne.
- (89) Seven Melbourne.
- (90) SBS TV Melbourne.
- (91) Prime TV Victoria.
- (92) Southern Cross Ten Victoria.
- (93) WIN TV Victoria.
- (94) One HD Melbourne.
- (95) 7 Two Melbourne.
- (96) Go! Channel.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To answer this question would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources.

Community services: disability support register

11 867. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — Barwon-south western region

11 868. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the Barwon South Western Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — Grampians region

11 869. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the Grampians Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — Loddon Mallee region

11 870. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the Loddon Mallee Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — eastern metropolitan region

11 871. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — southern metropolitan region

11 872. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the Southern Metropolitan Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — north and west metropolitan region

11 873. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the North and West Metropolitan Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — Gippsland region

11 874. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the Gippsland Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: disability support register — Hume region

11 875. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the December 2009 Disability Support Register, specifically as it relates to day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options in the Hume Region, what is the number of people for each of the specified services who are aged:

- (a) under 25 years;
- (b) 25–34 years;
- (c) 35–44;
- (d) 45–54; and
- (e) greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Clients registered on the Disability Services Register vary across the age spectrum and regions of the State.

Community services: alcohol and drug services

11 877. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the 2010 budget announcement of new funding for alcohol and drug services:

- (1) How much of this funding, if any, is to be directed specifically at programs designed for young people.
- (2) How much of this funding is dedicated to establishing new services across the growth areas of Casey, Hume, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Melton.
- (3) How much of this funding is dedicated to the expansion of existing services across the growth areas of Casey, Hume, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Melton.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to the 2010 Budget announcement of new funding for alcohol and drug services:

- (1) Programs will benefit adult clients of a range of ages.
- (2) \$14.1m over four years is dedicated to establishing additional counselling, consultancy and continuing care services across the growth areas of Casey, Hume, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Melton.
- (3) The new counselling, consultancy and continuing care services will all serve to expand existing services in the growth areas of Casey, Hume, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Melton.

Community services: supported accommodation

11 878. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new requests for supported accommodation in 2008–09, how many of these requests were received in the following regions:

- (a) Barwon South West;
- (b) Loddon Mallee;

- (c) Grampians;
- (d) Eastern Metropolitan;
- (e) Southern Metropolitan;
- (f) North and West Metropolitan;
- (g) Gippsland; and
- (h) Hume.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Public transport: buses — timetable installation

11 907. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Public Transport: What is the estimated cost of installing timetables at every bus stop over the next five years as proposed in the Manningham/Monash/Whitehorse Bus service review.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

By the time the recommendations in the Manningham/Monash/Whitehorse Bus Service Review report were publicly released, stop-specific timetables and maps had already been installed by Metlink at every bus stop in these areas.

Public transport: buses — hook turns

11 910. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Public Transport: Will the Government adopt the proposal outlined in the Manningham/Monash/Whitehorse Bus service review to introduce bus hook turns, thereby giving priority for buses and reducing the need for them to cross several lanes of traffic to reach right turn lanes; if so, where in Manningham would these turns be implemented.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

There are no plans to introduce hook turns in the Manningham area at this time.

Environment and climate change: duck hunting

11 912. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: As part of its annual review of duck populations and habitats for the purposes of evaluating duck hunting, does the Department of Sustainability and Environment provide to the Department of Primary Industries similar information on other species that are found at duck hunting sites, such as the critically endangered orange-bellied parrot which uses the duck hunting location of Lake Connewarre during the winter.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) reviews a number of population, habitat and environmental indicators to establish the status of waterfowl populations across eastern Australia and throughout Victoria.

This information comes from many sources, including surveys such as the Eastern Australian Aerial Waterfowl Count conducted by Professor Richard Kingsford, the DSE November and Summer Waterfowl Counts and information from other annual surveys such as the Orange-bellied Parrot survey conducted in May and June.

This process captures information regarding a range of game and non-game waterbird species, including threatened species. This information is used by the Department of Sustainability and Environment for the management of these species.

It is not provided to the Department of Primary Industries, who have no charter or responsibilities to manage or record wildlife.

Summary information from these surveys is available to the public through technical reports and can be located at www.dse.vic.gov.au.

Environment and climate change: duck hunting

11 913. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: Has any investigation occurred or have charges been laid in relation to the recovery of the bodies of two grey-headed flying foxes, each with several bullet wounds, at the duck hunting site at Lake Connewarre, as reported in the Geelong Advertiser on 22 April 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there has been a significant increase in numbers of Grey-headed Flying-foxes detected around the State, and recorded in areas that they haven't previously been observed.

It is an offence under the *Wildlife Act 1975* to destroy any wildlife without authorisation.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment investigated the illegal destruction of Grey-headed Flying-foxes at Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve, however, there is no conclusive evidence that these animals were shot by any individual.

At this stage there is insufficient evidence to recommend any prosecution.

Regional and rural development: Regional Infrastructure Development Fund

11 937. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Public Transport (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to grants made under the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Act 1999 and various recommendations made by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office regarding this fund: Have the following recommendations been implemented —

- (a) properly define categories for funding under the Act in conjunction with stated government priorities for regional Victoria;
- (b) ensure a balanced allocation of funds to the funding categories provided for under the Act and subsequent announced government priorities;
- (c) ensure that on-going job creation and economic outcomes are reported to Parliament and that application business cases provide adequate "baseline" data on which to make these economic outcome assessments including imposing some on-going obligations to successful applicants to report outcomes beyond the funding period (e.g. three subsequent financial years); and
- (d) make mandatory a "sign off" by relevant government department that application meets government objectives and has a reasonable probability of meeting the applicant's own stated objectives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Yes, the Victorian Auditor General's recommendations relating to the aforementioned issues have been implemented.

Regional Infrastructure and Development Fund (RIDF) was allocated to 14 defined sub-programs through the Government's *Provincial Victoria Statements, Moving Forward* and the *Moving Forward Update*. In order to ensure a targeted and appropriate allocation of funding across those sub-programs RIDF responded to priorities identified by regional and rural stakeholders. Furthermore, a portion of RIDF funds remained unallocated in order to respond to emerging or previously unidentified priorities.

From July 2010, the Government's recently announced policy *Ready for Tomorrow: A Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria* provides an outline of how regional and rural Victoria will continue to be supported and further enhanced by the renewed \$260 million RIDF.

Specifically, *Ready for Tomorrow* identified six key focus areas for RIDF, each with an allocation of funding. These are:

1. Sustainable Industry infrastructure — \$25 million
2. Industry Investment and Development infrastructure — \$25 million
3. Tourism infrastructure — \$25 million
4. Transport and Access infrastructure — \$25 million
5. Community and Cultural infrastructure — \$25 million
6. Tertiary Education infrastructure — \$75 million

The \$75 million allocated for tertiary education infrastructure is identified as a key priority for the Government and is designed to increase opportunities for rural students to within their own communities. Tertiary infrastructure grants may be used to provide increased student accommodation options, more flexible and inclusive curricular or upgrades of tertiary facilities.

The remaining \$60 million of unallocated RIDF will be directed to other projects within the remaining five focus areas and in response to a need demonstrated through extensive regional planning forums.

The RIDF Program Guidelines document the application and assessment process for RIDF projects. The Guidelines are available from Regional Development Victoria and are located on their website. Applications for funding need to demonstrate the applicant's ability to meet a significant number of criteria including:

- Economic benefits;
- Socioeconomic benefits;
- Alignment with State and Regional priorities;
- Demonstrated Project feasibility and delivery;
- Compliance with Victorian Industry Participation Policy (VIPP); and
- Financial viability.

Applications received by RDV will undergo a preliminary assessment process against the eligibility criteria detailed in the application. Applications are then prioritised on this basis before proceeding through the formal Committee assessment process.

The Regional Infrastructure Development Committee (RIDC) is responsible for making an appropriate recommendation to the Minister for Regional and Rural Development regarding all project applications. Where a project is seeking funding of \$2 million or more, applications supported by the RIDC will also be forwarded to the Minister for Finance, for authorisation of the Minister for Regional and Rural Development's approval. RIDC is

chaired by RDV and includes representatives from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Department of Transport.

Each successful applicant is required to report 12 and 24 months after the completion of a project. Specifically, RIDF grant recipients are required to provide data regarding employment, economic impacts, social impacts and any unforeseen impacts which are measured against the recipient's original stated project objectives.

The employment and economic data collected related to RIDF grants are reported in three main arenas:

1. the annual Budget Papers which incorporate RIDF's impact on regional and rural employment and investment;
2. relevant RIDF data which is reported in the RDV annual report; and finally;
3. the RDV website, which highlights many of the impacts of RIDF projects through case studies and project information.

Environment and climate change: rivers — environmental flows

11 954. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the words 'improved environmental flow' for 20 rivers on page 207 of 2010–11 Budget Paper No. 3:

- (1) Does 'improved environmental flow' refer to a level scientifically determined using FLOWS methodology; if not, what is the definition of 'improved environmental flow'.
- (2) What are the names of the 20 rivers that are expected to have 'improved environmental flow' regimes delivered in 2010–11.
- (3) What are the expected percentage amounts of the increased flow for each of the 20 rivers expected to receive 'improved environmental flow regimes' in 2010–11.
- (4) Of the 20 rivers expected to receive 'improved environmental flow regimes' in 2010–11, which of those rivers receive ongoing scientifically determined environmental flow levels.
- (5) What are the names of the 20 rivers noted in the 2009–10 budget papers that are expected to have targets met for delivery of 'improved environmental flow regimes'.
- (6) What were the percentage amounts of the increased flow for each of these 20 rivers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The definition of improved environmental flow is an improvement to the environmental water reserve that will result in increased environmental benefits in the system. It can be achieved either by changing flow management rules or by providing additional environmental water.

Scientifically determined environmental flow studies have been undertaken for each of the 20 rivers. The FLOWS method has been used for all but the Murray and Snowy rivers, which were assessed using an expert panel approach.

It is not possible to determine the percentage amount of increased flows for each river, as the figure varies depending on seasonal allocations and inflows from year to year. However, the water recovery targets that the Victorian Government has committed to providing are included in *Our Water Our Future*, the *Central Region Sustainable Water Strategy* and the *Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy*. From 2002 till 2009, 402 GL of water (long term average) has been added to the environmental water reserve.

The names of the 20 rivers that will have targets met for improved environmental flow regimes have been identified through *Our Water Our Future 2004*, the *Central Region Sustainable Water Strategy*, and the *Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy*. The 20 rivers are:

- Glenelg River;
- Wimmera River;
- Loddon River;
- Campaspe River;
- Murray River;
- Goulburn River;
- Broken River;
- Ovens River;
- Snowy River;
- Macalister River;
- Thomson River;
- Latrobe River;
- Tarago River;
- Yarra River;
- Maribyrnong River;
- Werribee River;
- Barwon River;
- Leigh River;
- Moorabool River; and
- Lerderderg River.

Environment and climate change: rivers — environmental allocations

11 955. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many rivers have had their environmental allocations qualified under the Water Act 1989 in 2009–10.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Ten rivers have had some part of their environmental water reserve qualified under the *Water Act 1989* in 2009–10. These were:

- Goulburn River
- Yarra River
- Thomson River
- Broken River
- Campaspe River
- Loddon River
- Maribyrnong River
- Tarwin River
- Powlett River
- Moorabool River.

Gaming: sporting events

11 969. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): Has the Department developed any new policies or processes to monitor gambling and associated issues around sporting events, including but not limited to match-fixing; if so —

- (a) what are these policies and procedures; and
- (b) how much additional funding has been provided to the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation for the implementation of these policies and processes.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In accordance with section 4.5.14(1) of the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003* (GRA) an organisation seeking approval as a Sports Controlling Body must satisfy several criteria which demonstrate to the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation (VCGR) that it has policies and procedures in place to maintain the integrity of events that it controls. The criteria that impact the most on an organisation's control over integrity are:

- Whether the applicant has adequate policies, rules, codes of conduct or other mechanisms designed to ensure the integrity of the event; and
- Whether the applicant supports compliance with relevant international codes and conventions applicable to the event that relate to integrity in sport; and
- Whether the applicant has clear policies on the provision of information that may be relevant to the betting market; and
- Whether the applicant has clear processes for reporting the results of the event and hearing appeals and protests regarding those results; and
- Whether the applicant has clear policies on the sharing of information with sports betting providers for the purpose of investigating suspicious betting activity.

In considering the above, the VCGR examines and assesses relevant documents which support the integrity arrangements for events controlled by the Sports Controlling Body.

For example, the AFL Rules and Regulations state that any person must not “contrive or attempt to contrive the result of a Match or any aspect of a match in exchange for any bribe, benefit or reward”. Controls to prevent contrived results are also embedded in contracts with players and officials. The AFL manages suspicious betting activity through contractual arrangements with betting providers which include the sharing of relevant betting information.

The VCGR proactively monitors events controlled by Sports Controlling Bodies and, where necessary, investigates alleged integrity issues.

During 2009, the VCGR investigated allegations of “tanking” in the AFL and “match-fixing” in the NRL.

In both cases the VCGR was satisfied that both the AFL and the NRL continue to enforce policies and procedures to protect the integrity of events that they control.

- (a) As outlined earlier, the VCGR has, since the inception of the Sports Controlling Body approvals, resourced arrangements for assessing the suitability of organisations seeking approval as a Sports Controlling Body, for ongoing monitoring of compliance with legislative requirements and for prompt investigative action to be satisfied that Sports Controlling Bodies are implementing integrity controls.
- (b) No specific funding has been provided for these activities.

Community services: support to live in the community

12 035. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Victoria for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Victoria for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — Barwon-south western region

12 036. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Barwon South-West Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Barwon South-West Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — Grampians region

12 037. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Grampians Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Grampians Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — Gippsland region

12 038. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Gippsland Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Gippsland Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — Hume region

12 039. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Hume Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Hume Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — Loddon Mallee region

12 040. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Loddon Mallee Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Loddon Mallee Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — eastern metropolitan region

12 041. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Eastern Metropolitan Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Eastern Metropolitan Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — north and west metropolitan region

12 042. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in North West Metropolitan Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in North West Metropolitan Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.

Community services: support to live in the community — southern metropolitan region

12 043. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to new and rejected requests in 2007–08 and 2008–09 for support to live in the community:

- (1) How many new requests for support to live in the community were received in Southern Metropolitan Region for each of the years.
- (2) How many applications for support to live in the community were rejected in Southern Metropolitan Region for each of the years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of requests received and processed in any given financial year fluctuates based on demand.