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² Elected 15 September 2007

³ Resigned 2 June 2008

⁴ Elected 13 February 2010

⁵ Elected 28 June 2008

⁶ Resigned 18 January 2010

⁷ Elected 15 September 2007

⁸ Resigned 6 August 2007

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Tuesday, 10 August 2010

Health: hospitals — complaints

2619. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many complaints from residents in postcode 3108 were received by the Health Services Commissioner relating to hospitals in:

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Health Services Commissioner is unable to reveal the number of complaints she has received by postcode because of the confidentiality provisions in the legislation she works under and because of the risk of inadvertently identifying complainants or particular hospitals.

Health: medical practitioners — complaints

2620. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many complaints from residents in postcode 3109 were received by the Health Services Commissioner relating to medical practitioners in:

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Health Services Commissioner is unable to reveal the number of complaints she has received by postcode because of the confidentiality provisions in the legislation she works under and because of the risk of inadvertently identifying complainants or particular hospitals.

Health: medical practitioners — complaints

2621. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many complaints from residents in postcode 3111 were received by the Health Services Commissioner relating to medical practitioners in:

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Health Services Commissioner is unable to reveal the number of complaints she has received by postcode because of the confidentiality provisions in the legislation she works under and because of the risk of inadvertently identifying complainants or particular hospitals.

Health: Manningham Community Health Service — funding

2622. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how much money was allocated to the Manningham Community Health Service for its programs in:

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) 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.

Industry and trade: export clusters program

2702. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Export Clusters Program and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Export Cluster program will be evaluated by the DIIRD Evaluation Unit at the conclusion of the program. The results of the evaluation will be used to inform future decisions for this initiative.

The Trade Fairs and Missions Program delivers part of the program via inbound and outbound trade missions. These are evaluated at the conclusion of each mission when participants identify anticipated outcomes in the short term and medium term (up to 5 years) as a result of the mission. This information is collated and informs planning for future trade missions and provides a more immediate evaluation of the program.

Since 2007 Australian Urban Systems Cluster (AUS) companies have participated in over 14 outbound and inbound trade missions and trade fairs. As a result of these missions, there has been a \$538.14 million expected increase in mature annual exports from urbanisation related service, technology and products sector.

The Australian International Sports and Events Secretariat (AISES) industries reported a \$30 million expected increase in mature annual exports from sports and events related companies at three major events, the 2006 Doha Asian Games, the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games and the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

These outcomes from the Trade Fairs and Missions Program will also be fed into the final evaluation process.

Industry and trade: Building Our Industries for the Future

2706. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade how is the Government measuring the effectiveness of its stated action, as part of the Building Our Industries for the Future: Action Plans for Victorian Industry and Manufacturing, to ‘assist business in the adoption of new competitive technologies’.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The *Building Our Industries For The Future* statement provides \$122.7 million to the Manufacturing Action Plan to assist the manufacturing industry improve global competitiveness and maximise access to export markets.

The plan “assists business in the adoption of new competitive technologies” through a number of initiatives targeting strategic sectors. One such initiative in the automotive sector, the \$6.7 million *Victorian Automotive Manufacturing Action Plan* facilitates and encourages the rapid introduction of new technologies such as alternative fuels and power trains.

The Government supports the development of new competitive technologies through support that has clear milestones upon which payments are based. Depending on the nature of the projects, these milestones will be based on the value of a new investment or new jobs created resulting from Government support.

The achievement of these milestones are reported and the outcomes achieved contribute to the Department of Innovation Industry and Regional Development’s major output targets of facilitating \$1.6 billion in new investment, creating 5000 new jobs and \$739 million in export facilitated each year.

Industry and trade: Building Our Industries for the Future

2707. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade how is the Government measuring the effectiveness of its stated action, as part of the Building Our Industries For The Future: Action Plans for Victorian Industry and Manufacturing, to “help business to expand their engagement with global supply chains and grow networks of business contacts”.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The *Building Our Industries for the Future* statement provides \$122.7 million to the Manufacturing Action Plan to assist the manufacturing industry improve global competitiveness and maximise access to export markets.

The plan helps business to expand its engagement with global supply chains and grow networks of business contacts through initiatives such as the \$6.7 million *Victorian Automotive Manufacturing Action Plan*, which facilitates access for Victorian firms to global supply chains through Technical Presentation Visits to international markets such as China, India and the USA.

This program is delivered in partnership with Austrade. Austrade follows up with companies that have participated in these Technical Presentation Visits and gathers information on the number of request for quotation received as a result of a company’s participation in the visit and the expected export outcomes. These outcomes contribute to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development’s major output target of \$739 million in exports facilitated each year.

Agriculture: VicForests — staff

2762(a). **Dr SYKES** to ask the Minister for Agriculture with reference to VicForests:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

With reference to VicForests:

1. The number of staff employed by VicForests is 136.
- 2, 3. The location of all offices maintained, including the staff based or notionally based at each office is as follows:

Melbourne	
Corporate Support Office (Melbourne)	38
East Gippsland Region	
Orbost	28
Bendoc	4
Cann River	7
Swifts Creek	6
Central Highlands Region	
Healesville	21
Erica	2
Noojee	9
Powelltown	3
Alexandra	14
Ovens	4
Total	136

Agriculture: hold-harmless clauses

2767(c). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture with reference to the inclusion of ‘hold harmless clauses’, which provide full indemnity for the Government or its departments for all loss and damage, regardless of whether the Government or department has contributed to the loss or damage, in temporary employment service procurement contracts:

- (1) Do any departments or agencies under the jurisdiction of the Minister require or recommend the inclusion of such clauses; if so, which departments or agencies.
- (2) If any departments or agencies under the jurisdiction of the Minister require or recommend the inclusion of such clauses, what is the policy that supports this inclusion.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

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.

Housing: Frankston office — demographic

2776. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to the public housing demographic in the region covered by the Frankston Regional Housing office:

- (1) How many tenants are Centrelink benefit recipients.
- (2) How many tenants are self-funded retirees.
- (3) How many tenants are self-employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on tenant incomes is published in the 2008–09 *Summary of Housing Assistance*.

Housing: Frankston office — demographic

2777. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to the public housing demographic in the region covered by the Frankston Regional Housing office:

- (1) How many properties were vacant as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2005;
 - (b) 30 June 2006;
 - (c) 30 June 2007;
 - (d) 30 June 2008;
 - (e) 30 June 2009.
- (2) What is the average turnaround time between vacating tenants and incoming tenants.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Office of Housing publishes vacancy data as statewide figures. The number of vacant tenable properties statewide as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2005 was 699.
 - (b) 30 June 2006 was 605;
 - (c) 30 June 2007 was 566;
 - (d) 30 June 2008 was 516;
 - (e) 30 June 2009 was 454.
- (2) Turnaround times are published in the *Report on Government Services*.

Environment and climate change: renewable energy

2787. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$8.4 million in funding for renewable energy demonstration projects announced on 2 September 2003:

- (1) How many renewable energy projects were funded.
- (2) How much has been spent on such projects.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

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.

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

- 2. \$6.7 million has been allocated to projects to date.
- 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.

Industry and trade: trade fairs and missions

2806. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to the Trade Fairs and Missions as detailed in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2008–09 report, what benefits were derived from the grant of:

- (1) \$70 000 to 21st Century International Business Development Centre Pty Ltd.
- (2) \$80 000 to Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association Ltd.
- (3) \$31 000 to Australian Industry and Defence Network Inc — Victoria.

- (4) \$13 260 to Baw Baw Shire Council.
- (5) \$45 000 to City of Whittlesea.
- (6) \$24 500 to Council of Textiles and Fashion Industries of Australia Ltd.
- (7) \$9300 to Department of Primary Industries.
- (8) \$7050 to Exhibitions Pty Ltd.
- (9) \$60 000 to Industry Capability Network (Vic) Ltd.
- (10) \$116 500 to International Trade Show Management Pty Ltd.
- (11) \$31 500 to Master Builders Australia Inc.
- (12) \$4833 to Paladin Business Systems Pty Ltd.
- (13) \$24 500 to PCR Australasia Pty Ltd.
- (14) \$21 000 to Racing Victoria.
- (15) \$15 500 to the Australian Industry Group.
- (16) \$170 000 to Tourism Victoria.
- (17) \$71 475 to Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In 2008–09 the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development’s Trade Fairs and Missions program reported estimated mature exports of \$240 million.

The benefits of the specific grants under the Trade Fairs and Mission program referred to are as follows:

- (1) \$70 000 to 21st Century International Business Development Centre Pty Ltd.

The \$70 000 grant is made up of two grants paid to 21st Century International Business Development Centre Pty Ltd as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$55 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — Urbanisation Mission to South America — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$9 million.
- (b) \$15 000 for an Inward Trade Mission — Inbound China Developers Mission — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$5.5 million

- (2) \$80 000 to Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association Ltd.

The \$80 000 grant is made up of two grants paid to Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association Ltd. as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$40 000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Automechanica Gulf 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$1.56 million.
- (b) \$40 000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Automechanica Frankfurt 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$2.35 million

- (3) \$31 000 to Australian Industry and Defence Network Inc — Victoria.

The \$31 000 grant is made up of two grants paid to Australian Industry and Defence Network Inc — Victoria as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$21 000 for Outwards Trade Fair — IDEX Abu Dhabi 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$6.4 million
- (b) \$10 000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Paris Airshow 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$9.55 million

- (4) \$13 260 to Baw Baw Shire Council.

The \$13 260 grant was paid to Baw Baw Shire Council as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Fair — MIHAS 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.3 million.

- (5) \$45 000 to City of Whittlesea.

The \$45 000 grant was paid to City of Whittlesea as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Fair — Hofex 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$8.83 million.

- (6) \$24 500 to Council of Textiles and Fashion Industries of Australia Ltd.

The \$24 500 grant was part payment of a grant of \$35 000 to Council of Textiles and Fashion Industries of Australia Ltd. as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Mission — Textile Trade Mission — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$3.5 million.

- (7) \$9300 to Department of Primary Industries.

The \$9300 grant was part payment of a grant of \$31 000 paid to Department of Primary Industries as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Mission — Murray Cod Trade Mission 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.92 million.

- (8) \$7050 to Exhibitions Pty Ltd.

The \$7050 grant was part payment of a grant of \$34 000 paid to Exhibitions Pty Ltd. as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Fair — Food and Hotel Asia 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$4.59 million.

- (9) \$60 000 to Industry Capability Network (Vic) Ltd.

The \$60 000 grant is made up of two grants paid to Industry Capability Network (Vic) Ltd. as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$45 000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — India Aviation 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$2.534 million.
- (b) \$15 000 which was part payment of a grant of \$35 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — TAA Technical Presentation Mission 2007–08 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$13.12 million

- (10) \$116 500 to International Trade Show Management Pty Ltd.

The \$116 500 grant is made up of three grants paid to International Trade Show Management Pty Ltd. as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$37 000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Arab Health 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$3.095 million
- (b) \$44 500 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Gulfoods 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$7.07 million
- (c) \$35 000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Hospital Build Asia 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$4.2 million

- (11) \$31 500 to Master Builders Australia Inc.

The \$31 500 grant was part payment of a grant of \$44 813 paid to Master Builders Australia Inc as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Fair — Cityscape Abu Dhabi 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$11.48 million.

(12) \$4833 to Paladin Business Systems Pty Ltd.

The \$4833 grant was part payment of a grant of \$29 833 paid to Paladin Business Systems Pty Ltd. as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Mission — Indian Automotive Mission 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$1 million.

(13) \$24 500 to PCR Australasia Pty Ltd.

The \$24 500 grant was part payment of a grant of \$35 000 paid to PCR Australasia Pty Ltd. as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Mission — China and Mongolia Aviation Mission — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.65 million.

(14) \$21 000 to Racing Victoria.

The \$21 000 grant was paid to Racing Victoria as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Mission — Thoroughbred Trade Mission to Japan 2007 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$1.48 million.

(15) \$15 500 to the Australian Industry Group.

The \$15 500 grant is made up of two grants paid to the Australian Industry Group as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$10 500 grant was part payment of a grant of \$55 000 paid to the Australian Industry Group as the auspice body for an Outwards Trade Mission — Healthcare Mission to India 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.6 million.
- (b) \$5000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Mumbai Cityscape 2008 — which was subsequently cancelled due to the Mumbai bombings and therefore had no outcomes. The payment was made for the work already done by the Australian Industry Group before the cancellation of the mission.

(16) \$170 000 to Tourism Victoria.

The \$170 000 grant is made up of six grants paid to Tourism Victoria as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$30 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — Victorian Roadshow to China 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.845 million
- (b) \$30 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — Korea and Japan Travel Mission 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.187 million
- (c) \$30 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — Singapore and Malaysian Tourism 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.067 million
- (d) \$30 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — UK and Europe Regional Sales Mission 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.23 million
- (e) \$20 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — Victorian Travel Mission to Japan 2008 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.36 million
- (f) \$30 000 for an Outwards Trade Mission — India Travel Mission — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.15 million

(17) \$71 475 to Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The \$71 475 grant is made up of two grants paid to Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry as the auspice body for the following missions:

- (a) \$40 000 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Foodex Japan 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$0.621 million.
- (b) \$31 475 for an Outwards Trade Fair — Winter Fancy Foods 2009 — which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$2.22 million

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road — red-light camera

2885. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many fines for incorrect right-hand turns, monitored by the red-light cameras at the intersection of the Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham, were imposed in each month from April 2009 to February 2010.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Fines for right-hand turns against the red-light traffic signal, (red light infringements) monitored by the road safety camera at the intersection of Bay Road, Nepean Highway Cheltenham for each month from April 2009 to February 2010: (by infringement notice issue date)

April 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	August 2009	September 2009
404	229	243	281	316	407
October 2009	November 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	
464	210	674	186	370	

Roads and ports: Beach Road — travel times

2890. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to traffic flow during peak periods on Beach Road:

- (1) What assessment has been made of increased travel time for vehicles bound to the city from Mordialloc between 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.
- (2) What assessment has been made of increased travel time for vehicles bound to Mordialloc from the city between 4.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.
- (3) What are the principal delay points.
- (4) What assessment has been made of the delay effects of parked cars.
- (5) What assessment has been made of the delay effects of bicycles using the main carriageway.
- (6) What measures have been considered to improve traffic flow.

ANSWER:

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

A survey of travel times has not been undertaken and there are no known points of delay for general vehicles.

Beach Road has been nominated as a bus priority route from the Nepean Highway to Mentone Parade and from Bay Road to Head Street. It is anticipated that measures to improve travel time for buses will be investigated as part of the proposed Beach Road Corridor Strategy.

Community services: autism spectrum disorder

2903. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Community Services —

- (1) How many primary school-aged children have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- (2) How many primary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder attend specialist schooling.

- (3) How many primary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder do not meet the criteria for specialist schooling.
- (4) How many primary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder attend mainstream schooling.
- (5) How many secondary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder miss out on attending mainstream or specialist schooling.
- (6) How many secondary school-aged children have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- (7) How many secondary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder attend specialist schooling.
- (8) How many secondary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder do not meet the criteria for specialist schooling.
- (9) How many secondary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder attend mainstream schooling.
- (10) How many secondary school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder miss out on attending mainstream or specialist schooling.
- (11) Does a regulation exist for schooling to be made available for school-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

These matters do not fall within the responsibilities of DHS.

Community services: alcohol and drug services — funding

2980. Ms Wooldridge to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the 2010 Budget announcement of new funding for alcohol and drug services:

- (1) How much of the funding, if any, is to be directed specifically at programs designed for young people.
- (2) How much of the funding is dedicated to establishing new services across the growth areas of Casey, Hume, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Melton.
- (3) How much of the 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, including young people over 18 years of age.
- 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: disability support register

2983. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

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

2984. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the Barwon South Western Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

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

2985. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the Grampians Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

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

2986. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the Loddon Mallee Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

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

2987. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the Eastern Metropolitan Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

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

2988. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the Southern Metropolitan Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

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

2989. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the North and West Metropolitan Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: disability support register — Gippsland region

2990. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the Gippsland Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

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

2991. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services at December 2009, how many people in the Hume Region on the Disability Support Register for each of day time activities, support for people wanting to live in the community and supported accommodation options were:

- (1) Under 25 years old.
- (2) 25 to 34 years old.
- (3) 35 to 44 years old.
- (4) 45 to 54 years old.
- (5) Over 54 years old.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Public transport: buses — timetable installation

3020. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport what is the estimated cost of installing timetables at bus stops as outlined 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

3023. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for 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; if so, where would these turns be implemented in Manningham.

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.

Community Services: Futures for Young Adults program

3100. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference 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 the 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: support to live in the community

3101. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09:

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

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

3102. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the Barwon South West Region:

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

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

3103. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the Grampians Region:

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

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 — Gippsland region

3104. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the Gippsland Region:

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

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

3105. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the Hume Region:

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

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

3106. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the Loddon Mallee Region:

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

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

3107. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the Eastern Metropolitan Region:

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

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

3108. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the North West Metropolitan Region:

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

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

3109. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services for each of 2007–08 and 2008–09 in the Southern Metropolitan Region:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: respite beds

3111. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask 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 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: Sustainability Victoria — staff

3115. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change by classification, how many Sustainability Victoria full-time equivalent staff are based:

- (1) At the head office.
- (2) Elsewhere.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Sustainability Victoria as at the 29 June employs 134.1 FTE in Melbourne Metropolitan and CBD and 4.8 FTE in regional Victoria.

Regional	VPS3	0.8
	VPS5	4
CBD & Metro	VPS2	1
	VPS3	17.5
	VPS4	37
	VPS5	43
	VPS6	29.6
	VPS7	1
	EO1	1
	EO2	1
	EO3	3

Environment and climate change: River Red Gum National Park — dispersed camping

3117. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change does the Minister support the policy to continue dispersed camping given the establishment of the new River Red Gum National Park along the Murray River.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The government supports dispersed camping as the predominant form of camping in the new River Red Gum national and other parks. The government recognises that more intensive management is required for high

visitation areas to ensure that a build up in camper activity does not cause long-term environmental damage to these areas.

Agriculture: wine industry — legislation

3121. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Agriculture what consideration has been given to introducing legislation similar to the Wine Grapes Industry Act 1991 (South Australia).

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

The introduction of similar legislation is considered to be inconsistent with National Competition Policy reforms which were introduced in the mid 1990s. In line with these reforms, Victoria amended the *Agricultural Industry Development Act in 2000* to abolish negotiating committees, which had the potential to restrict competition.

The South Australian legislation was enacted prior to these policy reforms and is not considered by Victoria to be current best practice.

Environment and climate change: Lake Agnes

3128. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change are there any archaeological reports on the bed of Lake Agnes in Wyperfeld National Park; if so, how can they be accessed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There are no archaeological reports currently available regarding the bed of Lake Agnes in Wyperfeld National Park.

In 2007 the Cultural Heritage Manager of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council agreed to pursue the engagement of a consultant to undertake a survey of this area to ensure any proposal complied with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

Kerry Hunt from Tattyara Consultancy was engaged to carry out a survey in early 2008. Parks Victoria has not been provided with results from this survey.

Agriculture: blanket weed

3130. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Agriculture what action is the Department of Primary Industries taking to control the threat of blanket weed to the apiary industry.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

The Department of Primary Industries is conducting a review of the list of declared noxious weeds, in which blanket weed is being considered. The problem caused to apiarists by blanket weed is being taken into account during the review and I expect to be provided with the recommendations of the review later in 2010.

Environment and climate change: Murray River National Park — apiarists

- 3131.** Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change will Mallee apiarists continue to have access to River Red Gum sites, given the establishment of the Murray River National Park.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Existing apiary licences and permits located in new or expanded parks (including national parks) along the Murray River will continue until their expiry. Apiary licences and permits will then be issued under the relevant legislation.

Education: Hopetoun schools

- 3135.** Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Education with reference to the co-location of Hopetoun Secondary College and Hopetoun Primary School involving an initial use of temporary buildings:

- (1) When will the initial co-location occur.
- (2) When will the new school be built.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Both Hopetoun Primary School and Hopetoun Secondary College School Councils, following comprehensive consultation with their school and broader communities have applied through the Grampians Regional office to co-locate to the current primary school site.

The schools have also submitted a joint application into the Building Futures program. This application has been endorsed to progress to Stage Three, Master Planning.

Following the completion of Master Planning, project cost estimation and project staging if appropriate, the schools will be considered for inclusion in a future capital works budget.