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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, 23 March 2010**

**Treasurer: public sector debt**

**1611.** Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer —

- (1) What additional items, assets and services were purchased in 2007–08 that led to an increase in total public sector debt.
- (2) What additional items, assets and services will be purchased that will lead to an increase in total public sector debt in —
  - (a) 2008–09;
  - (b) 2009–10; and
  - (c) 2010–11.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Shadow Treasurer clearly has difficulty grasping the concept of basic budgeting if he believes, as the question would infer he does, that the Government borrows money against specific projects.

It is concerning not only because he offers himself up as an alternate Treasurer, but the basic nature and structure of the Budget and the Budget Papers makes it clear that this is not the case. Has he read them?

In the 2009-10 Budget, in the midst of a Global Financial Crisis, the Government invested in a Budget strategy which it would appear is working to maintain economic growth at higher than forecast levels in May.

One component of this was to invest \$11.5 billion in infrastructure, in partnership with the Commonwealth, to secure and create 35,000 jobs. A modest increase in borrowings has resulted and our budget remains a Triple A Budget, noting that at Budget Update, net debt to Gross State Product was revised down.

Given the Shadow Treasurer cannot even understand the Budget papers, it is clear he would not have grasped the concepts that has led to this strategy playing a role in boosting our economic forecasts, which he, in his ill-informed way, referred to in his budget reply speech in May, as optimistic in the extreme.

**Women’s affairs: ministerial councils, task forces and committees**

**2291(d).** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Women’s Affairs — can the Minister provide a list of all Ministerial Councils, Taskforces and Committees which reported to and/or provided advice and input to the Minister in 2008 and 2009.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

I receive advice from multiple sources, including taskforces established by the government and other bodies outside government which send information to me as Minister for Women’s Affairs. It is not possible to accumulate

accurate lists of all the sources of advice received by me as Minister for Women’s Affairs for the years mentioned in your question.

**Community services: disability residential services — Barwon-south western region**

**2474.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Barwon South West Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
  - Residential Respite—providing facility-based respite to the families and carers of people with a disability.
  - Residential Care services (formerly known as Residential Institutions)-residential services which are based on a now outdated institutional model of care.
- (1) Under the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012*, this Government is working to continue to progress reform of the disability service system to give Victorians with a disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive. This includes implementing individualised planning and support approaches and, as much as possible, giving individuals with a disability a choice of where they live, and with whom. As part of this reform process the Government is progressing to close outdated institutions and moving to the provision of support for people with a disability to live in other settings in the community.

The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In Barwon South West Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$5.6M

- (b) 2008-09 was \$7.0M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$21.7M
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$24.2M.

**Community services: disability residential services — eastern metropolitan region**

**2475. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Eastern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

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The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In Eastern Metropolitan Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$14.0M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$15.1M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$110.1M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$128.2M.

**Community services: disability residential services — Gippsland region**

**2476. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
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The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	

Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M
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In Gippsland Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$4.0M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$5.0M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$17.2M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$18.4M.

**Community services: disability residential services — Grampians region**

**2477.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
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The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In Grampians Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$3.4M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$3.8M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$31.9M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$36.5M.

**Community services: disability residential services — Hume region**

**2478.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Hume Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
- Residential Respite—providing facility-based respite to the families and carers of people with a disability.
- Residential Care services (formerly known as Residential Institutions)-residential services which are based on a now outdated institutional model of care.

- (1) Under the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012*, this Government is working to continue to progress reform of the disability service system to give Victorians with a disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive. This includes implementing individualised planning and support approaches and, as

much as possible, giving individuals with a disability a choice of where they live, and with whom. As part of this reform process the Government is progressing to close outdated institutions and moving to the provision of support for people with a disability to live in other settings in the community.

The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In Hume Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$4.7M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$5.8M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$22.9M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$25.4M.

**Community services: disability residential services — Loddon Mallee region**

**2479.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
- Residential Respite—providing facility-based respite to the families and carers of people with a disability.
- Residential Care services (formerly known as Residential Institutions)-residential services which are based on a now outdated institutional model of care.

- (1) Under the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012*, this Government is working to continue to progress reform of the disability service system to give Victorians with a disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive. This includes implementing individualised planning and support approaches and, as much as possible, giving individuals with a disability a choice of where they live, and with whom. As part of this reform process the Government is progressing to close outdated institutions and moving to the provision of support for people with a disability to live in other settings in the community.

The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In Loddon Mallee Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$3.9M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$5.1M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$19.8M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$22.8M.

**Community services: disability residential services — north and west metropolitan region**

**2480.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the North and West Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
- Residential Respite—providing facility-based respite to the families and carers of people with a disability.



- Residential Care services (formerly known as Residential Institutions)-residential services which are based on a now outdated institutional model of care.
- (1) Under the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012*, this Government is working to continue to progress reform of the disability service system to give Victorians with a disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive. This includes implementing individualised planning and support approaches and, as much as possible, giving individuals with a disability a choice of where they live, and with whom. As part of this reform process the Government is progressing to close outdated institutions and moving to the provision of support for people with a disability to live in other settings in the community.

The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In North and West Metropolitan Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$17.0M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$20.9M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007-08 was \$123.2M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$135.5M.

**Community services: disability residential services — southern metropolitan region**

**2481.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Southern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
  - (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
  - Residential Respite—providing facility-based respite to the families and carers of people with a disability.
  - Residential Care services (formerly known as Residential Institutions)-residential services which are based on a now outdated institutional model of care.
- (1) Under the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012*, this Government is working to continue to progress reform of the disability service system to give Victorians with a disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive. This includes implementing individualised planning and support approaches and, as much as possible, giving individuals with a disability a choice of where they live, and with whom. As part of this reform process the Government is progressing to close outdated institutions and moving to the provision of support for people with a disability to live in other settings in the community.

The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In Southern Metropolitan Region Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$11.1M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$14.4M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$72.6M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$79.5M.

**Community services: disability residential services**

**2482. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services in the Department of Human Services Head Office:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
- Residential Respite—providing facility-based respite to the families and carers of people with a disability.
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- (1) Under the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012*, this Government is working to continue to progress reform of the disability service system to give Victorians with a disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive. This includes implementing individualised planning and support approaches and, as much as possible, giving individuals with a disability a choice of where they live, and with whom. As part of this reform process the Government is progressing to close outdated institutions and moving to the provision of support for people with a disability to live in other settings in the community.

The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

In Head Office Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$0.9M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$0.3M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$80.0M, including one-off grants totalling \$60M to non-government bodies for the construction of new supported accommodation facilities;
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$19.0M.

**Community services: disability residential services**

**2483. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to total Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services:

- (1) How much was spent on residential care in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How much was spent on respite in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

- (3) How much was spent on shared supported accommodation in:
- (a) 2007/08;
  - (b) 2008/09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The disability service system includes three types of accommodation:

- Shared Supported Accommodation services (SSAs)-community-based housing with a small number of residents. SSAs form the most significant part of disability residential services and have been a primary focus of growth as part of the disability reform process.
- Residential Respite—providing facility-based respite to the families and carers of people with a disability.
- Residential Care services (formerly known as Residential Institutions)-residential services which are based on a now outdated institutional model of care.

- (1) Under the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012*, this Government is working to continue to progress reform of the disability service system to give Victorians with a disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive. This includes implementing individualised planning and support approaches and, as much as possible, giving individuals with a disability a choice of where they live, and with whom. As part of this reform process the Government is progressing to close outdated institutions and moving to the provision of support for people with a disability to live in other settings in the community.

The three remaining Residential Care services and their funding are:

	2007-08	2008-09
Colanda	\$15.7M	\$15.8M
Sandhurst	\$4.1M	\$4.2M
One unit at Plenty Residential Services	Not available as a separate budget item	
Total (not including Plenty)	\$19.8M	\$20M

Total Government expenditure for Disability Residential Services on:

- (2) Respite in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$64.6M.
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$77.4M.
- (3) Shared Supported Accommodation in:
- (a) 2007-08 was \$499.4M, including one-off grants totalling \$60M to non-government bodies for the construction of new supported accommodation facilities;
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$489.5M.

**Water: northern region sustainable water strategy**

**2541. Mr CRISP** to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to the Minister’s media release of 19 February 2009, which states that ‘In response to concerns about water being lost if allocations return to 100 per cent a proposal to enable entitlement holders to only lose their carryover when storages physically spill is being considered as part of the Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy’:

- (1) Will the Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy final report address the spill issues.

- (2) When will the Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy final report be released.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- 1) Yes, the strategy addresses the spill issues by announcing new carryover arrangements to be implemented for the 2010/11 water season. The new arrangements will establish a spillable water account to ensure that rather than forfeiting allocations (or losing carryover) as allocations approach 100 per cent, entitlement-holders will be able to continue receiving allocations and will only lose water in their spillable account if the storage physically spills.
- 2) The Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy was released on 9 December 2009.

**Community services: supported accommodation — Barwon-south western region**

**2572.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the Barwon South West Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 23 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed in Barwon South West Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. These places are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 5 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 10 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 8 places will be developed through *my future my choice*.
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 23 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation — Grampians region**

**2573.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;

- (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 10 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed in Grampians Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. These places are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 1 place is being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 5 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 4 places will be developed through *my future my choice*.
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 10 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation — Loddon Mallee region**

**2574.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 17 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed in Loddon Mallee Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. These places are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 4 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 8 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 5 places will be developed through *my future my choice*.
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 17 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation — Hume region**

**2575.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the Hume Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 13 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed in Hume Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. These places are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 2 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 5 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 6 places will be developed through *my future my choice*.
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 13 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation — Gippsland region**

**2576.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 19 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed in Gippsland Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. These places are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 4 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program

- (b) 9 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 6 places will be developed through *my future my choice*.
- (2) Of the total number of places,
- (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 19 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation — north and west metropolitan region**

**2577.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the North and West Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 78 accommodation places for people with a disability (including 10 state-wide places) are being developed in Northern and Western Metropolitan Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. These places are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 14 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 30 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 34 places will be developed through *my future my choice*. This includes 10 state-wide places
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 78 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation — eastern metropolitan region**

**2578.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the Eastern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:



- (a) the Department of Human Services;
- (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 31 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed in Eastern Metropolitan Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. Six places are operational and the remainder are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 4 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 9 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 18 places will be developed through *my future my choice*. This includes the 6 already operational
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 31 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation — southern metropolitan region**

**2579.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages in the Southern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 58 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed in Southern Metropolitan Region through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. These places are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 11 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 24 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 23 places will be developed through *my future my choice*.
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 58 places will be run by non-government organisations.

**Community services: supported accommodation**

**2580.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages across Victoria:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 249 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed across Victoria through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. Six places are operational and the remainder are at stages of planning, design and construction.
  - (a) 45 places are being developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program
  - (b) 100 shared supported accommodation places will be developed through the Older Carer strategy
  - (c) 104 places will be developed through *my future my choice*. This includes the 6 already operational
- (2) Of the total number of places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 249 places will be run by non-government organisations

**Community services: respite care — Barwon-south western region**

**2597.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did Barwon South West Region receive for respite in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) 2009/10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2008-09 Barwon South West Region spent \$7.0m on respite.
- (2) As at 16 December 2009, Barwon South West Region had received funding of \$7.3m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Community services: respite care — eastern metropolitan region**

**2598.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did Eastern Metropolitan Region receive for respite in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) 2009/10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Eastern Metropolitan Region spent \$15.1m on respite in 2008-09.
- (2) As at 16 December 2009, Eastern Metropolitan Region had received funding of \$17.5m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Community services: respite care — Gippsland region**

**2599.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did Gippsland Region receive for respite in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) 2009/10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Gippsland Region spent \$5.0m on respite in 2008-09.
- (2) At 16 December 2009, Gippsland Region had received funding of \$5.2m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Community services: respite care — Grampians region**

**2600.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did Grampians Region receive for respite in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) 2009/10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Grampians Region spent \$3.8m on respite in 2008-09.
- (2) As at 16 December 2009, Grampians Region had received funding of \$4.3m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Community services: respite care — Hume region**

**2601.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did Hume Region receive for respite in:

- (a) 2008–09;
- (b) 2009–10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Hume Region spent \$5.8m on respite in 2008-09.

- (2) As at 16 December 2009, Hume Region had received funding of \$6.0m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Community services: respite care — Loddon Mallee region**

**2602.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did Loddon Mallee Region receive for respite in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) 2009/10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Loddon Mallee Region spent \$5.1m on respite in 2008-09.
- (2) As at 16 December 2009, Loddon Mallee Region had received funding of \$5.3m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Community services: respite care — southern metropolitan region**

**2603.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did Southern Metropolitan Region receive for respite in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) 2009/10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Southern Metropolitan Region spent \$14.4m on respite in 2008-09.
- (2) As at 16 December 2009, Southern Metropolitan Region had received funding of \$15.1m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Community services: respite care — north and west metropolitan region**

**2604.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how much Government funding did North-West Metropolitan Region receive for respite in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) 2009/10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) North-West Metropolitan Region spent \$20.9m on respite in 2008-09.
- (2) As at 16 December 2009, North-West Metropolitan Region had received funding of \$23.2m for respite for the 2009-10 financial year.

**Health: aids and equipment program — Manningham**

**2623.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many applications were made and how many applications were successful by residents of Manningham to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Program in:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Data at this level is not reported to the department.
- (2) Data at this level is not reported to the department.
- (3) Data at this level is not reported to the department.

**Treasurer: land tax — Doncaster electorate**

**2643.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer —

- (1) What was the total amount of land tax collected from land owners in the Doncaster electorate in:
  - (a) 2006/07;
  - (b) 2007/08;
  - (c) 2008/09;
  - (d) 2009/10 to date.
- (2) How many individuals who reside in the Doncaster electorate were charged land tax in:
  - (a) 2006/07;
  - (b) 2007/08;
  - (c) 2008/09;
  - (d) 2009/10 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the SRO does not produce data which identifies the amount of land tax collected or number of taxpayers in specific electorates. Therefore, the information requested is not available.

In reference to land tax, the Brumby Labor Government's focus is on the whole of Victoria, not just individual electorates.

**Treasurer: land tax — Doncaster electorate**

**2644.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer —

- (1) What was the total amount of land tax collected from businesses registered in the Doncaster electorate in:
  - (a) 2006/07;
  - (b) 2007/08;

- (c) 2008/09;
  - (d) 2009/10 to date.
- (2) How many businesses registered in the Doncaster electorate were charged land tax in:
- (a) 2006/07;
  - (b) 2007/08;
  - (c) 2008/09;
  - (d) 2009/10 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the SRO does not produce data which identifies the amount of land tax collected or number of taxpayers in specific electorates. Therefore, the information requested is not available.

In reference to land tax, the Brumby Labor Government's focus is on the whole of Victoria, not just individual electorates.

**Community services: supported accommodation**

**2645. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to state-wide accommodation places for people with a disability at construction, design or planning stages:

- (1) How many places are classed as:
  - (a) innovative accommodation;
  - (b) shared support accommodation;
  - (c) My Future My Choice.
- (2) What is the total number of places run by:
  - (a) the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) non-government organisations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of 249 accommodation places for people with a disability are being developed across Victoria through a combination of Innovative Housing Options Program, the Older Carer strategy and *my future my choice*. Ten of these places being developed on one site are classed as state-wide. The remainder are regional.
  - (a) All places developed through the Innovative Housing Options Program are regional
  - (b) All shared supported accommodation places developed through the Older Carer strategy are regional
  - (c) 10 state-wide places will be developed through *my future my choice*.
- (2) Of the total number of state-wide places,
  - (a) None will be run by the Department Human Services
  - (b) 10 state-wide places will be run by non-government organisations

**Education: Ferntree Gully electorate**

**2652. Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education —

- (1) Has the Government conducted analysis into the estimated number of primary and secondary school aged children in the Ferntree Gully area; if so, what is the estimated number of students in:
  - (a) five years;
  - (b) 10 years;
  - (c) 15 years.
  
- (2) Does the Government believe that the current education facilities in Ferntree Gully will be able to cater for the estimated number of students in:
  - (a) five years;
  - (b) 10 years;
  - (c) 15 years.
  
- (3) Has the Government considered retaining the Ferntree Gully Secondary College site for use as a future P-12 education facility.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Demographic data from the City of Knox and *Victoria in Future 2008* indicates that over the next 15 years there will be a slight decline in the total number of school aged children projected to reside in the Ferntree Gully area.

The current education provision in Ferntree Gully and surrounds will be sufficient to cater for the number of school aged children projected to reside in the area in 2025.

The Department is currently planning the future educational use of the Ferntree Gully Secondary College site.

**Water: country football and sports grounds**

**2660.** Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to country football and sports grounds that have been outfitted with access to recycled water as part of the Our Water Our Future commitment of \$1 million to improve water management:

- (1) How many grounds have been outfitted.
- (2) What is the location of each ground that has been outfitted.
- (3) What was the cost for each sports ground to be switched over.
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent to switch country grounds to recycled water.

**ANSWER:**

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs.

**Water: housing water efficiency**

**2666.** Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to public housing developments that have been completely fitted with efficient showerhead and dual flush toilets as part of the One Environment Our Future Government initiative:

- (1) How many developments have been fitted.
- (2) For each development:
  - (a) what is the location;
  - (b) how much Government funding was allocated;

- (c) how much Government funding was spent;
  - (d) what was the cost for installation;
  - (e) what was the completion date.
- (3) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the initiative.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Office of Housing's Water Saving Project was announced in the Our Environment, Our Future-Sustainability Action Statement 2006, to retrofit water saving showerheads and dual flush cisterns to the balance of public housing stock in Victoria.

As at 30 October 2009, installation of some 8,000 dual flush cisterns and approximately 26,000 water-saving showerheads has been completed across Victoria.

Installations have been carried out across the Office of Housing's property portfolio covering the whole State.

The installations to date have cost \$4.2M. The Victorian Water Trust (VWT) allocated \$4M to the project. The Department of Human Services will ensure the remaining installations are complete and will continue to fund any additional costs above the funding allocated by the VWT to ensure the project is completed

A further 600 dual flush toilets and 13,100 showerheads are expected to be installed, completing the installation phase in mid-2010.

Once completed, this initiative will improve water savings by approximately 2,800 ML per year.

**Water: hospital and aged-care water efficiency**

**2667.** Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to hospitals and aged care facilities that have been funded as part of the One Environment Our Future Government initiative to retrofit with water efficiency measures and develop water reuse and recycling projects:

- (1) How many hospitals and aged care facilities have been funded.
- (2) For each project at each hospital and aged care facility:
  - (a) what is the location;
  - (b) what are the details;
  - (c) how much Government funding was allocated;
  - (d) how much Government funding was spent;
  - (e) what was the total cost;
  - (f) what was the completion date;
  - (g) when did it commence.
- (3) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the initiative.

**ANSWER:**

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Health.

**Water: regional sustainable water strategies**

**2668.** Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to the Our Water Our Future commitment to develop five regional sustainable water strategies:



- (1) What is the status for the strategy in the:
  - (a) Wimmera and Glenelg;
  - (b) Gippsland Region;
  - (c) South West Region.
  
- (2) What is the completion date for the strategy in the:
  - (a) Wimmera and Glenelg;
  - (b) Gippsland Region;
  - (c) South West Region.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In December 2007, the Victorian Government decided that the strategies for the Wimmera and Glenelg Region and the South West Region would be combined into a single Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy. The strategies were combined due to the high level of interaction and similarities between the two regions.

The status for the Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy is:

- a draft strategy is expected to be released for public consultation in early 2010; and
- a final strategy is expected to be released in mid-2010.

The status for the Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy is:

- a draft strategy is expected to be released for public consultation in the first half of 2010; and
- a final strategy is expected to be released in late 2010.

The actual dates for release of the final strategies may vary depending on level of response and issues raised during consultation on the draft strategies. The consultative committees guiding the development of the strategies will consider any feedback on the draft strategies and will be consulted on the time required to adequately consider and incorporate community feedback into the final strategies.

**Health: hospital car parking**

**2670. Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Health — do regulations exist for:

- (1) How many car parking spaces must be provided at each hospital.
- (2) How many disabled car parking spaces must be provided at each hospital.
- (3) How many car parking spaces must be provided per bed at each hospital.
- (4) How many disabled car parking spaces must be provided per bed at each hospital.
- (5) How many car parking spaces are designated for patients at each hospital.
- (6) How many car parking spaces are designated for visitors at each hospital.
- (7) How many car parking spaces are designated for staff at each hospital.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Yes. The minimum number of car spaces is determined by local Government Planning Schemes. Commonly, 1.3 car spaces are required per bed.

- (2) Yes. These are determined by AS2890.6–2009 which states that for the first 50 car spaces required there must be at least 2 disabled spaces provided, with an additional 1 disabled space provided for every additional 50 car spaces.
- (3) Yes. Refer answer to question (1).
- (4) Yes. Refer answer to question (2)
- (5) No. The number of car spaces required does not distinguish between staff, patients and visitors.
- (6) No. The number of car spaces required does not distinguish between staff, patients and visitors.
- (7) No. The number of car spaces required does not distinguish between staff, patients and visitors.

**Health: Maroondah Hospital car parking**

**2671.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Health — with reference to car parking at Maroondah hospital:

- (1) How many car parking spaces are there.
- (2) How many disabled car parking spaces are there.
- (3) How many car parking spaces are designated for staff.
- (4) How many car parking spaces are designated for patients.
- (5) How many car parking spaces are designated for visitors.
- (6) Are there any current plans to create more car parking spaces.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) 460 spaces are on the site (including 37 spaces immediately opposite the hospital) not including spaces for ambulances, emergency vehicles and patient transport vehicles. This exceeds the requirements of the Maroondah Planning Scheme which requires 424 spaces.
- (2) 14 disabled spaces are on the site plus an additional 3 that are only available for use on weekends. This exceeds the requirements of the Australian Standard which requires a minimum of 11 spaces.
- (3) 380 car spaces are designated for staff.
- (4) 80 car parking spaces are designated for patients.
- (5) Included in the 80 car parking spaces identified above for patients.
- (6) Yes. The Maroondah Hospital Master Plan Review (2006) proposes a 600 car space multi deck immediately opposite the hospital on Grey Street to cater for future demand.

**Community services: autism state plan**

**2672.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Autism State Plan between 21 May and 30 November 2009: on what dates did the Inter-Departmental Committee overseeing the implementation of the priority actions and the development of medium and long term strategies meet.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Inter-Departmental Committee overseeing the implementation of the priority actions and the development of medium and long term strategies met on 18 September 2009. The Working Group supporting the Inter-Departmental Committee has also met on 28 August 2009 and 19 November 2009.

**Community services: autism state plan**

**2674.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Autism State Plan between 1 July 2008 and 30 November 2009: on what dates did the disability services Consumer Advisory Group participating in service reorientation meet.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Autism State Plan was discussed at the Autism State Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group and not the Service Reorientation Consumer Advisory Group

**Community services: autism state plan**

**2675.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Autism State Plan between 1 July 2008 and 30 November 2009: on what dates did the disability services Industry Development Plan Consumer Advisory Group meet.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The meeting arrangements of the Industry Development Plan Consumer Advisory Group are not relevant to the implementation of the State Autism Plan.

**Community services: autism state plan**

**2676.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Autism State Plan between 1 July 2008 and 30 November 2009: on what dates did the Children’s Services Coordination Board established by the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 meet.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The meeting arrangements of the Children’s Services Coordination Board have not as yet, been utilised for the implementation of the Autism State Plan.

**Community services: state disability plan**

**2682.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — as at November 2006, what are the dates and titles of reports published to show the Government’s progress with the State Disability Plan 2002/12.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Government has published a significant number of documents to show the Governments progress with the State Disability Plan 2002/12. Some of the key publications are:

Victorian State Disability Plan-Implementation Plan 2002–2005 — September 2002  
 Review and redevelopment of supports for people with a disability — November 2004  
 Cultural And Linguistic Diversity Strategy — December 2004  
 Review and Redevelopment of Supports for Children with a disability and their families — November 2004  
 Disability Action Plan — December 2005  
 Report on the Implementation of the Victorian State Disability Plan — March 2006  
 Disability Services Carer Action Plan — July 2006  
 Victorian State Disability Plan-Implementation Plan 2006-2008 — October 2006  
 Disability Act — May 2006  
 Future Directions for Housing and Support in Disability Services — April 2006  
 Making Life good in the Community — March 2007  
 Housing Options Unlocked — May 2007  
 Quality Framework for Disability Services — 2007  
 Support Your Way: A self directed approach for Victorians with a disability — 2008  
 Residential Services Practice Manual — April 2009  
 Partnering for the Future: The Victorian Industry Plan Development Plan for the provision of support for people with a disability — July 2009  
 Workforce Strategy: Improving supports for people with a disability — 2009

**Community services: respite care**

**2687.** 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 as at June 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As at 30 June 2008 there were 40 facility-based respite beds which had been occupied for four weeks or more.

**Community services: child abuse**

**2688.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — what are the statistics on confirmed cases of child abuse for 2007, 2008 and 2009 to date by family type, including distinguishing married couples from de facto couples.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In 2007 there were 7,112 recorded cases of child abuse in Victoria. In 2008 there were 6,905 cases and there were 5,992 cases in 2009 up until 11 December 2009.

It is not possible to distinguish between family type as it is not always recorded whether parents are married.

**Health: Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital car parking**

**2689.** Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Health — with reference to the car park at Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital:

- (1) How much revenue has been derived from the operation of the car park since its inception.
- (2) What surveys have been conducted on the impact of increased levels of parking in surrounding streets, including Spring Street and Duff Street.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Total revenue received from the car park at Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital, including visitor and staff contributions from 2005 up until November 30 2009, is \$925,510 ex GST.
- (2) No surveys have been conducted on the impact of increased parking levels on the surrounding streets including Spring and Duff Street.

**Roads and ports: port freight access charge**

**2741.** Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — what is the total amount of forecast revenue under the Government’s port freight access charge, first introduced in 2009, for the budget forward estimate period for:

- (1) 2009/10.
- (2) 2010/11.
- (3) 2011/12.
- (4) 2012/13.

**ANSWER:**

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

There was no port freight access charge introduced in 2009.

**Roads and ports: Canterbury Road — upgrade**

**2750.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — will the Government install a third lane, in both directions, on Canterbury Road from Dorset Road to Montrose; if so, when.

**ANSWER:**

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

Proposals for improvement projects must be considered and prioritised on a region wide and state wide basis. Any improvement works to Canterbury Road will be considered in this context.