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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.
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, 27 July 2010

Housing: Gary Court, Lilydale — tree removal

1512. Mrs FYFFE to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to the trees marked for removal in Gary Court in Lilydale —

- (1) Why was the form requesting a permit from the Shire of Yarra Ranges not lodged when the arborist's report was first conducted.
- (2) What action was taken to follow up on the arborist's report.
- (3) How many trees did the arborist mark as needing to be removed.
- (4) What were the reasons the trees were marked.
- (5) What was the reason for the length of time taken for the Office of Housing to sign-off on the cost of the removing the trees.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No clear procedures were in place for such a large number of trees to be removed.
- (2) It is regrettable that such a delay has occurred and that work was not processed in a timely manner.
- (3) The arborist's report of 24 July 2007 was not accurate which was confirmed by a departmental tree assessment officer report of 15 October 2008.
- (4) The report supplied in July 2007 stated 54 trees to be removed with very little detail. It has now been confirmed that only 29 trees require removal, three tree stumps require grubbing and general pruning to other trees.
- (5) Trees were marked to identify which were to be removed by the arborist.
- (6) Due to administrative processes, it is acknowledged that in this instance the works were not completed in a timely manner. All tenants will be kept informed and I understand that the Manager Contract Management Services has confirmed the works have been completed.
- (7) The remaining trees are subject to a six monthly inspections as a preventative measure.
- (8) The delay in responding is due to a clerical error by the department.

Police and emergency services: project 000 response

2493. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to Project 000 Response, announced in the 2009–10 budget:

- (1) How many additional FTE call centre staff positions have been created as a result of the initiative.
- (2) How many new radios have been provided for:

- (a) State Emergency Service personnel;
 - (b) DSE firefighters.
- (3) How many new pagers have been provided for DSE firefighters.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The 2009–10 budget outlined \$986 million towards the firefighting and reconstruction effort of which \$181 million will be spent on emergency services communications over 4 years.
- (2) (a) & (b)
State Emergency Service personnel will receive 850 radios as a result of the Project 000 Response. This is in addition to an improved Call Taking and Dispatch (CTD) process and standardising of process for statewide CTD operations.
- (3) The Department of Sustainability and Environment will receive 2000 new pagers as a result of the Project 000 Response.

Health: Ambulance Victoria — staff

2499(a). Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Health with reference to each of Ambulance Victoria’s operation centres in Bendigo, Geelong, Ballarat, Wangaratta and Morwell:

- (1) How many FTE administrative staff are employed.
- (2) How many FTE call centre staff are employed.
- (3) What is the total number of staff employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Staff employment numbers at Ambulance Victoria operation centres are not collected by the Department of Health.

Health: Ambulance Victoria — staff

2500(a). Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Health —

As a result of Ambulance Victoria’s decision to merge five rural communications centres into one call centre at the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) facility in Ballarat, how many additional workstations have been established to accommodate call takers since February 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Call taker workstation data for the Ballarat ESTA operation centre is not collected by the Department of Health.

Consumer affairs: licensed premises — Doncaster electorate

2642. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs with reference to infringement notices for licensed premises in the Doncaster electorate:

- (1) How many notices were issued to licensed clubs in:

- (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09.
- (2) How many notices were issued to licensed hotels in:
- (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09.
- (3) How many notices were issued to licensed bottle shops in:
- (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09.
- (4) How many notices were issued to licensed restaurants in:
- (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The new Compliance Directorate was established in mid-2009 and commenced operations on 6 July 2009. Prior to the Directorate's establishment liquor enforcement was undertaken by Victoria Police. Information concerning infringement notices issued by Victoria Police may be sought from the Minister for Police.

As at 13 May 2010, the Compliance Directorate had conducted more than 23 500 inspections. This is in keeping with the major performance indicator for the directorate of 25 000 inspections in the first year of operation. The inspections undertaken to date have detected in excess of 14 000 breaches of liquor laws.

The majority of inspections to date have been conducted at venues which hold a Restaurant and Cafe Licence (21 per cent), On-premises Licence (20 per cent), Limited Licence (18 per cent) and General Licence (14 per cent).

The metropolitan area has been subject to the majority of inspections — 80 per cent.

The Compliance Directorate does not collate its inspection records by Parliamentary districts. To request the Directorate to do this would require the redirection of valuable resources in a way that I do not believe could be justified.

The work of the Compliance Directorate has led to the initiation of many criminal investigations. Three licensees have entered into enforceable undertakings, one licensee has been prosecuted and 15 charges have been issued. Currently the Compliance Directorate has initiated 55 criminal investigations.

Water: new town sewerage initiative

2653. **Mr WALSH** to ask the Minister for Water with reference to towns that have received funding for projects from the New Town Sewerage initiative:

- (1) How many towns have received funding.
- (2) Where is each town located.
- (3) For each project in each town that has received funding:
 - (a) what are the details;

- (b) how much Government funding was allocated;
 - (c) how much Government funding was actually spent;
 - (d) what was the overall cost;
 - (e) when is the completion date;
 - (f) when was the commencement date.
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the initiative.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The New Town Sewerage Scheme (NTSS) Initiative was announced in May 2000.

A total of 55 projects were funded in regional Victoria.

The Victorian Government provided \$22.5 million to the New Town Sewerage Schemes.

All projects are complete.

**Attachment 1 Question Number 2653
New Town Sewerage Scheme Funded Projects**

Town/Community	Details	Government Funding
Skenes Creek	Sewerage	\$552,504
Carisbrook	Sewerage	\$394,882
Clunes	Sewerage	\$548,042
Whitelaw Ave, Delacombe	Sewerage	\$41,676
Skipton	Sewerage	\$286,524
Maryborough Indust Estate	Sewerage	\$6,251
Huntly/Epsom (2 schemes)	Sewerage	\$648,933
Marong	Sewerage	\$141,985
Axedale	Sewerage	\$112,988
Boort	Sewerage	\$536,945
Bridgewater	Sewerage	\$254,974
Inglewood	Sewerage	\$443,955
Campbells Creek	Sewerage	\$505,948
Chewton	Sewerage	\$286,971
Harcourt	Sewerage	\$216,978
Dunolly	Sewerage	\$434,955
Echuca	Sewerage	\$141,985
Gunbower	Sewerage	\$189,981
Tylden/Kyneton	Sewerage	\$157,984
Maldon	Sewerage	\$795,918
Leitchville	Sewerage	\$183,981
Newstead	Sewerage	\$318,967
Pyramid Hill	Sewerage	\$309,968
Trentham	Sewerage	\$423,957
Wedderburn	Sewerage	\$515,947

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Town/Community	Details	Government Funding
Bruthen	Sewerage	\$544,433
Cann River	Sewerage	\$555,322
Dunkeld	Sewerage	\$526,970
Hamilton-Coleraine Rd–Nth Boundary Rd to Young St	Sewerage	\$24,466
Hamilton-Coleraine Rd-East of Young St	Sewerage	\$20,702
Hamilton-Coleraine Rd-East of Young St to West Boundary Rd	Sewerage	\$84,692
Avenel	Sewerage	\$517,537
Marysville	Sewerage	\$187,132
Merrigum	Sewerage	\$328,943
Rushworth	Sewerage	\$872,796
Stanhope	Sewerage	\$429,819
Violet Town	Sewerage	\$511,689
Wandong/Heathcote Junction	Sewerage	\$728,061
Ouyen	Sewerage	\$680,930
Minyip	Sewerage	\$312,968
Hopetoun	Sewerage	\$418,957
Lake Boga	Sewerage	\$875,867
Koondrook	Sewerage	\$700,283
Porepunkah	Sewerage	\$460,685
Pt Albert	Sewerage	\$721,449
Waratah Bay	Sewerage	\$295,766
Koroit	Sewerage	\$942,855
Blue Hole Rd, Warrnambool	Sewerage	\$4,260
Timboon	Sewerage	\$685,842
Lancefield	Sewerage	\$495,946
Macedon/Mt Macedon	Sewerage	\$781,428
Tenby Point	Sewerage	\$132,322
Newhaven Rennison Rd	Sewerage	\$23,964
Dalyston/Kilcunda	Sewerage	\$496,988
Seaspray	Sewerage	\$683,000 Note: This project was delayed and did not go ahead under this initiative — the funding was made available for hardship payments to other schemes in the program.

Water: country towns water and sewerage initiative

2654. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water with reference to towns that have received funding for projects from the Our Water Our Future, Country Towns Water and Sewerage initiative:

- (1) How many towns have received funding.
- (2) Where is each town located.
- (3) For each project in each town that has received funding:
 - (a) what are the details;
 - (b) how much Government funding was allocated;
 - (c) how much Government funding was actually spent;
 - (d) what was the overall cost;
 - (e) when is the completion date;
 - (f) when was the commencement date.
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the initiative.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A total of 49 projects have been funded in regional Victoria.

The Victorian Government allocated \$42 million to the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program.

All projects have commenced and are scheduled to conclude by the end of 2012.

A detailed list of these projects can be located at www.ourwater.vic.gov.au/saving/towns/country-towns-water-sewerage.

I have enclosed a copy for your information.

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Country Towns Water & Sewerage Program funded township projects**

Town/Community	Details	Government Funding
Wye River & Separation Creek	Sewerage	\$1,500,000
Wye River & Separation Creek	New Water	\$345,000
Kennett River	New Water	\$175,000
Birregurra	Sewerage	\$665,000
Landsborough	Water Upgrade	\$165,000
Gordon	Sewerage	\$1,688,300
Barry's Reef, Blackwood & Simmons Reef	Sewerage	\$1,735,000
Smythesdale	Sewerage	\$715,000
Waubra	Sewerage	\$265,000
Newbridge	Sewerage	\$435,000
Korong Vale	Sewerage	\$595,000
Dingee	Water	\$115,000
Mitiamo	Water	\$150,000
Loch Sport	New Water	\$1,585,000
Loch Sport	Sewerage	\$7,025,000
Coongulla & Glenmaggie	Sewerage	\$975,000
Seaspray/Honeysuckle Stage 1	Sewerage	\$2,541,000
Seaspray/Honeysuckle Stage 2	Sewerage	\$921,800
Tambo Bluff	Sewerage	\$865,000

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Town/Community	Details	Government Funding
Banksia Peninsula	Sewerage	\$689,000
Dumbalk	Sewerage	\$245,000
Meeniyah	Sewerage	\$640,000
Yanakie	Sewerage	\$145,000
Manangatang	Water Upgrade	\$165,000
Murrayville	Water Upgrade	\$165,000
Underbool	Water Upgrade	\$135,000
Nhill	Water Upgrade	\$390,000
Rupanyup	Sewerage	\$870,000
Lake Bolac	Sewerage	\$515,000
Great Western	Sewerage	\$240,000
Nichols Point	Sewerage	\$725,000
Bethanga	New Water	\$185,000
Bethanga	Sewerage	\$615,000
Milawa	New Water	\$175,000
Milawa	Sewerage	\$465,000
Harrietville	Sewerage	\$520,000
Eskdale	Sewerage	\$270,000
Glenrowan	Sewerage	\$950,000
Oxley	Sewerage	\$475,000
Tungamah	Sewerage	\$870,000
Nyora	Sewerage	\$775,000
Poowong	Sewerage	\$725,000
Loch	Sewerage	\$480,000
Macarthur	Water Supply upgrade	\$140,000
Peterborough	Sewerage	\$900,000
Dutton Way	Sewerage	\$870,000
Mt Macedon	Sewerage	\$1,450,000
Kinglake	Sewerage	\$25,000
Other allocations		
Domestic waste water management plans		\$2,200,000
Hardship cases		\$1,100,000
Overheads and contingencies		\$1,209,900

Water: Small Town Water Quality Fund

2655. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water with reference to towns that have received funding for projects from the Small Town Water Quality Fund:

- (1) How many towns applied for Round One funding.
- (2) Where is each town located.
- (3) For each project in each town that has received funding:
 - (a) what are the details;

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- (b) how much Government funding was allocated;
 - (c) how much Government funding was spent;
 - (d) what was the overall cost;
 - (e) when was the commencement date;
 - (f) when is the completion date;
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the Fund.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A total of eight projects have been funded under round one and applications for round two are currently being assessed.

The Victorian Government allocated \$20 million to the Small Town Water Quality Fund.

All projects in round one are scheduled to be completed by 30 April 2012.

A detailed list of round one projects can be located at www.ourwater.vic.gov.au/saving/towns/small-town-water-quality-fund.

I have enclosed a copy for your information.

Table: Small Town Water Quality Fund-Round 1 Funded Projects

Town/Community	Details	Government Funding
West Wimmera Shire Council	Upgrade and replacement of failing septic tanks, installation of grey water systems and fitting of houses with dual flush cisterns and low flow showerheads.	\$213,052
Central Highlands Water	Construction of 0.5 ML/day reverse osmosis desalination plant, pipeline, evaporation pond and back-up production bore at Bung Bong.	\$500,000
East Gippsland Water	Upgrade of septic tanks, effluent collection and pumping to further treatment using low flow sand filter and polishing treatment. Delivery of recycled water into wetland area.	\$870,000
Towong Shire Council	Installation of a pump on Mitta River and decommissioning of two existing private schemes pumping from the Little Snowy Creek. Construction of a water treatment plant, and connection to properties.	\$225,000
West Wimmera Shire Council	Upgrade and replacement of failing septic tanks, installation of grey water systems and fitting of houses with dual flush cisterns and low flow showerheads.	\$299,242
West Wimmera Shire Council	Upgrade and replacement of failing septic tanks, installation of grey water systems and fitting of houses with dual flush cisterns and low flow showerheads.	\$172,522
Pyrenees Shire Council	Upgrade of septic tanks, effluent collection and pumping to further treatment, construction of a modular secondary	\$1,000,000

Table: Small Town Water Quality Fund-Round 1 Funded Projects		
Town/Community	Details	Government Funding
	wastewater treatment plant. Delivery of recycled water to Snake Valley Golf Course.	
Towong Shire Council	Land acquisition. Upgrade and replacement of septic tanks. Construction of a Septic Tank Effluent Disposal (STED) system, reticulation pipe and transfer mains. Construction of a lagoon treatment facility and reuse of the treated water of public facilities.	\$267,000

Water: Stormwater and Urban Water Conservation Fund

2658. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water with reference to projects funded by the Stormwater and Urban Water Conservation Fund:

- (1) How many projects have been funded since 2004.
- (2) Where was each project located.
- (3) For each project:
 - (a) what are the details;
 - (b) how much Government funding was allocated;
 - (c) how much Government funding was actually spent;
 - (d) what was the overall cost;
 - (e) under which round of the Fund was the project funded;
 - (f) when is the completion date;
 - (g) when was the commencement date.
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the Fund.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Sixty-eight projects have been funded under the \$10 million Stormwater and Urban Conservation Fund.

Sixty-five projects are complete. Of the three remaining, one will be complete by the end of 2010 and the final two by the end of 2012.

Further information about each of the projects is available from the following website:
<http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au>.

Water: Stormwater and Urban Recycling Fund

2659. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water with reference to projects funded by the Stormwater and Urban Recycling Fund:

- (1) How many projects have been funded.
- (2) Where was each project located.
- (3) For each project:

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- (a) what are the details;
 - (b) how much Government funding was allocated;
 - (c) how much Government funding was actually spent;
 - (d) what was the overall cost;
 - (e) when is the completion date;
 - (f) when was the commencement date.
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Seven projects have been funded under Stormwater and Urban Recycling Fund.

To June 2010, the total commitment from the Stormwater and Urban Recycling Fund is \$4.58 million.

Attached are details of the projects that have received funding.

Round 2 of the Stormwater and Urban Recycling Fund was announced on 2 July 2010.

Further information on the Stormwater and Urban Recycling Fund is available from the following website:
<http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au>.

STORMWATER AND URBAN RECYCLING FUND PROJECT LIST- JUNE 2010

Funding Recipient	Project Details	Total Funding from SURF
Godfrey Hirst Australia Pty Ltd	Stormwater harvesting from local drain and onsite recycling of process effluent using ultra filtration and reverse osmosis treatment. Geelong	\$500,000
Hawthorn Football Club	Stormwater roof harvesting from third party for use by the football club and local government. Hawthorn	\$365,000
Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	Stormwater harvesting/management at Broadmeadows. The project will form a model for use on other school sites, A focus will be on improving onsite infiltration to improve moisture content of the soil profile. Broadmeadows	\$200,000
Southern Cross Railway Station	Roof Harvesting Project. Stormwater from the Southern Cross Station will be collected on the station for use in the station and from a drain adjacent to Southern Cross Station for use in the Docklands area for open space watering. Melbourne Central Business District	\$600,000
Brushy Creek Recycling Project	Upgrade of the Brushy Creek treatment plant to Class A to provide water for open space watering. Chirnside Park	\$1,000,000

Funding Recipient	Project Details	Total Funding from SURF
Wannon Water	Stormwater harvesting from the roofs of a new development for use in supplementing the Warrnambool water supply. Warrnambool	\$919,576
Royal Botanic Gardens	Stormwater harvesting from the adjacent residential areas to fill the lake. The water is to be treated in a biofiltration and recirculation system. South Yarra	\$1,000,000

Industry and trade: Agenda for New Manufacturing

2692. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Agenda For New Manufacturing and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Each key initiative under the Agenda for New Manufacturing has performance measures in place to measure its success. These are listed below:

Victorian Centre for Advanced Materials Manufacturing (VCAMM) — For each activity, the planned milestones, performance measures and the dates scheduled for completion/achievement, as specified in the Grant Agreement. VCAMM Annual Report and Audit Report submitted annually.

Innovation Insights — set BP3 targets, eg. adoption of innovative manufacturing processes by participants.

Careers in Manufacturing — KPIs as set out in the contract eg. number of schools visited each year; impact of visits on students’ perception of manufacturing.

Export Development (Industry Capability Missions) — A final report must be provided to DIIRD 30 days after the Mission. DIIRD coordinates surveying of participants 12 and 24 months after the Mission through evaluation forms provided to the auspice body with the grant agreement.

Roadmap for Victoria’s Defence Industries — as follows:

- The share of Defence Material Organisation contracts gained by Victorian defence industry in comparison to other States in a financial year. This measures new work.
- The share of defence industry revenue and jobs generated by Victorian defence industry in a financial year. This measures current work and jobs.
- The share of defence industry exports generated by Victorian defence industry in a financial year.

This information is reported annually in the *Report on Victoria’s Defence Industry Activity*, current and past versions are published on the Business Victoria website. Also, ACIL Tasman completed an external evaluation on achievements against the Roadmap in December 2009.

Industry and trade: Victorian Advanced Resource Recovery initiative

2694. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Victorian Advanced Resource Recovery Initiative and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter falls within the capacity of the Minister for Innovation and should be referred appropriately.

Industry and trade: regional innovation clusters program

2700. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Regional Innovation Clusters Program and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter falls within my capacity as Minister for Regional and Rural Development.

I am informed that the pilot program ran from 2004–2009 in regional Victoria, which saw the establishment of 20 clusters across different industry sectors.

An evaluation of the program was undertaken in March 2009 aimed at understanding the value created by clusters and sought to identify opportunities for improvement.

At the time of the evaluation, the funded clusters were at different stages of development as the clusters were established between 2004 and 2007.

With regards to specific benchmarks, the methodology adopted was based predominately on quantitative and qualitative input from cluster participants representing business and industry, local government and educational institutions including universities and TAFE colleges.

A survey was undertaken across all industry clusters with a response rate of 63 per cent, over half of the respondents represented business and industry.

The evidence based results indicate that for every dollar provided through support from Regional Development Victoria, resulted in a 10 to 1 return in the form of investments (jobs and capital investment) and exports.

The pilot program assisted in generating:

- \$14.6 million in new capital investments
- \$14.9 million in increased exports
- 160 new jobs in regional Victoria
- 91 per cent of cluster participants surveyed indicated satisfaction
- 12 out of 20 clusters have good ongoing commercial prospects.

Industry and trade: market demonstration and development program

2701. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Market Demonstration and Development Program and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development does not administer a Market Demonstration and Development Program. If your question is in relation to the Smart SMEs Market Validation Program (MVP), this matter falls within the capacity of the Minister for Innovation and should be referred appropriately.

Industry and trade: Opening Doors to Export plan

2703. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Opening Doors to Export Plan and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The success of the Opening Doors to Export Plan (ODEP) is assessed against targets set in the Budget Paper No. 3.

These targets are:

- Number of Companies provided with Export Assistance
- Exports facilitated by ODEP export programs
- Number of Trade fairs and Missions supported
- Client satisfaction with export assistance offered.

These benchmarks are recorded every quarter and reported on every financial year.

Industry and trade: Building Our Industries for the Future

2709. 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 in the provision of information and market intelligence”.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Building Our Industries For The Future statement provides \$244.7 million in programs and projects to strengthen and support Victorian industries.

\$24.8 million is allocated to a Global Markets Action Plan to help more Victorian companies join global supply chains and enter international markets.

The plan “assists in the provision of information and market intelligence” through a number of initiatives, including:

- The \$4.8 million Opening Doors to Export program;
- The \$1 million Victorians Abroad program;
- The \$8 million Leveraging Global Opportunities program; and
- The Victorian Government’s extensive international business office network which provides support for new and established exporters.

Success is measured at an individual program level and at an economic level by the extent to which Victorian companies contribute more exports and jobs.

Industry and trade: Building Our Industries for the Future

2710. 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 “identify and access overseas project opportunities”.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The *Building Our Industries For the Future* statement provides \$244.7 million in programs and projects to strengthen and support Victorian industries.

\$24.8 million is allocated to the Global Markets Action Plan to help more Victorian companies join global supply chains and enter international markets.

The plan supports Victorian business to “identify and access overseas project opportunities” through initiatives that gather intelligence and lead Victorian industry participation in major project opportunities. Success in supplying to such high-profile projects can strengthen exporters’ position in the global supply chain and result in further export opportunities.

Success is measured at an individual program level and at an economic level by the extent to which new exports and jobs are created.

Industry and trade: Building Our Industries for the Future

2711. 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 “promote export clusters that provide critical mass and improve a shared knowledge between local businesses within a sector”.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The *Building Our Industries For The Future* statement provides \$244.7 million in programs and projects to strengthen and support Victorian industries.

\$24.9 million is allocated to the Global Markets Action Plan to help more Victorian companies join global supply chains and enter international markets.

The plan “promotes export clusters that provide critical mass and improve a shared knowledge between local businesses within a sector” through the \$4 million Export Clusters program. The model for the program is based on the Australian Urban System (AUS) Cluster which is a consortium of Victorian companies selling their urban systems, architectural and design services into the world’s fastest-growing urban development markets in China and the Middle East. The program assists similar consortia across a range of industry sectors.

Success is measured at an individual program level and at an economic level by the extent to which companies contribute more exports and jobs.

Tourism and major events: Tourism Victoria — staff

2759. Dr SYKES to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events with reference to Tourism Victoria:

- (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 as follows:

- (1) Tourism Victoria employees 98.9 full-time equivalent staff.
- (2) Tourism Victoria maintains offices in:
 - (a) Melbourne;
 - (b) Sydney;
 - (c) Shanghai;
 - (d) Hong Kong;
 - (e) Singapore;
 - (f) Auckland;
 - (g) Frankfurt; and
 - (h) London.
- (3) The number of full-time equivalent staff at each office is:

(a) Melbourne	95.9;
(b) Sydney	3.0;
(c) Shanghai	Nil (non-permanent staff only);
(d) Hong Kong	Nil (non-permanent staff only);
(e) Singapore	Nil (non-permanent staff only);
(f) Auckland	Nil (non-permanent staff only);
(g) Frankfurt	Nil (non-permanent staff only); and
(h) London	Nil (non-permanent staff only).

Health: staff

2763. **Dr SYKES** to ask the Minister for Health with reference to each of Ambulance Victoria and the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation:

- (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 at 30 June 2009 Ambulance Victoria

- (1) had an equivalent full time staff of 3059;
- (2) maintained 220 branches strategically located throughout Victoria including three seasonal branches and four air ambulance facilities. The 2008–09 Annual Report of Ambulance Victoria identifies the location of each branch;
- (3) the number of staff located at each branch depends on the rostering arrangement in place at each branch.

As at 25 February 2010 the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation

- (1) had an equivalent full time staff of 58;
- (2) maintained one office at 15–31 Pelham Street, Carlton;
- (3) All staff of the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation are employed at 15–31 Pelham Street, Carlton.

Aboriginal affairs: hold harmless clause

2767(b). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs 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 the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the Lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LA 2767u.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Assembly, 25 May 2010, page 2046*]

Community development: hold harmless clause

2767(h). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Community Development 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 the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LA 2767u.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Assembly, 25 May 2010, page 2046*]

Consumer affairs: hold harmless clause

2767(j). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs 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 advised that:

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

When sourcing human resources from external providers, the department uses organisations from the Victorian Government Employment Panel. In those circumstances the whole of government contract (terms and conditions) applies.

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 service contracts (i.e. not as employees), an indemnification to the State is a standard requirement in those circumstances, as is usual commercial practice.

Energy and resources: hold harmless clause

2767(m). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources 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 at the date the question was raised:

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.

Environment and climate change: hold harmless clause

2767(n). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change 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:

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

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

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

Treasurer: hold harmless clause

2767(q). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer 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:

DTF is the lead agency for the *Master Vendor Agreement for the Provision of IT and Admin Staffing Services* which is a mandatory State Purchase Contract.

This agreement contains an indemnity under which the Master Vendor must indemnify the Purchaser (defined in the contract as the Lead Department, DTF).

This indemnity does not apply where the Purchaser has been negligent or undertaken a wrongful act or omission.

The contract also stipulates that where the Master Vendor enters an agreement with a Tier Two supplier (i.e. government department or agency), the agreement must be on terms that are no less onerous on the Master Vendor than the obligations imposed under the SPC.

However, DTF as the lead agency does not view these agreements and therefore is not in a position to comment on the specifics of these.

Gaming: hold harmless clause

2767(r). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister Gaming 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 advised that:

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

When sourcing human resources from external providers, the department uses organisations from the Victorian Government Employment Panel. In those circumstances the whole of government contract (terms and conditions) applies.

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 service contracts (i.e. not as employees), an indemnification to the State is a standard requirement in those circumstances, as is usual commercial practice.

Health: hold harmless clause

2767(s). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Health 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:

The Department of Health 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.

Local government: hold harmless clause

2767(w). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Local Government 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 the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the Lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LA 2767u.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Assembly, 25 May 2010, page 2046]

Innovation: hold harmless clause

2767(ae). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development for the Minister for Innovation 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 as follows:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, 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.

Roads and ports: hold harmless clause

2767(af). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports 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 at the date the question was raised:

The Department of Transport 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.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: hold harmless clause

2767(ak). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs 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 the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LA 2767u.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Assembly, 25 May 2010, page 2046*]

Women’s affairs: hold harmless clause

2767(ao). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Women’s Affairs 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 the Minister for Women's Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LA 2767u.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Assembly, 25 May 2010, page 2046]

Regional and rural development: grants

2770. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development between 1 July 2009 and 31 December 2009:

- (1) What was the total value of new funding commitments made from the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund.
- (2) What was the total value of payments made from the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund.
- (3) What was the total value of new funding commitments made from the Provincial Victoria Growth Fund.
- (4) What was the total value of payments made from the Provincial Victoria Growth Fund.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The total value of new grant funding commitments approved and announced from the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund between 1 July 2009 and 31 December 2009 was \$38,481,871.

Additional RIDF projects had or were in the process of being approved for funding but finalisation and announcement had not occurred before 31 December 2009.

- (2) The total value of grant payments made from the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund between 1 July 2009 and 31 December 2009 was \$26,644,495.

This information will also be printed in the 2009–10 Annual report, which is due to be tabled in September 2010. Information on the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund is also available on the Business Victoria website under Regional Development.

Housing: rainwater tanks

2774. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to properties owned or leased by the Office of Housing in the Southern Metropolitan region:

- (1) How many have a rainwater tank.
- (2) What percentage have a rainwater tank.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to the number of properties with a rainwater tank which are owned or leased by the OoH is not available.

Roads and ports: Main Street, Mornington — traffic volumes

2778. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports how many cars, on average, use the section of Main Street in Mornington from the Nepean Highway to Cromwell Street:

- (1) before 7.30 am on weekdays.
- (2) between 7.30 am and 9.30 am on weekdays.
- (3) between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on weekdays.
- (4) between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm on weekdays.
- (6) between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm on weekdays.
- (7) between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm on weekdays.
- (8) between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm on weekdays.
- (9) after 7.00 pm on weekdays.
- (10) on weekends.

ANSWER:

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

- The data provided below is drawn from the traffic signals at the intersection of Main Street with Nepean Highway, but does not include traffic turning left in or out of Main Street (as there are no detector loops). Right-turning traffic and through traffic are recorded.
 - The data provided is therefore approximate and includes traffic travelling in both directions along Main Street on Tuesday, 9 March 2010. The total daily traffic volume was approximately 16,900 vehicles.
- (1) Between 12.01 am and 7.30 am on Tuesday 9 March the volume of traffic was approximately 800 vehicles.
 - (2) The traffic volume between 7.30 am and 9.30 am on Tuesday 9 March 2010 was approximately 2000 vehicles.
 - (3) The traffic volume between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesday 9 March 2010 was approximately 7300 vehicles.
 - (4) The traffic volume between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 9 March 2010 was approximately 1350 vehicles.
 - (5) The traffic volume between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 9 March 2010 was approximately 1250 vehicles.
 - (6) The traffic volume between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Tuesday 9 March 2010 was approximately 1200 vehicles.
 - (7) The traffic volume between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9 March 2010 was 1000 vehicles.
 - (8) The traffic volume from 7.00 pm to midnight on Tuesday 9 March was approximately 1900 vehicles.
 - (9) The total traffic volume on Saturday 13 March 2010 was approximately 17,300 vehicles and on Sunday 14 March 2010 was approximately 14,100 vehicles.

Health: Frankston Hospital — privately insured patients

2780. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Health with reference to Frankston Hospital between 1999 and 2009, on both yearly and quarterly basis:

- (1) How many privately insured patients were admitted to the emergency department.
- (2) How many privately insured patients admitted to the emergency department were transferred to private hospitals.
- (3) How much revenue did the hospital receive from privately insured patients who were admitted to the emergency department, but not transferred on to private hospitals.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

Information on the private insurance status of patients attending public hospital emergency departments is not collected.

Environment and climate change: renewable energy

2785. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change what was the percentage consumption of renewable energy in:

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.
- (3) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data obtained from Sustainability Victoria (SV) indicate that approximately 1375 gigawatt hours (GWh) of electricity was generated from renewable energy generators in 2003. This equates to around 3.15 per cent of Victoria's total electricity consumption.

Although the installed capacity of renewable energy generators has increased rapidly over the years, the actual amount of renewable electricity generation has not increased at the same pace. This is because drought conditions reduced production from our hydro power stations.

The increase in renewable electricity production from wind farms has therefore been offset by reduced production from hydro power plants. SV's data indicate that around 1368 GWh of renewable electricity was generated in 2008. This equates to around 2.48 per cent of the total Victorian electricity consumption.

With regards to 2009, preliminary estimates by SV indicate that 2106 GWh of electricity was generated from renewable energy sources. This equates to around 3.87 per cent of the total Victorian electricity consumption.

The Victorian Government is strongly committed to growing the renewable energy sector, and recognises that using renewable sources of energy can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a sustainable supply of energy.

Victoria was the first state to set a renewable energy target. The Victorian Renewable Energy Target Scheme (VRET) commenced on 1 January 2007 with the aim of achieving 10 per cent of Victoria's electricity supply from renewable sources by 2016.

VRET will transition in stages into the national Renewable Energy Target Scheme (RET) throughout 2010. RET will guarantee electricity supply from renewable sources increases to 20 per cent by 2020. In Victoria, RET is expected to generate about \$4 billion of new investment and an extra 7000 GWh of renewable energy over the next ten years.

Environment and climate change: renewable energy

2786. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change how much renewable energy was generated in:

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.
- (3) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data obtained from Sustainability Victoria (SV) indicate that approximately 1375 gigawatt hours (GWh) of electricity was generated from renewable energy generators in 2003.

Although the installed capacity of renewable energy generators has increased rapidly over the years, the actual amount of renewable electricity generation has not increased at the same pace. This is because drought conditions reduced production from our hydro power stations.

The increase in renewable electricity production from wind farms has therefore been offset by reduced production from hydro power plants. SV's data indicate that around 1368 GWh of renewable electricity was generated in 2008.

With regards to 2009, preliminary estimates by SV indicate that 2106 GWh of electricity was generated from renewable energy sources. This increase was mainly due to additional generation from wind farms.

The Victorian Government is strongly committed to growing the renewable energy sector, and recognises that using renewable sources of energy can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a sustainable supply of energy.

Victoria was the first state to set a renewable energy target. The Victorian Renewable Energy Target Scheme (VRET) commenced on 1 January 2007 with the aim of achieving 10 per cent of Victoria's electricity supply from renewable sources by 2016.

VRET will transition in stages into the national Renewable Energy Target Scheme (RET) throughout 2010. RET will guarantee electricity supply from renewable sources increases to 20 per cent by 2020. In Victoria, RET is expected to generate about \$4 billion of new investment and an extra 7000 GWh of renewable energy over the next ten years.

Environment and climate change: building upgrade funding

2791. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$5 million in funding to work with the Clinton Foundation to upgrade 16 government buildings to a higher environmental standard announced on 25 July 2008:

- (1) How much has been spent.
- (2) How many upgrades have been completed, are currently under way, or are planned.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be redirected to the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission.

Environment and climate change: Gippsland Lakes

2794. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$9 million in funding to reduce nutrient and sediment run-off as part of the Gippsland Lakes Future Directions and Actions Plan announced on 31 May 2002:

- (1) When was all the funding spent.
- (2) How much has been spent.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.
- (4) Does the Government continue to allocate funds to this project; if so, how much was allocated in 2009–10.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Since the *Gippsland Lakes Future Directions and Actions Plan (GLFD&AP)* was released in 2002, the Victorian Government has directly invested more than \$19 million towards improving the health of the Gippsland Lakes and surrounding catchment.
- (2) The first block of funding, announced in May 2002, was for \$12.8 million, of which \$9 million was specifically targeted at works and activities that aimed to reduce nutrient and sediment run-off from the Gippsland Lakes catchment.
- (3) The \$9 million in question was expended over four years between 2002–03 and 2005–06.
- (4) Between 2006–07 and 2008–09 a further \$6 million has been provided for delivery of the *Gippsland Lakes Future Directions and Actions Plan*.
- (5) The Gippsland Lakes Task Force (now the Gippsland Lakes and Catchment Taskforce) engaged URS Consulting to undertake an independent evaluation of the investment into the Gippsland Lakes Plan in early 2006. The evaluation concluded that there is '*strong evidence that the State's investment in the Gippsland Lakes Future Directions and Actions Plan is well managed and wisely spent*'.
- (6) The Victorian Government continues to support investment that contributes to the goals of the GLFD&AP to improve the health of the Lakes. During 2009–10, government has committed an additional \$840,000 to the Gippsland Lakes and Catchment Taskforce towards delivery of priority activities including works and measures, monitoring and communications.
- (7) In 2009–10, the Victorian Government funded over \$5 million of activities in the catchment that directly aim to improve the environment of the Gippsland Lakes. Examples of the activities include projects to reduce salinity, sediment and nutrient supply, and large scale rehabilitation of the tributary streams. Most of this work is delivered by the West and East Gippsland Catchment Management Authorities.
- (8) This \$5 million is part of more than \$15 million invested in over 30 natural resource management projects across the catchment.

Environment and climate change: wetlands

2795. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the creation of additional wetlands as announced on 13 September 2002:

- (1) How many wetlands have been created.
- (2) Where is each new wetland located.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Constructed wetlands are used to trap and filter the nutrients and pollutants in stormwater so that they do not contaminate our waterways and Port Phillip Bay. Melbourne Water is the agency responsible for implementing the plan to create stormwater wetlands across Melbourne.

Since 2002, 117 new wetlands have been constructed in Melbourne. Thirty-six of these wetlands have been constructed under Melbourne Water’s \$60M Nitrogen Reduction Program. A further nine wetlands have been constructed with approximately \$5.5M from the Nitrogen Offsets Program initiated in 2005. Two of these wetlands are maintained by Melbourne Water and the other seven by councils. The remaining wetlands have been constructed under Melbourne Water’s Drainage Scheme Works.

Monitoring and evaluation of wetland creation projects involve formal internal Melbourne Water and external review processes. The Melbourne Water Stormwater Quality Team prioritises wetland creation projects based largely on \$/kg total nitrogen reduction through a formal decision process. This is followed by a Capital Approvals Process to evaluate project proposals.

External review includes scientific research and monitoring to evaluate the performance of constructed wetlands. The Nitrogen Reduction Program is audited externally by the Essential Services Commission Annual Auditing Process. No issues of concern have been raised with Melbourne Water.

The results of these processes have ensured cost-effective investment, continuous improvement and best practice. Constructed wetlands have been demonstrated to be effective in removing nutrients, sediments and pollutants from water flowing into our waterways and Port Phillip Bay.

Together with wetlands created before 2002 Melbourne Water owns and maintains 147 constructed wetlands. Melbourne Water has provided details of the location of each of these wetlands (see list below).

Melbourne Water Waterways Quality Treatment Systems		
System	Location (Melway reference)	No. of wetlands in system
Argus St R/B	7 B1	1
Austrak	180 D8	1
Aylmer Road	129 B3	1
Baumont Waters	131 A3	2
Belfrages Swamp	ESMAP 731 G7	1
Bentons Road	146 B8	1
Berwick West	110 J7	1
Boggy Creek Wetland	98 A10	1
Bonview	33 F9	3

Melbourne Water Waterways Quality Treatment Systems		
System	Location (Melway reference)	No. of wetlands in system
Botanica Springs Wetland	342 D1	5
Bridgewater Drive	179 J3	1
Broad Gully D.S.	11 K3	1
Bryn Mawr Cell 1	111 G11	1
Bryn Mawr Cell 2	111 G12	1
Cambridge Garden	5 K6	4
Campbellfield Crk R/B	7 F12	7
Caroline Springs	358 G3	2
Caroline Springs Wetland #2	356 G4	1
Central Park Wetland	388 GS	2
Cheetham	207 J7	6
Childs Road Wetland	8 G1	1
Chirnside Park Drain	37 F3	4
Chisholm Park R/B	358 J4	1
Clearwater Rise Wetland	202 K3	4
Clyde Ck R/B Wetland	134 K3	3
Craigieburn South	180 B2	1
Croydon Md R/B	50 K5	1
Dandenong	90 G2	4
Dandenong Ck Eastlink Wetland	94 H3	1
David Macfarlan Res	157 A7	1
Dunnetts Road Swamp	ESMAP 624 D12	1
Durham Road R/B	51 J5	3
Dwarf Galaxias Conserv	110 D8	1
Edithvale/Seaford Sth	93 E8	2
Eumemmerring Creek	91 H9	1
Evans Road R/B	129 C11	3
Fairfield Glade	386 K6	1
Franklin Ave	179 J4	1
Fulton Road R/B	61 G4	1
Gladstone Street	25 J2	1
Golf Links Road	110 F11	2
Grand Boulevard Drain	387 A6	1
Greaves Road R/B (Kimberly Downs)	130 K5	3
Green St R/B	52 B1	1
Greens Lane Wetland	95 C9	2
Greenslopes R/B	37 K10	1
Haileybury Ds	89 A9	15
Hallam Valley	95 J5	1

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Melbourne Water Waterways Quality Treatment Systems		
System	Location (Melway reference)	No. of wetlands in system
Hallam Valley R/B	96 A4	1
Hammond Road Wetland	95 A10	1
Hampton Park R/B East	96 H9	1
Hampton Pk East	96 J9	2
Hawkstowe Wetland	183 K4	4
Heathdale Glen Orden Wetland	206 B3	1
Heritage Hills	110 G12	1
Hidden Grove R/B	94 B1	3
Highlands Lake Wetlands (Const)	386 E7	4
Homestead Road R/B	130 K2	1
Huntingdale Rd R/B	70 A6	1
Jacana R/B Northern	6 D9	1
Jacana R/B Southern	6 E12	1
Karkarook	78 E6	3
Kent Park	73 D7	1
Kimberley Downs Wetland	130 J7	7
Kimberly Downs Wetland	130 K5	1
Kinterbury Drive	13 B11	1
Koolamara Waters (Blackwood Park Road)	73 J8	3
Kooweerup Sth Drain Wetland	ESMAP 795 H6	1
Lakeside Drive Wetland	131 D8	1
Lakeside, Pakenham	215 H7	1
Laurimar Park Estate	391 H6	5
Laverton	54 C10	3
Laverton Md	53 E8	1
Letcon Drive Wetland	94 K10	1
Lilydale Lake	38 G8	3
Lincoln Heath Estate	NA (Point Cook)	1
Lynbrook	129 C2	2
Manor Lakes Wetland	204 F1	3
Marriott Waters Wetland	129 A7	3
Maserati Drive	182 D7	1
Mernda	390 J8	3
Merri Creek	18 A7	1
Merton Street	208 E4	1
Mill Park Lakes	183 C9	3
Monbulk Creek R/B	84 A2	5
Mordialloc Creek	93 F4	6
Narre Warren North	108 H7	2

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Melbourne Water Waterways Quality Treatment Systems		
System	Location (Melway reference)	No. of wetlands in system
Narre Warren South	110 E8	3
Narvan Park	336 H5	1
National Business Park	180 D11	1
Ninnis Court	179 F8	1
North Heatherton Road	90 H2	1
North Norseman 1	ESMAP 850 D5	1
O'Neil's Rd D.S	111 J11	2
Olinda Creek	38 G10	1
Painted Hills Road	391 E7	3
Parcs Wetland-West Paddock	98 E9	4
Paroo Avenue	179 K3	1
Patullos Lane	180 B3	1
Pauls Swamp	ESMAP 731 F7	1
Pembroke R/B	52 B4	1
Police Road R/B	81 E5	6
Redguns R/B Wetland	180 D3	1
Rees Road	342 G5	1
Reflections Wetland	202 E5	3
Rose Grange (Autumn Fields)	202 K3	1
Rossiters Road	98 B10	1
Royal Park	29 D11	2
Ryans Swamp	ESMAP 731 F9	1
Seaford Lowlands	99 H1	7
Serpentine R/B No. 1	358 G3	1
Serpentine R/B No. 2	358 F2	1
Serpentine R/B No. 3	358 E1	3
Shearwater Wetland	215 E5	4
Skeleton Creek (Leakes Road)	202 J2	1
Skeleton Creek Ds (Tarneit Gardens)	202 J4	3
South Heatherton Rd	90 J4	1
Sovereign Crest	73 H8	1
Station Rd Nth Dr.	25 F6	1
Tarneit Creek	202 K5	2
Taryn Drive	181 F10	1
Taylors Ck	13 J1	2
Tenterfield Drive Sth	13 B9	4
The Boardwalk	207 G3	15
The Promenade	184 E2	1
Tirhatuan	81 G7	1

Melbourne Water Waterways Quality Treatment Systems		
System	Location (Melway reference)	No. of wetlands in system
Ti-Tree Ck: Linsell Blvd (Broad Oak Drive)	134 D2	4
Ti-Tree Creek (Hunt Club Lake & Wetland)	134 B3	1
Troups Creek	96 K5	1
Troups Creek West R/B	108 B10	1
University Hill Wetland	10 C8	1
Vaucluse	184 G1	1
Viewgrand Blvd Wetland	181 K4	2
Wannarkladdin	97 G3	1
Water Qual Ponds Lilydale Lake	38 E8	1
Waterford Valley	73 E11	4
Watervale Stage 1	13 B8	1
Waverley Road R/B	170 K3	13
Willowgreen Estate	207 K1	1
Winter Way	208 C3	1
Winton	63 D4	1
Woodland Gv Estate Wetland	387 B6	1
Woodland Waters Wetland	183 G1	1
Woodlands	88 C12	1
Wyndham Waters	203 G8	6
Yarraman Creek Wetland	80 J11	1
Yering Backswamp	274 A9	1

Industry and trade: Agenda for New Manufacturing

2800. **Mr SMITH** (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to the Agenda for New Manufacturing, Advanced Manufacturing, as detailed in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2008–09 report, what benefits were derived from the grant of:

- (1) \$10,000 to Manufacturing and Engineering Skills Advisory Board.
- (2) \$13,718 to Maxitrans Australia Pty Ltd.
- (3) \$14,000 to SIRF Round Tables Pty Ltd.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The \$10,000 grant to the Manufacturing and Engineering Skills Advisory Board was for the final payments for a Solar Car Challenge held in Albury Wodonga and the Kangan Batman Design Challenge. These activities were part of the Careers in Manufacturing program designed to raise awareness of year 9 and 10 students to manufacturing careers and apprenticeships. 10 students who otherwise were not considering a career in manufacturing expressed interest as a result.

Maxitrans Australia Pty Ltd wished to implement lean manufacturing principles in the Ballarat plant and the \$13,718 grant assisted in raising productivity by 30 per cent and eliminated waste in processing activities.

SIRF Roundtables used the \$14,000 grant to form a continuous improvement consortia of 10 companies to implement lean manufacturing and share their experiences. The benefits have been a substantial improvement in productivity and the formation of a Productivity Roundtable which continues to meet regularly.

Industry and trade: Agenda for New Manufacturing

2801. **Mr SMITH** (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to the Agenda for New Manufacturing, Export, as detailed in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2008–09 report, what benefits were derived from the grant of:

- (1) \$85,000 to 21st Century International Business Development Centre Pty Ltd.
- (2) \$245,000 to Aust-China Group Pty Ltd.
- (3) \$60,000 to Australian Industry and Defence Network Inc — Victoria.
- (4) \$33,697 to MGI Boyd (Melbourne) Pty Ltd.
- (5) \$15,000 to The Pizza Wine Co Pty Ltd.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The benefits derived from the following grants given under the Agenda for New Manufacturing are:

- (1) \$85,000 to 21st Century International Business Development Centre Pty Ltd.

This grant represents a part payment of a grant of \$200,000 paid to 21st Century International Business Development Centre Pty Ltd. as the auspice body for the Industry Capability Mission to Cityscape China 2009. The mission was attended by 18 companies who reported estimated mature exports of \$35.41 million as a result of this mission.

- (2) \$245,000 to Aust-China Group Pty Ltd.

The \$245,000 to Aust-China Group Pty Ltd. is made up of grants given to them for three different missions for whom they were the auspice body. The outcomes of these missions are as follows:

- (a) \$15,000 for an Inward Trade Mission in 2008 from the China Building and Construction industry which resulted in estimated mature exports of \$6 million
- (b) \$200,000 for an Industry Capability Mission to the Shanghai Design Biennale 2008 which was attended by 20 companies who reported estimated mature exports of \$72.2 million
- (c) \$30,000 was paid as part payment for an Industry Capability Mission to Cityscape China 2008 which was attended by 17 companies who reported estimated mature exports of \$23.9 million

- (3) \$60,000 to Australian Industry and Defence Network Inc (AIDN) — Victoria.

This grant paid to the AIDN was a part payment for an Industry Capability Mission to Farnborough 2008 it was the auspice body for. The mission was attended by 15 companies who reported estimated mature exports of \$24.9 million.

- (4) \$33,697 to MGI Boyd (Melbourne) Pty Ltd.

This grant was a part payment of a grant provided under the Collaborative Export Market Program approved in the 2006–07 FY. This particular amount is a payment made to MGI Boyd in 2008–09. MGI Boyd reported estimated mature exports of \$193,275 as a result of participation in the program.

Industry and trade: Osbourne Investments Pty Ltd

2803. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to Business Assistance, General, as detailed in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2008–09 report, what benefits were derived from the grant of \$18,180 to Osbourne Investments Pty Ltd.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A sponsorship amount of \$18,180 was paid to Osborne Investments Pty Ltd in response to that company's invoice (numbered 20962 and dated 4 July 2008). The payment is for the Victorian Government's sponsorship of the Melbourne Financial Services Symposium held in March 2009. Osborne Investments Pty Ltd was the event organiser.

The Melbourne Financial Services Symposium, is an annual two-day event that attracts senior executives from the Australian and overseas funds management industry. In 2009 it attracted around 500 participants. The event continues to be one of Australia's key funds management events and helps build Melbourne's profile as a significant centre for pension investment management, a strategy described in the financial services strategic statement "Growing Victoria's Financial Services Sector."

Industry and trade: Society of Automotive Engineers Australasia

2804. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to Greening Our Automotive Industry as detailed in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2008–09 report, what benefits were derived from the grant of \$42,000 to Society of Automotive Engineers Australasia.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In 2006 the Victorian Government released a Sustainable Action Statement "Our Environment. Our Future.". One of the actions committed to in the Action Statement was Action 15.4 "Greening our Automotive Industry". The objective of this action is for the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development to work with the automotive manufacturing industry to develop a series of initiatives on the application of fuel-efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions technologies in locally produced vehicles.

One of the initiatives is to support conferences and seminars in Victoria involving leaders in the development and application of "greening" technologies to expose Victorian engineers and designers to national and international experts. The \$42,000 grant to the Society of Automotive Engineers Australasia supported two such conferences during 2009. These were the Change by Design Conference and the Gaseous Fuels Technology Conference. Both of these conferences supported the objectives of Action 15.4 and were attended by representatives from the Australian motor vehicle producers, automotive suppliers, researchers and policy makers. Direct benefits associated with these conferences are knowledge sharing, facilitation of discussions on relevant issues and connecting people working in similar fields. The conferences also facilitated future collaboration and business opportunities.

The Society of Automotive Engineers-Australasia (SAE-A) is a non-profit organisation that represents automotive engineering professionals and para-professionals with its national office based in Melbourne. The SAE-A's mandate is to advance the skills and knowledge of its members in automotive technologies to benefit the automotive manufacturing industry and has a large membership of 2500. The SAE-A is recognised for its support of the automotive industry through its technology awareness activities, including various conferences and seminars.

Industry and trade: Geelong Industry and Innovation Fund

2808. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to the Geelong Industry and Innovation Fund as detailed in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2008–09 report, what benefits were derived from the grant of:

- (1) \$41,574 to Air Radiators Pty Ltd.
- (2) \$236,875 to Challenge Meats Pty Ltd.
- (3) \$110,933 to Mako Craft Pty Ltd.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter falls within my capacity as Minister for Regional and Rural Development.

In June 2008, Air Radiators, Challenge Meats and Mako Craft were granted up to \$2.54 million from the joint State and Federal Geelong Investment and Innovation Fund. These three projects will facilitate \$21.2 million in investment and create up to 169 jobs.

Air Radiators Pty Ltd were offered a grant of \$1 million to generate 44 jobs and \$11.35 million in investment.

Challenge Meats Pty Ltd were offered a grant of \$947,000 to generate 45 jobs and \$5.93 million in investment.

Mako Craft Pty Ltd were offered a grant of \$602,000 to generate 80 jobs and \$3.92 million in investment.

The grants are conditional upon companies meeting progressive milestones. It will therefore be some time before we will be able to assess the total benefits.

Final payments will be conditional upon the companies concluding the projects which are presently continuing.

To date a total of 18 companies have received offers under the Geelong Investment and Innovation Fund creating up to 656 full time equivalent jobs and \$82 million of investment.

Environment and climate change: firefighters

2819. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change in the fortnight beginning 1 February 2009, how many project firefighters employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment were paid for working:

- (1) On fire prevention and suppression activities on public land.
- (2) As support staff to on-ground firefighters.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the fortnight beginning, 1 February 2009, 649 Project Fire Fighters (PFFs) were employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

- (1) In the fortnight beginning, 1 February 2009, 649 PFFs were paid for working on fire prevention and suppression activities on public land.
- (2) In the fortnight beginning, 1 February 2009, zero PFFs were paid for working as support staff to on ground fire fighters.

Environment and climate change: firefighters

2820. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change how many project firefighters employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment completed training in the 2009–10 fire season to work on fire prevention and suppression activities on public land.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A total of 713 Project Fire Fighters (PFFs) were employed for the 2009–10 fire season, to work on fire prevention and suppression activities on public land.

Of the 713 PFFs trained, 522 were returnees, who undertook refresher training, arranged by their local District or work centre and who also attended pre fire season briefings.

The balance of 191 were new PFFs, and were required to undertake General Fire Fighter (GFF) training, or came with recognised minimum skills from other fire agencies such as one Canadian exchange fire fighter.

In addition to the GFF training, all new PFFs received further training at their local work centre, as part of the induction arrangements. New PFFs also participate in the pre fire season briefings.

Environment and climate change: firefighters

2821. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change as at 1 February 2010, how many project firefighters employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment were actively employed:

- (1) As firefighters (including operators).
- (2) In hover exit crews.
- (3) In rappel crews.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 1 February 2010, Project Fire Fighters (PFFs) were actively employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment as:

- (1) 688 PFFs were employed as fire fighters including operators.
- (2) Of the 688 PFFs, nine PFFs were employed as hover exit crews.
- (3) Of the 688 PFFs, 26 PFFs were employed as rappel crews.

Environment and climate change: firefighters

2822. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change as at 1 February 2010, how many permanent firefighters employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment were able to work on fire prevention and suppression activities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 1 February 2010, there were 1125 permanent firefighters employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment, able to work on fire prevention and suppression activities.

Environment and climate change: fire management division — staff

2823. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change as at 1 February 2010, how many people were employed in support roles within the Fire Management Division of the Department of Sustainability and Environment as:

- (1) Full time employees.
- (2) Part time employees.
- (3) Casuals.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 1 February 2010, the number of people employed in the Fire Management Division of the Department of Sustainability and Environment was:

- (1) Full time employees—689
- (2) Part time employees-35
- (3) Casuals—36

These numbers only relate to all staff in the Land and Fire Management Division within DSE.

In addition, staff in other divisions of DSE also perform fire roles during the fire season.

Environment and climate change: firefighters

2824. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to trained firefighters that could be called upon by the Department of Sustainability and Environment to engage in fire prevention and suppression activities, as at 1 February 2010:

- (1) How many firefighters could be called on.
- (2) What agencies did the firefighters come from and how many firefighters are employed by each agency.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 1 February 2010, there were 3064 trained firefighters that could be called upon. These firefighters were from DSE and the Networked Emergency Organisation as follows;

Organisation	Firefighter Personnel Number
DSE	1808
Parks Victoria	589
DPI	416
Melbourne Water	120
VicForests	79

Organisation	Firefighter Personnel Number
DPCD	52
Total	3064

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: community facility funding — Shire of Cardinia

2836. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to the \$500,000 grant given to the Cardinia Shire Council from the Community Facility Funding program, announced on 2 May 2009:

- (1) As at 11 March 2010 what actual payments have been made to the Council under the grant.
- (2) Was the grant conditional on the Council completing the facilities outlined by the Minister; if not, why not.
- (3) When will the full range of facilities nominated by the Minister be completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) A payment of \$400,000 (equalling 80 per cent) of the grant has been paid to Cardinia Shire Council in accordance with the signed Funding Agreement between Council and Sport and Recreation Victoria. The remaining funds (\$100,000) will be provided to Council upon completion of the project.
- (2) Yes, the grant is conditional on Council completing the facilities as outlined in the Funding Agreement.
- (3) The two sportsgrounds are currently being constructed and advice has been provided from Council that they will be ready for use by the 2011 winter sports season.

Council has indicated that the pavilion and remaining project components will be completed in 2011–12.

Health: Frankston Hospital — early warning and bypass

2838. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Health how often, on a quarterly basis from 1999 to 2009 inclusive, was Frankston Hospital on:

- (1) Hospital Early Warning Systems.
- (2) Bypass.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Department of Health does not collect data relating to the activation of HEWS. The Hospital Early Warning Systems was introduced in 2002, with the support of clinicians as a tool to better manage access for emergency patients. It is not a performance indicator.
- (2) Data relating to bypass events is collected in order to report publicly on a six-monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details on the percentage of time emergency departments went on hospital bypass. The current report, as well as copies of previous your hospitals reports are available online at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

Health: Frankston Hospital — emergency department

2840. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Health with reference to patients attending the emergency department of Frankston Hospital who were assessed as having non-emergency related injuries:

- (1) How many patients, on a quarterly basis, were redirected to a Medicentre or local GP in:
 - (a) 2006;
 - (b) 2007;
 - (c) 2008;
 - (d) 2009.

- (2) What percentage of patients not redirected to a Medicentre or local GP service took up beds in the emergency department, in comparison to patients who were assessed as having emergency related injuries, on a quarterly basis in:
 - (a) 2006;
 - (b) 2007;
 - (c) 2008;
 - (d) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Emergency department patients are not redirected to a Medicentre or to local GP services. Patients may be advised about alternative treatment options, however, it is the patient's choice whether or not they are treated in the emergency department.

Furthermore, no data is collected to record whether such patients did, or did not, subsequently attend a Medicentre or GP clinic for treatment.

As patients are not redirected, it is not possible to provide the data sought.

Health: Frankston Hospital — admissions

2841. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Health what percentage of patients admitted to a ward in the Frankston Hospital went via the emergency department, on a quarterly basis in:

- (1) 2006.
- (2) 2007.
- (3) 2008.
- (4) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to admissions and emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six-monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

Public transport: Frankston station car park

2855. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport as part of the Victorian Transport Plan, does the Government have any plans to increase the car parking available

at Frankston Station; if not what future commitment will the Government make to additional car parking.

ANSWER:

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

The *Victorian Transport Plan* includes \$60 million to expand park and ride facilities on the rail network. This will deliver a further 3500 car parking spaces at metropolitan and regional railway stations. The locations of these car parks will be prioritised by demand.

Children and early childhood development: early intervention places — western region

2856. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development what are the aggregate figures on extra early intervention places, including planned, for the Western Region for:

- (1) 2006.
- (2) 2007.
- (3) 2008.
- (4) 2009.
- (5) 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

2005–06	137 (total North & West region)*
2006–07	60 (total North & West region)*
2007–08	37 (total North & West region)*
2008–09	142
2009–10	148

*Note: during the period 2005–2008 Northern and Western regions were one region in DHS

Since 2008–09 additional Early Childhood Intervention Service places have been proportionally distributed to reflect the distribution of children aged between 0–6 according to ABS residential population data.

An analysis of existing Early Childhood Intervention Services resources (Specialist Children’s Services, Community Service Organisations and Special Developmental Schools Early Education Programs) undertaken in 2007–08 indicated historical inequities in some regions. New places have been allocated to achieve a more equitable distribution of Early Childhood Intervention places reflective of the ABS 0–6 residential population distribution data.

Children and early childhood development: early intervention places — southern region

2857. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development what are the aggregate figures on extra early intervention places, including planned, for the Southern Region for:

- (1) 2006.
- (2) 2007.
- (3) 2008.

- (4) 2009.
- (5) 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

2005–06	107
2006–07	47
2007–08	99
2008–09	20
2009–10	20

Since 2008–09 additional Early Childhood Intervention Service places have been proportionally distributed to reflect the distribution of children aged between 0–6 according to ABS residential population data.

An analysis of existing Early Childhood Intervention Services resources (Specialist Children’s Services, Community Service Organisations and Special Developmental Schools Early Education Programs) undertaken in 2007–08 indicated historical inequities in some regions. New places have been allocated to achieve a more equitable distribution of Early Childhood Intervention places reflective of the ABS 0–6 residential population distribution data.

Children and early childhood development: early intervention places — northern region

2858. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development what are the aggregate figures on extra early intervention places, including planned, for the Northern Region for:

- (1) 2006.
- (2) 2007.
- (3) 2008.
- (4) 2009.
- (5) 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

2005–06	137 (total North & West region)*
2006–07	60 (total North & West region)*
2007–08	37 (total North & West region)*
2008–09	177
2009–10	167

*Note: during the period 2005–2008 Northern and Western region were one region in DHS.

Since 2008–09 additional Early Childhood Intervention Service places have been proportionally distributed to reflect the distribution of children aged between 0–6 according to ABS residential population data.

An analysis of existing Early Childhood Intervention Services resources (Specialist Children's Services, Community Service Organisations and Special Developmental Schools Early Education Programs) undertaken in 2007–08 indicated historical inequities in some regions. New places have been allocated to achieve a more equitable distribution of Early Childhood Intervention places reflective of the ABS 0–6 residential population distribution data.

Environment and climate change: Environment Protection Authority Victoria — paper consumption

2863. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to paper consumption at the Environment Protection Authority Victoria:

- (1) What was the total consumption of reams of A4 equivalent paper per full time employee in each of 2007–08 to 2009–10 to date.
- (2) What was the total consumption of envelopes per full time employee in each of 2007–08 to 2009–10 to date.
- (3) What was the total paper consumption for external printing and publications in each of 2007–08 to 2009–10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the EPA's:

- Total purchasing of reams of A4 equivalent paper, including business cards, letterhead and notices) per full time employee for the following years was/is:
 - 2007–08: 9.53
 - 2008–09: 8.75
 - 2009–10 (data to 31/12/09): 3.83 (estimated for full 2009–10 year = 7.67)
- Total purchasing of envelopes per full time employee for the following years was/is:
 - 2007–08: 220.36
 - 2008–09: 217.36
 - 2009–10 (to 31/12/09): 191.21 (estimated for full 2009–10 year = 382.41) *
- Total paper purchasing (sheets) for external printing and publications per full time employee for the following years was/is:
 - 2007–08: 1688.06 #
 - 2008–09: 845.54
 - 2009–10 (to 31/12/09): 49.52 (estimated for full 2009–10 year = 99.04) +

NB.

* EPA's head office moved sites in 2009–10 therefore all envelopes needed to be reprinted with new address

2007–08 saw the publication of a higher than usual number of brochures and reports, which are only printed every few years in significant amounts.

+ Due to operational changes EPA has decreased the amount of external publications it is producing in 2009–10.

Agriculture: Department of Primary Industries — paper consumption

2870. Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Agriculture with reference to paper consumption at the Department of Primary Industries:

- (1) What was the total consumption of reams of A4 equivalent paper per full time employee in each of 2007–08 to 2009–10 to date.
- (2) What was the total consumption of envelopes per full time employee in each of 2007–08 to 2009–10 to date.
- (3) What was the total paper consumption for external printing and publications in each of 2007–08 to 2009–10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

- (1) The total consumption of reams of A4 equivalent paper per full time employee is publicly available in the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) annual report. Data collection for this year’s annual report is still in progress.
- (2) The data for consumption of envelopes is not collected by DPI.
- (3) The total paper consumption for external printing and publications was 17.995 tonnes in 2007–08, 109.925 tonnes in 2008–09, and 26.698 tonnes in 2009–10 to date. (The data for 2007–08 does not include usage for the first quarter of that year. The 109.925 tonnes in 2008–09 was a non-typical year as it included major print jobs such as the Domestic Traveller’s Guide to Interstate Quarantine, the “We Are Family” post-natal pet safety education booklet, the Go Fishing in Victoria Calendar and the Serrated Tussock Best Practice Manual.)

Agriculture: Australian Plague Locust Commission

2895. Mr **WALSH** to ask the Minister for Agriculture how much money did the Government contribute to the Australian Plague Locust Commission in:

- (1) 2005.
- (2) 2006.
- (3) 2007.
- (4) 2008.
- (5) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Victoria contributes 10 per cent of the Australian Plague Locust Commission budget under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commonwealth and member states of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.

Contributions from the Victorian Government to the Australian Plague Locust Commission since 2005 are listed below.

Financial Year	Amount Paid (Excludes GST)
2004–05	\$320 600.00

2005–06	\$356 359.00
2006–07	\$360 184.20
2007–08	\$310 067.00
2008–09	\$426 492.00
2009–10	\$422 947.20

Community services: child protection notifications

2901. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services since 1 January 2007, how many notifications involving the sexual abuse of a child were:

- (1) Received by Child Protection.
- (2) Referred to Victoria Police.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All appropriate notifications are forwarded to police as required after assessment and investigation.

Water: Williams Road, Mount Eliza — drain outlet

2905. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Williams Road drain outlet in Mount Eliza:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No work has been undertaken since 2005 by Melbourne Water because the Williams Road drain outlet is a Mornington Peninsula Shire Council asset, therefore Council is responsible for its maintenance.

Water: Ashmore Avenue, Mordialloc — main drain outlet

2906. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Ashmore Avenue main drain outlet in Mordialloc:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Melbourne Water has completed inspections of the outlet to check for blockages, and have invested approximately \$5,000 maintaining the outlet.

Water: Abbott Street, Sandringham — main drain outlet

2907. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Abbott Street main drain outlet in Sandringham:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No works have been undertaken since 2005, however they are included in Melbourne Water's Capital Plan 2008/09–2010/11.

Water: Princes Street, Port Melbourne — main drain outlet

2908. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Princes Street main drain outlet in Port Melbourne:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No works have been undertaken since 2005, however they are included in Melbourne Water's Capital Plan.

Water: Rosny Street, Port Melbourne — main drain outlet

2909. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Rosny Street main drain outlet in Port Melbourne:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Melbourne Water Report, *Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures*, dated May 2005 did not recommend any works be done to the drain outlet. The drain outlet is not a Melbourne Water asset, instead it is an asset of the City of Port Phillip.

Water: Cruikshank Street, Port Melbourne — main drain outlet

2910. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Cruikshank Street main drain outlet in Port Melbourne:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Melbourne Water has installed new handrails and a non-slip surface on the deck of the drain outlet. The cost of the works was approximately \$8,000.

Water: Shakespeare Grove, St Kilda — main drain outlet

2911. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Shakespeare Grove main drain outlet in St Kilda:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Melbourne Water has installed handrails, a seaweed barrier and new access covers at the drain outlet. Closed circuit television cameras have also been installed to allow remote inspection of the outlet. The total cost of the works was approximately \$230,000.

Water: Grenville Street, Hampton — main drain outlet

2912. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Grenville Street main drain outlet in Hampton:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Melbourne Water Report, *Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures*, dated May 2005 did not recommend any works be done to the drain outlet. The drain outlet is not a Melbourne Water asset, instead it is an asset of the Bayside City Council.

Water: Hoyt Street, Hampton — main drain outlet

2913. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Hoyt Street main drain outlet in Hampton:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Melbourne Water Report, *Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures*, dated May 2005 did not recommend any works be done to the drain outlet. The drain outlet is not a Melbourne Water asset, instead it is an asset of the Bayside City Council.

Water: Royal Avenue, Sandringham — main drain outlet

2914. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Melbourne Water *Survey of Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures* from May 2005 and the assessment for work to be undertaken in relation to the Royal Avenue main drain outlet in Sandringham:

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2005.
- (2) What has been the cost of any works undertaken since 2005.
- (3) If no works have been undertaken since 2005, what is the reason for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Melbourne Water Report, *Port Phillip Bay Drainage Outlet Structures*, dated May 2005 did not recommend any works be done to the drain outlet. The drain outlet is not a Melbourne Water asset, instead it is an asset of the Bayside City Council.

Police and emergency services: air wing helicopters

2916. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services are there any official or unofficial cost or geographical limitations imposed on the use of Victoria Police Air Wing's helicopters; if so, what are the details of the limitations.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police has access to four helicopters, the use of which is determined by specific policies and guidelines. Victoria Police advises that based on current usage, there are no budget related restrictions on their use for police work.

Environment and climate change: Mount Hotham alpine resort — entry fees

2917. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change —

- (1) With reference to Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board's decision to remove the capped rate for certain customers' entry fees for 2010:
 - (a) What was the reason for removing the capped rate for school groups entering the resort by bus or coach for more than three days;
 - (b) Were businesses and tourism operators located in the townships off the mountain consulted about this decision; if not, why not;
 - (c) Is the Minister aware that removing the cap will negatively impact businesses and tourism operators located off the mountain and does the Minister and/or the Board plan to assist the local townships who will suffer economically as a result of this;
 - (d) How does the Minister justify the increases in Mount Hotham's entry fees.
- (2) How much revenue was collected from Mount Hotham's gate entry fees in 2009.
- (3) What is the proposed expenditure plan for the revenue that was collected from Mount Hotham's 2009 entry fees.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1a) The Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board continues to offer discounts to primary and secondary school student groups as well as other disadvantaged groups.

The former capped rate was not provided to all persons entering the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort by bus or coach. The new pricing arrangement for entry fees ensures that all daily bus or coach patrons will now pay an equitable per day rate for each day they enter the resort.

- (1b) Section 38(1)(f) of the *Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997* states that the Board is "to collect fees prescribed by the regulations" for their alpine resort. Section 27(1) of the *Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009* states that "The board of an alpine resort may determine a fee that is payable for a person who enters the alpine resort as a passenger in a bus, to access or use public areas in the alpine resort." The gate entry fee structure for the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort is therefore determined by the Board.

The *Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009* were reviewed in 2009. The review of the regulations required the development of a regulatory impact statement (RIS) that included an assessment of fees options. The RIS was widely publicised during the consultation phase of the process.

- (1c) The Board continues to offer discounts to primary and secondary school student groups as well as other disadvantaged groups.

The gate entry fee is set on a user pays basis with the objective being full cost recovery, as set out in the *Cost Recovery Guidelines 2007* published by the Department of Treasury and Finance. The gate entry fee paid when arriving at the resort helps to fund a wide range of visitor services provided by the Board.

The new pricing arrangement is a more equitable policy. The previous arrangement was effectively a subsidy to off-mountain service providers and owners of accommodation.

- (1d) Section 27(2) of the *Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009* states that the resort entry fee for bus passengers entering the resort is determined by the Board. The section further states the entry fee must not exceed 1.31 fee units. The value of a fee unit for the 2009–10 financial year is \$11.69 which caps the current entry fee for bus passengers at \$15.31. The new entry fee as set by the Board is below the regulated fee cap.

- (2) The Board's Annual Report for 2008–09 lists sources of revenue, and is publicly available. The entry fee revenue that the Board collects is applied by the Board to essential visitor services and environmental management at the resort. Without entry fee revenue, visitor services and environmental management shortfalls would need to be funded by Government.

- (3) The Board plans and manages expenditure at the resort. The resort is a commercial operation managed by the Board under section 38 of the *Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997*. Revenue collected by the Board is applied to visitor services essential to health and safety, and to environmental management which protects threatened and endangered species and fragile alpine ecosystems. If the Board did not collect entry fees, provision of essential visitor services and critical environmental management would require significant and ongoing Government funding.

Water: Melbourne Water — relocation

2918. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the announcement on 29 March 2010 that Melbourne Water’s corporate headquarters will relocate to the Digital Harbour precinct of Docklands:

- (1) What are the reasons for the relocation.
- (2) What is the cost of any fit-outs in the new premises.
- (3) What is the annual cost of the rental of the new premises.
- (4) What is the total cost of the rental of the new premises over the course of the 15-year lease.
- (5) What is the annual cost of all rentals at the current premises in East Melbourne and Collingwood.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Melbourne Water advises that the reasons for the relocation are:
 - the business is currently located over four buildings in East Melbourne and Collingwood, and relocation will allow all Melbourne Water staff to be in one building;
 - the leases on the offices in East Melbourne expire mid-2012;
 - housing all Melbourne Water staff in one sustainable green star-rated building will support Melbourne Water and the Government’s sustainability policy and objectives; and,
 - the building will provide space and efficient work areas within a healthy work environment that is supported by external amenities.
- (2) Melbourne Water advises that the budget allowance for the green-star rated fit-out is \$1660 per square metre.
- (3) Melbourne Water advises that it is still in contract negotiations with the landowners and therefore is not in a position to disclose the annual rental.
- (4) Melbourne Water advises that it is still in contract negotiations with the landowners and therefore is not in a position to disclose the total cost of the rental of the new premises over the course of the 15-year lease.
- (5) Melbourne Water advises that the annual cost of all rentals at the current premises in East Melbourne and Collingwood is \$4.2 million per annum.

Environment and climate change: state heritage maritime centre and museum

2919. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the proposal to establish a state heritage maritime centre and museum at the former Port of Melbourne Authority site, also known as Seaworks, in Williamstown:

- (1) What is the current status of the project.
- (2) What are the reasons for the delay with Parks Victoria developing a lease for the project.
- (3) When will the Strategic Development Plan for the project be publicly released.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The former Port of Melbourne Authority site at Williamstown is to be managed and developed by Seaworks Foundation for the promotion of maritime history associated with the Port of Williamstown and the early settlement of Victoria. It will incorporate public access, recreation, tourism and associated maritime uses. A boat building training school is also proposed. Upgrades to services infrastructure will be undertaken to facilitate the establishment of the training facility.
- (2) Parks Victoria and Seaworks expect an announcement is imminent regarding the ongoing lease arrangements. The lease incorporates an entire precinct comprising more than 20 buildings and structures and incorporating a variety of existing and proposed uses.
- (3) The preparation of a Strategic Development Plan sets the framework for the future use of the site as a place to celebrate Victoria's rich maritime history. An announcement on the release of the Strategic Development Plan will be made in the near future.

Health: Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital — car park

2923. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Health with reference to \$925 510 of revenue derived from the operation of the car park at Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital from 2005 to November 2009, what are the details of the expenditure of this revenue.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Alfred Health, which includes Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital, receives funding (revenue) from many different sources. As well as receiving funding from the State Government it also receives funding from the Commonwealth Government and raises revenue through commercial operations. The car park at the Sandringham Hospital is one such source of revenue.

The State Government monitors financial, access and service performance to ensure that the agreed level of service and timely access is provided in a financially responsible manner. This provides a high level of accountability with regard to the provision of and management of public health services.

The use of revenue raised by public health services through commercial means is a decision for the health services and its Board of Directors.

The financial performance and outcomes of health services are reported to Parliament and available publicly on an annual basis through annual reports. These documents are reviewed by the Auditor General's Office.

Police and emergency services: police numbers

2924. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many police are currently employed on a part-time basis or work less than a 40-hour week over a 12-month period.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police publishes annual workforce data in its Annual Report.

Health: national health and hospitals network agreement

2925. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Health will the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement result in any additional funding for:

- (1) Mental health services in the Grampians and Barwon South West areas; if so, what additional funds are estimated to be available in each of the next four years.
- (2) Ambulance services in Horsham and Hamilton; if so, what additional funds are estimated to be available in each location in the next four years.
- (3) Attracting and retaining health professionals in western Victoria; if so, what additional funds are estimated to be available in each of the next four years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This additional investment from the COAG agreement will help improve health and hospital services in Victoria. The new funding identified in the Commonwealth 2010–11 budget papers will impact upon mental health services, ambulance services and the health workforce as follows:

- (1) Nationally, an additional \$123.1 million has been identified for investment in mental health services over the next four years. The funding to flow to Victoria is still to be determined with the Commonwealth. Victoria's Implementation Plans relating to this funding will be finalised this year. These plans will provide more information about how funding will be distributed across the State.
- (2) Ambulance services to remain the State Government's responsibility.
- (3) Nationally, an additional \$1.2 billion has been identified for investment in the health workforce over the next four years. The funding to flow to Victoria is still to be determined with the Commonwealth. Victoria's Implementation Plans relating to this funding will be finalised this year. These plans will provide more information about how funding will be distributed across the State.

Public transport: rail — Brighton level crossing

2926. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the New Street railway gates and the upgrade of South Road in Brighton:

- (1) When will works for the South Road upgrade commence.
- (2) When will the upgrade of South Road be finished.
- (3) Will the supporting documentation to the report written by Mr Thomas Sargant and Mr Phillip Jordan relating to the safety of the New Street railway crossing be released.
- (4) What is the total cost of the upgrade of South Road.
- (5) What is the total cost of the restoration of the wooden gates, the watchman's hut and the signal box at the site.
- (6) What is the total cost of the installation of pedestrian gates at the site.
- (7) What is the cost per annum for a staff member manning the railway gates as they currently operate.
- (8) What community consultation was undertaken by the dispute resolution panel of Mr Thomas Sargant and Mr Phillip Jordan.
- (9) Did the dispute resolution panel of Mr Thomas Sargant and Mr Phillip Jordan receive from the Department of Transport copies of all correspondence from Members of Parliament and community correspondence that was sent to the former and current Minister for Transport about the New Street railway gates.

ANSWER:

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

With reference to the New Street railway gates and the upgrade of South Road in Brighton:

- (1-2) I am advised that VicRoads has commenced preliminary investigations and the preparation of detailed designs. Works are expected to be completed within 12 months.
- (3) The Government will consider requests for documents on a case by case basis and in accordance with its statutory obligations.
- (4) I am advised that the total cost of the upgrade of South Road is expected to be below \$1.0 million.
- (5) I am advised that the total cost of the restoration of the wooden gates, the watchman's hut and the signal box at the site is expected to be below \$100,000.
- (6) I am advised that the total cost of the installation of automated pedestrian gates at the site is expected to be approximately \$200,000.
- (7) This is an employment matter between Metro and the staff member concerned.
- (8-9) Details of the consultation process are available on page 5 of the nominees' determination that is publicly available on the Department of Transport's website (www.transport.vic.gov.au).

Community services: autism state plan

2942. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services on what dates between 1 July 2008 and 31 April 2010 did the Stakeholder Advisory Committee meet in accordance with the Autism State Plan.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The committee met as required.

Roads and ports: bus lanes — cost

2944. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to red coloured pavement for bus lanes, what is the cost per metre or kilometre of:

- (1) Implementing lanes.
- (2) Maintaining lanes.

ANSWER:

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

Costs for implementing coloured surface treatments for bus lanes vary significantly based on the type of treatment required, the amount or length of road requiring treatment, the kind of road treatment materials needed, including binders and aggregates, the condition of the road pavement being treated and requirements for appropriate traffic management practices to be put in place while works are carried out.

Roads and ports: Doncaster Road — traffic volumes

2945. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

- (1) On what date and where were the most recent traffic volume counts carried out along any section of Doncaster Road in Doncaster and Doncaster East.
- (2) What were the traffic volumes last recorded westbound along Doncaster Road for all measurement locations between the Eastern Freeway and Springvale Road between:
 - (a) 6.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (b) 9.00 am and 4.00 pm;
 - (c) 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The latest traffic volume counts for Doncaster Road are dated 6 May 2010 recorded near the signalised intersections along this route.
- (2) Westbound traffic volumes on Doncaster Road recorded on Thursday 6 May 2010 are provided in the table below:

Location	Time Period	Traffic Volumes (vehicles)
Immediately east of Eastern Freeway inbound on-ramp	6.00am to 9.00am	4864
	9.00am to 4.00pm	8344
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3575
Immediately east of High Street	6.00am to 9.00am	3103
	9.00am to 4.00pm	5403
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	2482
Immediately east of Williamsons Road	6.00am to 9.00am	4523
	9.00am to 4.00pm	7411
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3477
Immediately east of Frederick Street	6.00am to 9.00am	4998
	9.00am to 4.00pm	9082
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	4187
Immediately east of Tower Street	6.00am to 9.00am	5093
	9.00am to 4.00pm	7993
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3620
Immediately east of Council Street	6.00am to 9.00am	5147
	9.00am to 4.00pm	8264
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3511
Immediately east of Whittens Lane	6.00am to 9.00am	4558
	9.00am to 4.00pm	7319
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	2987
Immediately west of Victoria Street	6.00am to 9.00am	4676
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6330
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3169

Location	Time Period	Traffic Volumes (vehicles)
Immediately east of Jacksons Court	6.00am to 9.00am	4255
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6939
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3113
Immediately east of Dryden Street	6.00am to 9.00am	3894
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6535
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	2981
Immediately east of Blackburn Road	6.00am to 9.00am	3934
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6716
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3388
Immediately east of Old Warrandyte Road	6.00am to 9.00am	3174
	9.00am to 4.00pm	5258
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	2898

Roads and ports: Doncaster Road — traffic volumes

2946. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

- (1) What were the traffic volumes last recorded eastbound on Doncaster Road for all measurement locations between the Eastern Freeway and Springvale Road between:
- (a) 6.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (b) 9.00 am and 4.00 pm;
 - (c) 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Eastbound traffic volumes on Doncaster Road recorded on Thursday 6 May 2010 between the Eastern Freeway and Springvale Road are provided in the table below.

Location	Time Period	Traffic Volumes (vehicles)
Immediately west of High Street	6.00am to 9.00am	1520
	9.00am to 4.00pm	7095
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	5082
Immediately west of Elgar Road	6.00am to 9.00am	1219
	9.00am to 4.00pm	5730
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3328
Immediately west of Frederick Street	6.00am to 9.00am	2010
	9.00am to 4.00pm	8193
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	5827
Immediately west of Council Street	6.00am to 9.00am	1560
	9.00am to 4.00pm	7988
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	5322
Immediately west of Whittens Lane	6.00am to 9.00am	1375
	9.00am to 4.00pm	7488
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	5017

Location	Time Period	Traffic Volumes (vehicles)
Immediately west of Victoria Street	6.00am to 9.00am	1371
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6968
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	4531
Immediately west of Doncaster Bus Depot	6.00am to 9.00am	1411
	9.00am to 4.00pm	7124
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	2974
Immediately west of Jacksons Court	6.00am to 9.00am	1357
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6378
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3958
Immediately west of Dryden Street	6.00am to 9.00am	1398
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6498
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3936
Immediately west of Tunstall Road	6.00am to 9.00am	1976
	9.00am to 4.00pm	6512
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	3750
Immediately west of Springvale Road	6.00am to 9.00am	1723
	9.00am to 4.00pm	4835
	4.00pm to 7.00pm	2841

Roads and ports: Doncaster Road — traffic volumes

2947. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

- (1) What were the latest traffic volumes recorded eastbound along Doncaster Road between Church Road and Victoria Street between:
 - (a) 6.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (b) 9.00 am and 4.00 pm;
 - (c) 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm.
- (2) When were the latest traffic volumes recorded eastbound long Doncaster Road between Church Road and Victoria Street.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The latest traffic volumes recorded eastbound along Doncaster Road between Church Road and Victoria Street are as follows:
 - (a) 1,371 vehicles between 6.00am and 9.00am
 - (b) 6,968 vehicles between 9.00am and 4.00pm
 - (c) 4,531 vehicles between 4.00pm and 7.00pm
- (2) The latest traffic volume counts for Doncaster Road are dated 6 May 2010.

Roads and ports: Doncaster Road — traffic volumes

2948. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

- (1) What were the latest traffic volumes recorded westbound along Doncaster Road between Church Road and Victoria Street between:
 - (a) 6.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (b) 9.00 am and 4.00 pm;
 - (c) 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm.
- (2) When were the latest traffic volumes recorded westbound along Doncaster Road between Church Road and Victoria Street.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The latest traffic volumes recorded westbound along Doncaster Road between Church Road and Victoria Street are as follows:
 - (a) 4,676 vehicles between 6.00am and 9.00am
 - (b) 6,330 vehicles between 9.00am and 4.00pm
 - (c) 3,169 vehicles between 4.00pm and 7.00pm
- (2) The latest traffic volume counts for Doncaster Road are dated 6 May 2010.

Public transport: bus lanes — city of Manningham

2949. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) What consultation has been carried out with Manningham businesses regarding the introduction of bus lanes in Doncaster and Doncaster East.
- (2) What was the outcome the consultation process with Manningham businesses regarding the introduction of bus lanes in Doncaster and Doncaster East.
- (3) What consultation has been carried out with home owners, whose homes adjoin Doncaster Road, regarding the introduction of bus lanes in Doncaster and Doncaster East.
- (4) What was the outcome the consultation process with home owners, whose homes adjoin Doncaster Road, regarding the introduction of bus lanes in Doncaster and Doncaster East.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The following consultation has been undertaken for the Doncaster Road bus lanes:
 - Project information was delivered to all businesses fronting Doncaster Road and Mitcham Road as well as businesses in the following retail precincts: Tunstall Square Shopping Centre, Devon Plaza and Jackson Court Shopping Centre.
 - Project information was sent to Westfield Shopping Centre, Tunstall Square Traders Association, Jacksons Court Traders Association and Doncaster East Village Traders Association.
 - VicRoads representatives personally delivered project information to businesses likely to be impacted by any change to parking arrangements.
 - VicRoads and Department of Transport held a Community Information Session at the Manningham Function Centre on Doncaster Road — 29 October 2009.
 - Feedback/submissions were accepted between 8 October and 10 December 2009.
 - Those who objected to the proposed clearways were invited to meet with the Director, VicRoads Tram & Bus Projects, to discuss their concerns in detail.

- (2) Consultation was undertaken with the community as a whole — including residents, businesses, road users, bus users and industry bodies/groups.

296 individuals or organisations submitted feedback regarding the proposal. 66 per cent of respondents indicated some level of support the proposal and 32 per cent did not support the proposal.

- (3) The following consultation has been undertaken with home owners:
- Project information was delivered to all properties fronting Doncaster Road and Mitcham Road.
 - Project information was delivered to 8,400 residential properties in the local area.
 - Project information was published in the Manningham City Council magazine and delivered to Manningham residents during the consultation period.
 - VicRoads and Department of Transport held a Community Information Session at the Manningham Function Centre on Doncaster Road — 29 October 2009.
 - Feedback/submissions were accepted between 8 October and 10 December 2009.
 - Those who objected to the proposed clearways were invited to meet with the Director, VicRoads Tram & Bus Projects, to discuss their concerns in detail.
- (4) Refer to (2) — above.

Public transport: bus lanes — Doncaster Road

2950. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport will bus lanes be implemented along Doncaster Road; if so:

- (1) Over what timeframe.
- (2) What sections of Doncaster Road will have designated lanes.
- (3) How much is the project expected to cost.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Installation of Bus Lane and Clearway signage commenced on 15 June 2010, and is now complete. The red coloured pavement surface treatment that reinforces the bus lanes operation is scheduled to be installed in August, weather permitting.
- (2) Bus lanes will be installed along Doncaster Road and Mitcham Road between High Street in Doncaster, and Springvale Road in Donvale—in both directions. Bus lanes will be ‘set-back’ from the intersection of Doncaster Road/Williamsons Road/Tram Road to ensure that intersection capacity is not adversely affected.
- (3) The total estimated cost of the project is \$2.6 million.

Roads and ports: Victoria Street, Doncaster — traffic volumes

2951. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports what are the latest daily figures of traffic volumes recorded along Victoria Street in Doncaster between Doncaster Road and George Street.

ANSWER:

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

On Thursday 6 May 2010, Victoria Street immediately south of King Street carried 13,172 vehicles.

Education: Croydon South Primary School — funding

2952. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Education with reference to \$500,000 pledged for refurbishments at Croydon South Primary School, noted on the Working Victoria website:

- (1) When does the Minister plan to commence the works.
- (2) Which specific areas of the school does the Minister deem are most in need of an upgrade.
- (3) Does the Minister foresee that the \$500,000 will be sufficient to complete the required works.
- (4) Has the Minister budgeted for more works to be undertaken on Croydon South Primary School in 2010.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that Croydon South Primary School closed in December 2008.
- (6) Is the Minister aware that a Croydon South Primary School merged with Tinternvale Primary School in December 2008.
- (7) Does the Minister intend to redirect the refurbishment funding to Tinternvale Primary School or go ahead with the planned works on Croydon South Primary School site.
- (8) How many schools has the Minister given funding to that have already closed.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In January 2009 on the first day of term one Croydon South Primary School merged with Tinternvale Primary School, onto the existing Tinternvale Primary School site.

Tinternvale Primary School is now receiving \$4 million in building works, in combined State and Commonwealth funds. This includes \$3 million in funding under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century stream of the Building the Education Revolution program and \$1 million under the Better Schools Today program for refurbishment works, including upgrades to classrooms, the staff room and administration area. Before the merge, funds from the Better Schools Today program were allocated to each school to assist with the co-location of the schools to one site.

The Department and project manager are continuing to work closely with the school to ensure the best possible outcome for the school now and into the future.

Sports, recreation and youth affairs: Marilla Productions

2955. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to the appointment of Marilla Productions to produce the Go For Your Life VicMoves 2010 event:

- (1) What were the key selection criteria behind the appointment of Marilla Productions.
- (2) Were other organisations considered for the event; if so, which organisations.
- (3) What previous experience does Marilla Productions have in coordinating an event of this type and size.
- (4) Who are the principals of Marilla Productions involved with VicMoves 2010.
- (5) How much will the Government pay Marilla Productions.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The decision to sponsor Marilla Productions to provide a school-based performance program was based on the following criteria:
 - Experience working with young people

- Experience producing large-scale events
 - Ability to deliver a performance based event in tight timelines
 - Viable business case and budget
 - Alignment to the objectives of the Victorian Government’s ‘Go for Your Life’ strategy
 - Existing infrastructure to deliver an event in Victoria
 - Legal status, insurance and financial viability
- (2) The Victorian Government considered two written proposals to provide a performing arts based program for young people in Victoria, one from Wakakirri Story-Dance Association Incorporated and the other from Marilla Productions Pty Ltd.
- (3) Marilla Productions specialises in the creation, production and execution of high quality events from children’s entertainment through to large scale musicals. The Marilla team has an established successful event history, collaborating with leading companies to create events and reach audiences throughout Australasia.
- In addition the principals of Marilla have produced events for the Australian Ballet, several shows with Big hART (a not-for-profit theatre company that uses the arts to reconnect marginalised youth with their communities), and have been involved with Joining the Chorus, an initiative of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
- (4) The principals involved with ‘Go for Your Life’ VicMoves 2010 are:
- John Read — Director, Marilla Productions
- Amanda Stone — Event Director
- Mel Robertson — Consultant Producer
- Jess Smithett — Schools Liaison/Stage Manager
- (5) The Victorian Government has provided sponsorship to Marilla Productions of \$112,000 (inclusive of GST) to deliver the ‘Go for Your Life’ VicMoves 2010 program to secondary school students.

Energy and resources: smart meters

2971. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources in which country are Victoria’s electricity smart meters manufactured.

ANSWER:

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

The smart meters used in the Advance Metering Infrastructure program currently under way in Victoria were selected by the responsible individual distribution businesses through their respective product procurement processes.

The meters are being made to varying degrees in Australia, India, China and Thailand, depending on a number of competitive and implementation considerations.

It is difficult to attribute exact proportions to various countries over the life of the program. For example, whilst many of the raw components and printed circuits are sourced from one country, the majority of the effort and value-add, that is, the assembly, testing, calibration and programming may be performed in another.

I am advised, there will always be a significant proportion of the meters manufactured in Australia, as it enables the distribution businesses to customise product variations and to respond more quickly to changes in required delivery timeframes.

Public transport: rail — Gardenvale station

2972. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport with reference to work to repair fire damage at Gardenvale rail station incurred on 7 December 2009:

- (1) When will the work commence.
- (2) How long will the work take.
- (3) Will the work include fixing the undercover waiting room and what other specific work will be undertaken.
- (4) How much will the repairs cost.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) A commencement date is contingent upon Council approval as the station is under a heritage overlay.
- (2) The works will take approximately four months from commencement.
- (3) The station will be refurbished to the same external arrangement as before the fire. Existing roof sheeting will be removed and the roof frame will be replaced as required. New roof sheeting will be installed over the full roof area of the city side of the station. Damaged external and internal walls will be repaired to match the walls which existed before the fire. The waiting room floor will be tiled and toilets repaired.
- (4) The repairs are estimated to cost approximately \$400,000.

Water: water authorities — complaints

2975. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water with reference to complaints concerning alleged misconduct and/or unethical behaviour of employees of water authorities:

- (1) Should complaints be lodged with either the Minister or the chief executive officer of the water authority; if so, what is the procedure for dealing with such complaints.
- (2) Have any complaints been lodged in 2009 and 2010.
- (3) Have any complaints been found to be substantiated; if so, what were the penalties.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Depending on the nature of the allegation, complaints by members of the public of misconduct and/or unethical behaviour by employees of water authorities should be referred to the relevant water authority's Managing Director, its Protected Disclosure Coordinator or the Ombudsman Victoria.
- (2) Yes, a total of 23 complaints were lodged in 2009 and 2010.
- (3) Complaints were substantiated in 4 cases. Penalties have included counselling of the employee and/or dismissal.

Water: Melbourne Water — iPhone application

2976. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the announcement on 3 May 2010 that Melbourne Water has developed an iPhone application for consumers to install on their iPhone at no charge:

- (1) Was there a cost to Melbourne Water from Apple in developing and/or distributing the application; if so, what was it.
- (2) How many people have downloaded the application.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There was no cost to Melbourne Water from Apple in developing and/or distributing the application.
- (2) There have been 5,005 copies of the application downloaded to 25 May 2010.

Community services: homelessness

2978. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Community Services —

- (1) Does a person with a disability have to be declared homeless before they are eligible to be assigned with a Department of Human Services support worker to assist in finding accommodation.
- (2) From the period 1 January 2010 to 30 April 2010 how many people with a disability, who have foreseen themselves to become homeless, have been assigned a Department of Human Services support worker to prevent them from becoming homeless.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) People with a disability who are in need of support, including assistance with their accommodation, can contact their regional Disability Services Intake and Response Team. These teams provide information about the range of community and disability supports available and if required, may allocate a worker to assist people with a disability to develop and action a plan that responds to their needs.

The Intake and Response Team will provide immediate support to a person with a disability, who is homeless or at serious risk of losing their current accommodation.

- (2) Data regarding the number of people with a disability who have foreseen themselves to be homeless are not routinely collected by the Department of Human Services.

Community services: disability day services

2979. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to unit price funding gaps identified in the Government-commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers report into, amongst other services, disability day service:

- (1) Why was there no additional funding above indexation to day services despite a funding gap of nine per cent being identified.
- (2) Will there be any decreases in options and the quality of day services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to unit price funding gaps identified in the Government-commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers report into, amongst other services, disability day service:

- (1) An independent report identified a difference between expenditure and funding and revenue levels in day services. The report acknowledged that there was significant variability in the underlying cost structures and service models of the agencies surveyed. Day Services funding is undergoing a significant change towards a client attached funding approach. Further analysis of the impact of this and variability in cost structures is required before considering any adjustment to funding or revenue levels.
- (2) No.

Roads and ports: Leslie Street–Springvale Road, Donvale — traffic management

- 3022.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports will consideration be given to introducing a protected right hand turn and bus priority lane to improve safety for eastbound buses using the Leslie Street and Springvale Road intersection in Donvale, as mentioned in the Manningham/Monash/Whitehorse Bus Service Review.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that while the Manningham/Monash/Whitehorse Bus Service Review does include a recommendation to introduce a protected right-turn lane and bus priority for eastbound buses at this intersection, the existing bus services do not travel eastbound on Leslie Street at the Springvale Road intersection. The recommendation relates to possible future changes to bus routes 280 and 282.

Consideration will be given to modifying the intersection if the bus routes are changed in the future. Any bus route changes will be carried out in consultation with VicRoads and the Manningham City Council.

Environment and climate change: Mornington electorate — parks charge

- 3025.** Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the Parks Charge:

- (1) What was the total amount collected in the electorate of Mornington.
- (2) What percentage of the amount collected in Mornington was allocated to projects in the electorate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The annual parks charge is paid to Parks Victoria, Zoos Victoria, the Royal Botanic gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance for the management of parks, open spaces and waterways in the metropolitan area.

The annual parks charge is not collected or spent on an electorate basis. I am informed that the amount collected for 2009-10 in the Mornington Council area was \$5.9 million.

Parks Victoria manage a large and varied number of parks on the Mornington Peninsula. These range from national and state parks such as Mornington Peninsula National Park, Point Nepean National Park and Arthurs Seat State Park; to reserves including Langwarrin Flora and Fauna reserve, Bald Hill Flora Reserve, Buckley Reserve and Cape Schank Lighthouse Reserve, others include Devil bend Reservoir and the Coolart Heritage Area.

Further to this are the Parks Victoria blue parks. The Mornington Peninsula coast benefits from Bays and Maritime management and expenditure on both its East and West shores. In total Parks Victoria has 83 staff based in the Mornington Peninsula delivering programs dedicated to the area. Parks Victoria will spend an estimated \$5 million from the parks charge on these parks. It is worth noting that Point Nepean will benefit from \$1 million per annum for this and the next 3 years.

Point Nepean is a unique project, with a development fund of \$25 million (\$15 m from Commonwealth and \$10 m State funding). This is a resource intensive development with the build up of the workforce and programs occurring during this year.

Water: City West Water — usage charges

3045. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water for each of the years commencing 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011, 1 July 2012 and 1 July 2013, what will be City West Water’s usage charge per kilolitre for the three tier block tariff:

- (1) Step one.
- (2) Step two.
- (3) Step three.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For each year commencing 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011 and 1 July 2012, the water usage charge per kilolitre for Step One, Step Two and Step Three of the three tier block tariff for City West Water is as follows:

Table 1 — Summary of Water Usage Charges for City West Water (\$ per kilolitre)

	1 July 2010	1 July 2011	1 July 2012
Step 1	1.46	1.64	1.77
Step 2	1.72	1.92	2.08
Step 3	2.54	2.84	3.07

As the current regulatory period for which the Essential Services Commission has made pricing determinations ends on 30 June 2013, there are no figures currently available for 1 July 2013.

Water: South East Water — usage charges

3046. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water for each of the years commencing 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011, 1 July 2012 and 1 July 2013, what will be South East Water’s usage charge per kilolitre for the three tier block tariff:

- (1) Step one.
- (2) Step two.
- (3) Step three.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For each year commencing 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011 and 1 July 2012, the water usage charge per kilolitre for Step One, Step Two and Step Three of the three tier block tariff for South East Water is as follows:

Table 1 — Summary of Water Usage Charges for South East Water (\$ per kilolitre)

	1 July 2010	1 July 2011	1 July 2012
Step 1	1.44	1.61	1.74
Step 2	1.74	1.95	2.11
Step 3	2.84	3.16	3.41

As the current regulatory period for which the Essential Services Commission has made pricing determinations ends on 30 June 2013, there are no figures currently available for 1 July 2013.

Water: Yarra Valley Water — usage charges

3047. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water for each of the years commencing 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011, 1 July 2012 and 1 July 2013, what will be Yarra Valley Water’s usage charge per kilolitre for the three tier block tariff:

- (1) Step one.
- (2) Step two.
- (3) Step three.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For each year commencing 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011 and 1 July 2012, the water usage charge per kilolitre for Step One, Step Two and Step Three of the three tier block tariff for Yarra Valley Water is as follows:

Table 1 — Summary of Water Usage Charges for Yarra Valley Water (\$ per kilolitre)

	1 July 2010	1 July 2011	1 July 2012
Step 1	1.46	1.63	1.76
Step 2	1.71	1.91	2.07
Step 3	2.52	2.83	3.05

As the current regulatory period for which the Essential Services Commission has made pricing determinations ends on 30 June 2013, there are no figures currently available for 1 July 2013.

Environment and climate change: zoo visits

3048. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change how many people visited a Zoos Victoria site in 2008–09 on:

- (1) A weekday.
- (2) A weekend.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Based on admission trends, the number of people visited Zoos Victoria site in 2008–09 on:

- (1) A weekday is estimated at 920,000.
- (2) A weekend is estimated at 704,000.

Environment and climate change: zoo visits

3049. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change for each month in 2008–09, how many people visited:

- (1) A Zoos Victoria site.

- (2) Melbourne Zoo.
- (3) Werribee Zoo.
- (4) Healesville Sanctuary.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please refer to table below:

Table A

Month	Melbourne '000	Healesville '000	Werribee '000	Zoo Vic '000
Jul	65	25	23	113
Aug	55	18	16	89
Sep	87	21	27	135
Oct	101	25	30	156
Nov	93	24	28	145
Dec	101	29	34	164
Jan	133	36	52	221
Feb	71	5	20	96
Mar	95	17	25	137
Apr	98	27	32	157
May	75	21	22	118
Jun	58	17	18	93
Total	1,032	265	327	1,624

Environment and climate change: zoo memberships

3050. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change in 2008–09 how many people purchased a Zoos Victoria:

- (1) Single adult membership.
- (2) Fulltime student aged 16–25 membership.
- (3) FOTZ junior aged 10–15 membership.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Zoos Victoria did not operate any membership program in 2008-09. The membership program is offered through the Friends of the Zoos Ltd which is a separate and independent entity to the Board.

The figures were provided by The Friends of the Zoos Ltd and for the answers to the questions above, we have inserted in brackets the names used by The Friends of the Zoos Ltd:

- (1) Adult membership (ordinary membership) — 14,580
- (2) Fulltime student (aged 16-25) membership (student) — 97

- (3) FOTZ Junior (aged 10-15) membership. (FOTZ Junior) — 232

Environment and climate change: zoo memberships

3051. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change in 2008–09 how many people purchased a Zoos Victoria:

- (1) Family adult membership.
- (2) Family additional adult membership.
- (3) Family child membership.
- (4) Family two adults and two children membership.
- (5) Family additional child membership.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Zoos Victoria did not operate any membership program in 2008–09. The membership program is offered through the Friends of the Zoos Ltd which is a separate and independent entity to the Board.

The figures were provided by The Friends of the Zoos Ltd:

- (1) Family adult membership — 4157.
- (2) Family additional adult membership — 4157.
- (3) Family child membership — 4157.
- (4) Family 2 Adults + 2 children membership — 1797.
- (5) Family ‘additional child’ membership — 2360.

Environment and climate change: zoo memberships

3052. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change in 2008–09 how many people purchased a Zoos Victoria:

- (1) Concession first adult membership.
- (2) Concession additional adult membership.
- (3) Concession child membership.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Zoos Victoria did not operate any membership program in 2008–09. The membership program is offered through the Friends of the Zoos Ltd which is a separate and independent entity to the Board.

The figures were provided by The Friends of the Zoos Ltd:

- (1) Concession First adult membership — 754.
- (2) Concession Additional adult membership — 30.
- (3) Concession children membership — 883.

Environment and climate change: zoo memberships

3053. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change in 2008–09 how many people purchased a Zoos Victoria:

- (1) Seniors card first adult membership.
- (2) Seniors card additional adult membership.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Zoos Victoria did not operate any membership program in 2008–09. The membership program is offered through the Friends of the Zoos Ltd which is a separate and independent entity to the Board.

The figures were provided by The Friends of the Zoos Ltd:

- (1) Seniors card first adult membership — 281.
- (2) Seniors card additional membership — 118.

Community services: autism state plan

3110. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services on what dates between 1 December 2009 and 30 May 2010 did the Inter-Departmental Committee meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Inter-Departmental Committee met as required

Environment and climate change: Department of Sustainability and Environment — staff

3113. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change by classification, how many Department of Sustainability and Environment full time equivalent staff are based:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of Department of Sustainability and Environment staff at 18 June 2010 is:

	Head Office	Other Locations	Total
Executive	33.0	6.0	39.0
Field Staff		312.2	312.2
Grade 1	0.2	3.9	4.2
Grade 2	26.7	225.0	251.7
Grade 3	147.7	477.9	625.5
Grade 4	206.0	364.6	570.6

	Head Office	Other Locations	Total
Grade 5	262.6	238.8	501.3
Grade 6	216.6	135.8	352.4
Legal	19.6	9.0	28.6
Other	7.0	11.0	18.0
Science		64.7	64.7
STS	9.3	3.0	12.3
Grand Total	928.7	1851.8	2780.5

Head Office-Staff located at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne

Environment and climate change: Parks Victoria — staff

3116. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change by classification, how many Parks Victoria full time equivalent staff are based:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As of the 15 June 2010, the total Full Time Equivalent Staff (FTE) for Park Victoria was as follows:

- (1) At the head office.

Classification	FTE
Grade 1	0
Grade 2.1	3
Grade 2.2	6
Grade 2.3	5
Grade 3	8
Grade 4	46
Grade 5	27
Grade 6	46
Grade 7	33
Grade 8	37
Exec	15
Grand Total	227

- (2) Elsewhere

Classification	FTE in other locations
Grade 1	1
Grade 2.1	70
Grade 2.2	200

Classification	FTE in other locations
Grade 2,3	127
Grade 3	127
Grade 4	117
Grade 5	72
Grade 6	78
Grade 7	22
Grade 8	38
Exec	6
Grand Total	858

Parks Victoria has experienced a growth in FTE’s over the last 12 months, which is largely due to government initiatives, including the River Red Gum National Parks, Fire Recovery and the Melbourne Bushfire Protection Program.

Education: Ouyen P–12 College — funding

3118. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Education with reference to funding provided for the Ouyen P–12 College regeneration project in the 2010–11 budget —

- (1) Will the Minister provide details on the number of stages the project has been divided into; if so, what funding will be provided to each stage, and from what source.
- (2) What is the estimated completion date of the project.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Funding of \$4.5 million has been provided in the 2010-11 budget to commence the project for the Ouyen P-12 College regeneration. The first stage is anticipated to be constructed during 2011 for completion by the beginning of 2012. An additional stage of work will be required to complete the regeneration project.

Funding for the second stage will be considered in future state budgets.

Education: Robinvale P–12 College — funding

3119. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Education with reference to funding provided for the Robinvale P–12 College, Robinvale Consolidated School and Robinvale Secondary College regeneration project in the 2010–11 budget —

- (1) Will the Minister provide details on the number of stages the project has been divided into; if so, what funding will be provided to each stage, and from what source.
- (2) What is the estimated completion date of the project.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Total funding of \$8.97 million has been provided for the Robinvale P-12 College regeneration project from the Commonwealth Government’s *Building the Education Revolution* program and the Victorian Government’s *Victorian Schools Plan*.

The project is currently being planned as a single stage project. It is anticipated to be constructed during 2011 to be completed by the start of 2012.

Housing: air conditioning

3120. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Housing —

- (1) Will all new public housing developments in the Mallee Region include air conditioning.
- (2) Will the Office of Housing retrofit air conditioning to existing Mallee Region public housing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) New public housing dwellings in the Loddon Mallee Region will not be provided with air conditioning.

However, it is the current policy of Housing and Community Building to provide air conditioners for tenants who have a demonstrated specific medical need, for the management of a medical condition or disability, based on evidence provided by a certified medical professional.

In addition, tenants can apply to supply and install their own air conditioning systems, at their own expense, by contacting their local housing office. In some cases tenants may be eligible for loans or discounts to help meet the costs.

- (2) Housing and Community Building has no plans to retrofit air conditioning to existing Loddon Mallee Region public housing.

However, Housing and Community Building is seeking to improve the thermal performance of its existing housing stock through a range of programs including energy retrofits and upgrading of insulation. Such programs reduce heating costs for tenants and improve comfort levels in both winter and summer.

Community development: trade training centres

3123(a). Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Community Development what action has been or will be taken by the Minister to support the Mildura Trade Training Centres in Schools Mildura Consortium's application to round three of the Commonwealth Government's Building the Education Revolution program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The matter raised in the Question on Notice does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Education, Skills and Workforce Participation.

Education: trade training centres

3123(b). Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Education what action has been or will be taken by the Minister to support the Mildura Trade Training Centres in Schools Mildura Consortium's application to round three of the Commonwealth Government's Building the Education Revolution program.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Mildura Region Trade Training Centre Consortium (MRTTCC) comprises a cluster of 12 schools from the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors. The cluster collectively agreed to submit an application for funding in Round 3 of the Commonwealth Government's Trade Training Centres in Schools Program.

In addition to direct financial support aimed at facilitating the development of the application, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development engaged a third party with a proven track record in developing successful TTC applications, to provide advice and feedback on Mildura's draft to ensure that a high quality proposal was submitted to the Commonwealth by 4 June, 2010.

The application has met the Commonwealth's compliance and eligibility checks and is currently under consideration as part of the assessment process.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: Princes Court Homes

3124. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission does Princes Court Homes still retain any rights or options over the use of the old Mildura Base Hospital site.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No.

Education: Mildura college lease

3137. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Education is any of the land vested in the Minister through the Mildura College Lease scheme currently not leased to a tenant; if so, what are the details of that land.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

All of the Mildura College Lease lands are presently tenanted.