



Question: 93 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Smith (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs —

I wish to raise an important matter for the Minister for Youth Affairs regarding support for local cubs and scouts in my electorate. The former coalition government was a great supporter of Victoria's scouts and guides. With a \$5 million investment, dozens of scout and guide halls were refurbished and renovated and support was given to train leaders and to encourage participation from young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The coalition shares many of the same values as the scouts and guides: values such as respect, community service and the recognition of individual effort.

In order to continue to support these outstanding young Victorians, specifically those in my electorate, I ask the minister whether she will commit funding to the 1st Warrandyte/Park Orchards scouts. The Stiggants Reserve scout hall in Warrandyte was promised \$60 000 by the coalition government, and it is unfathomable that the Andrews Labor government would slash this funding and abandon these future young leaders. I ask: will the minister support these young Victorians with funding?

Answer: I am informed that:

As you would be aware, the Scouts and Guides Facilities Grants Program delivered through Scouts Victoria and Girl Guides Victoria is a program that began under the former Brumby Labour Government.

As the previous Minister for Youth Affairs, you should also be aware, local scout and girl guide groups applied for this funding through Scouts Victoria and Girl Guides Victoria and applications were assessed against a range of criteria including hall condition, local scout group involvement, consultation with other local bodies, community access to the facility, youth participation in the local area and ongoing viability of the facility.

As part of the funding allocation process, Scouts Victoria was required to nominate a list of priority scout projects for funding and the 1st Warrandyte /Park Orchards scout hall was not identified as a priority project during the entire term of your Government.

I recently met with Scouts Victoria to discuss how the Andrews Labor Government can work with them in light of our vision for young people in Victoria and the strategic direction and priorities of Scouts Victoria.

The previous Coalition Government only committed funding to Scouts Victoria and Girl Guides Victoria for four years to 30 June 2015. Funding for many programs that the previous government only funded on a short term basis, without consideration of future viability or sustainability, now have to be considered across government within the context of the overall 2015-16 State Budget.

Jenny Mikakos MP
Minister for Youth Affairs

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Question: 94 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr McGuire to ask the Minister for Local Government — I call on the Minister for Local Government to report to the house on the issues regarding the Sunbury out of Hume proposal. This is an issue of great concern to constituents in my electorate, particularly with local media reports saying that the clock is ticking for anxious council workers who remain in the dark on whether they will remain Hume City Council employees or be transferred. It is also an issue of concern to ratepayers given the impact the separation will have on rates, on services and on debt if it goes ahead. This issue has been going for a long time in this area, and it needs a resolution. I call for the minister to report back as soon as possible.

Answer: Minister for Local Government - I am pleased to inform the house that the Government is committed to ensuring a positive outcome for all Sunbury and Hume residents on this issue. It is important to me that all of the residents of Hume City Council - both in Sunbury and in the rest of Hume - are not disadvantaged. I am committed to ensuring that all of those affected by the decision have confidence in the way the process is managed.

I have been advised by Hume City Council that a range of complex issues are still unresolved including staffing, maintaining continuity of services and the distribution of assets. This is why, the Government has decided to delay the establishment of a new Sunbury City Council to the 1 July 2016.

To review all of the issues involved in the separation, I have appointed the Hon Frank Vincent AO QC and Mr John Watson as transition auditors. The transition auditors will work closely with Hume City Council

and the community to ensure the necessary planning is undertaken and local residents are fully informed of all of the implications of the separation.

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Question: 95 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Bull (Gippsland East) to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — I have a constituency question for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water. The information I seek relates to when she will respond to correspondence sent and matters raised by the East Gippsland Wildfire Taskforce on 15 January. I have met with members of the task force, who asked me to raise this with the minister because as of yesterday they had not received any answers to their questions. The task force wrote to both the minister and the Premier seeking that the new government meet a deputation from the group to discuss several resolutions in relation to bushfire mitigation and specifically controlled burning that were passed at a public meeting held in Bairnsdale on 5 November. The Premier has since provided an interim response saying he has referred the matter to the minister, but no response has been received from the minister. Given that it is now nine weeks since this correspondence was sent, members of the task force have requested that I follow up this matter and seek a response from the minister.

Answer: At the time of the question my office had already spoken to both John Mulligan, Chairman and Margaret Stevens, Secretary of the East Gippsland Wildlife Taskforce to arrange a meeting. That meeting has been arranged with the Parliamentary Secretary, my office and the East Gippsland Wildlife Taskforce for early April.

HON LISA NEVILLE MP

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water

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Question: 96 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms Blandthorn to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — My constituency question is to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety. In the lead-up to the last state election I welcomed the now Premier to Glenroy, where he committed a Labor government to allocating \$10 million to build noise walls along the Western Ring Road. He indicated that the design work would begin early in the new year and would be followed closely by the construction phase. This announcement came as a great relief to local people, particularly Glenroy residents, who have been bearing the noise of the roaring traffic for far too long.

People have been suffering disturbed sleep and trying to manage babies and small children, who are particularly affected by the noise. Residents have also experienced difficulty in cooling their houses in the summer months because the simple opening of a window is an option forgone - the noise is simply too much. According to the World Health Organisation, night-time noise results in serious health problems, including increased blood pressure, increased heart rate and changes in respiration. The known effects of night-time noise have been causing great distress in the local community for quite some time. To the relief of local residents, Labor committed \$10 million to the construction of these noise walls, and I ask that the minister provide an update on the project.

Answer:

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

From mid-year, VicRoads will be consulting with the community on local noise concerns. This will assist in the development of the project scope. VicRoads will also undertake noise modelling to better understand how attenuation of noise can be achieved most effectively in this area. At this stage, VicRoads estimates that this project has a two-year timeframe for delivery, which includes up to 12 months of planning and preconstruction activities, and a further 12 months for construction.

Hon Luke Donnellan MP

Minister for Roads and Roads Safety

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Question: 97 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Dixon to ask the Minister for Ambulance Services — My question is to the Minister for Ambulance Services. Construction of a new ambulance station in Rosebud was due to commence in 2014. It was to be built on the site of the current station on Point Nepean Road, West Rosebud, adjacent to the Rosebud Hospital. Although the old ambulance station has been vacated in readiness for demolition, construction has not commenced. My question is: what is the revised time frame for the construction and completion of the new ambulance station for Rosebud?

Answer: The Rosebud Ambulance Station commenced in March 2015, following finalisation and award of the construction tender.

Completion is scheduled for December 2015.

The Rosebud Ambulance Service is operating from Ambulance Victoria's MICA 12 Branch in Rosebud during the construction period.

Hon Jill Hennessy MP
Minister for Ambulance Services

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Question: 98 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms Edwards to ask the Minister for Public Transport — My constituency question is to the Minister for Public Transport. Can the minister provide an update to the Bendigo community on the progress being made with the Bendigo metro rail project? This was an election commitment by Labor, a project that will redefine public transport in the city of Bendigo, connecting the suburbs of Eaglehawk, Kangaroo Flat and Epsom - a visionary project and one well supported by the City of Greater Bendigo. As a consequence, the people of Bendigo are very interested in hearing an update on the project.

Answer:

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

A taskforce has been established representing a broad cross section of the Bendigo community representing Bendigo's key public transport user groups.

The taskforce's consultation group will be supported by a technical working group of transport specialists from PTV, V/Line, local bus operators Christian's Bus Company and Whitmore's Bus Service and Bendigo Taxis, as well as the City of Greater Bendigo, to inform the Government on what shape Bendigo Metro should take.

The taskforce will be led by the Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards MP, and will report back to me by the end of June 2015.

Importantly, I have asked the taskforce to ensure Bendigo Metro aligns to the City of Greater Bendigo's Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy, that many Bendigo residents have contributed to, to help shape the future of the city.

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Minister for Public Transport

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Question: 99 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms McLeish to ask the Minister for Education — My question is to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education. I refer the minister to comments made on Facebook last November by Murrindindi shire councillor Andrew Derwent regarding a new secondary school for Kinglake. Cr Derwent said that he had spoken about this issue with the Labor candidate for Eildon, Sally Brennan, and said that she 'has a definite plan to remedy the problem'. Could the minister outline what definite plan Labor has for a new secondary school in Kinglake?

Answer: I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government is working on a range of new initiatives to support Victoria's transformation into the Education State. This year's State Budget is the biggest education budget on record and has provided \$3.5 billion into education including \$730 million for school infrastructure.

The Department of Education and Training uses demographic modelling to identify demand for school provision and works with State and local planning authorities to meet the expected shortfall in demand in particular local networks across Victoria.

To enable sufficient breadth of curriculum and adequate classroom sizes, government secondary schools are typically planned to meet minimum expected long term demand c 1100 government secondary school students living in the school's future catchment. When the current rate of population growth in the Kinglake area and the capacity of surrounding secondary schools shows there is currently insufficient demand for a secondary school in Kinglake, I have asked my department to review the education provision in the area.

The Department will continue to work with local governments and other relevant stakeholders, to monitor and plan for government education provision in the area to

ensure all Victorian students have access to high quality education as the population continues to grow.

**< span style="font-family: 'Arial', 'sans-serif'; font-size: 11pt">The Hon. James Merlino, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Education**

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Question: 100 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms Kilkeny to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — My constituency question is for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety. Can the minister provide an update on the progress of works at the intersection of Wedge Road and Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs?

The minister will no doubt recall him and me attending the intersection on a very cold and wet day last year in an effort to draw attention to the very pressing need for action at this notorious intersection. Back in 2010 Labor committed to upgrade the intersection and to install traffic lights, and for nearly four years Labor continued to campaign for an upgrade. The local area is undergoing rapid housing growth, and with the Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple and arts and cultural centre nearby the need to upgrade this intersection has increased significantly. I know the local community is very keen to hear about the plans and progress of works at this intersection, and I ask the minister if he could provide an update for them.

Answer: Minister for Roads and Roads Safety - I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised: Pre-construction work has commenced for the \$8.2 million project to install traffic signals at the intersection of Frankston-Dandenong Road, Wedge Road and Boundary Road, in Carrum Downs. The project is currently in the detailed design phase. Service relocation work will take place over the next six months. Some land acquisition is required and this process has commenced. VicRoads expects to publicly advertise the tender for construction work by the end of May 2015, with construction to commence in late September 2015 and be completed by the end of June 2016.

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Question: 101 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Paynter to ask the Minister for Public Transport — My constituency question is for the Minister for Public Transport. The coalition budget for the financial year 2014-15 included funding for the \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion Cranbourne-Pakenham rail corridor project. The realisation of this project would mean that the number of peak hour trains would increase to a total of 18 services and create 3000 new jobs during its construction phase. It would mean that an extra 4500 commuters from Melbourne's south-east and within my electorate would be able to reach the CBD during peak hour, thereby reducing the growing pressure on our roads. I ask: given the government's commitment to better public transport in Victoria, its undertaking to create more jobs for Victorians and its promise to invest in these projects, which benefit not only the inner city but outer Melbourne, will the government sign up to this project and include the Cranbourne-Pakenham rail corridor project in its next state budget?

Answer: I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised: On 31 March 2015, the Victorian Government announced the Cranbourne Pakenham Rail Upgrade project, a billion-dollar upgrade to the Cranbourne-Pakenham line that will remove nine level crossings between Caulfield and Dandenong and four new train stations at Hughesdale, Clayton, Murrumbeena and Carnegie. Combined with the delivery of 37 next generation high capacity trains and associated power and signalling upgrades, the Cranbourne Pakenham Rail Upgrade will deliver a capacity boost of up to 42 per cent every day - accommodating an extra 11,000 passengers in the morning peak - and boost capacity across the network by freeing up existing trains. The Victorian Government has brought forward funding of \$100 million to establish the Level Crossing Removal Authority, which is responsible for the delivery of the level crossing removal works under the Cranbourne Pakenham Rail Upgrade. The unprecedented State Budget allocation of \$2.4 billion to kick start level crossing removals, including those on the Dandenong line, confirms the government's commitment to transforming the Cranbourne-Pakenham line.

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Answer Published Date: 22/05/2015

Question: 102 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms Green to ask the Minister for Ambulance Services —
My constituency question is to the Minister for Ambulance Services. The community of Wallan is deeply concerned about ambulance response times, which in some cases are over 15 minutes or worse for code 1 emergencies, and I ask: can the minister advise why it has taken over four years to build an ambulance station for this growing community, causing paramedics to work 17 kilometres away in Kilmore?

Answer: The Wallan Ambulance Station project was funded in the 2010-11 State budget.

The project was delayed by the previous Government.

In August 2014, land was compulsorily acquired at a site on the main road leading in to Wallan and adjoining the new Wallan GP Superclinic.

Construction commenced in December 2014 and the project is progressing well to a scheduled completion in May 2015.

Hon Jill Hennessy MP
Minister for Ambulance Services

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