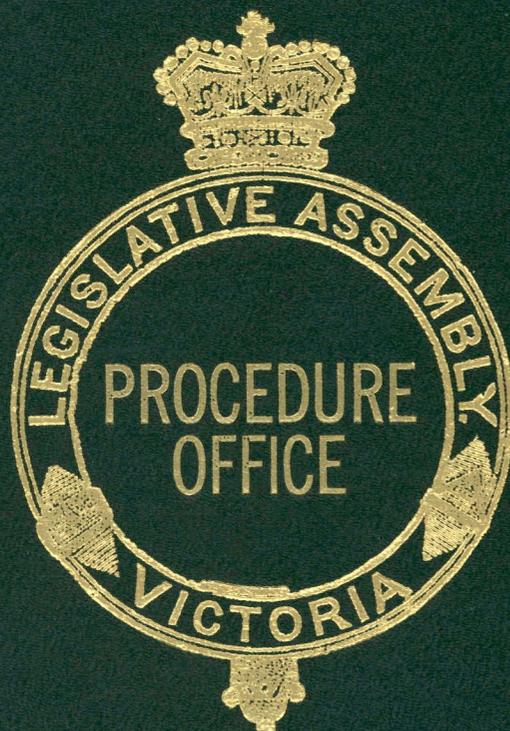


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NOTICE RECEIVED ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

3. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what amount of funding will be provided from the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to address power infrastructure problems relating to single wire earth return systems in South West Victoria; and (b) how many properties this is expected to assist.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 23 NOVEMBER 1999

31. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to Victoria's Technology Commercialisation Program —
1. What funds will be made available under this program in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 2. In respect of such funds what percentage will be given for — (a) international marketing support; (b) strategic planning for growth; (c) intellectual property management; and (d) business packaging for investment.
 3. With reference to the stated main outcome of the program, namely a rise in the level of venture capital investment in innovative technological companies, what is the forecast rise of venture capital investment in Victoria attributable to the program by 1 July 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 4. What are the names of the "potential partner organisations" referred to in the Minister's press release of 23 November 1999.
33. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria", that the Government will "provide export development services through an online Electronic Export Assistance Centre" —
1. What budget will be available for this Centre in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 2. What will be the form of the Centre.

3. What are the targets for delivery by the Centre.
 4. Having regard to the comment by the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association's Victoria President on the Centre proposals that "I'd go further than that" — (a) what objectives will be set for the Centre; and (b) by what date should such objectives be achieved.
34. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Minister wants "to see more schools like" Apollo Parkways Primary School and others and that "We need to go a lot further", what steps and finance will be made available to meet this objective.
35. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish an "Information Community Technology Skills Taskforce" — (a) who will be appointed to the Taskforce; and (b) what budget will the Taskforce be given.
43. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference the Government's policy on SkillsNet and public access to the internet, what plans the Government has to extend the internet in the indigenous community throughout Victoria.
47. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the Honourable the Minister for Small Business —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to establish a Women's Resource policy unit within Business Victoria and how many effective full time staff will the unit comprise in each of these years.
 2. Will the unit be accessible only at Business Victoria's head office or at other sites; if so, where.
48. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to establish a Women's Resource policy unit within Business Victoria and how many effective full time staff will the unit comprise in each of these years.
 2. Will the unit be accessible only at Business Victoria's head office or at other sites; if so, where.
53. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What total Government funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive for Victoria's food aid program to Indonesia.

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2. Will the Government continue funding assistance to enable distribution of the Vita Victoria high protein biscuit in Indonesia; if so, how many Indonesians are expected to be assisted in each of these financial years.
 3. Will the Victorian Government office in Jakarta remain open and how much funding will be provided in each of these financial years.
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 3. Will the Victorian Government office in Jakarta remain open and how much funding will be provided in each of these financial years.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 25 NOVEMBER 1999

68. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the Minister's decision to remove Cinemedia from his responsibility to that of the Minister for the Arts, will he make a commitment to Victorian multimedia producers that Government financial support for multimedia developers will not be reduced.
69. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the Minister's speech in Canberra on 22 November 1999 in which he praised the previous Coalition Government's award winning Electronic Service Delivery Program —
1. On what date will the Education, Transport, Tourism, Legal and Arts Channels go online.
 2. What is the target for visitors to each channel in June 2000, 2001 and 2002 respectively given the Minister's statement that the Business Channel, Land Channel and Better Health Channel received over 16,000 visitors in October 1999 and are growing at approximately 10% per month.
 3. Given the Minister's comment that "we are committed to reducing the regional and rural price differential " of VicOne, what is the target for such reduction.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 1 DECEMBER 1999

77. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance with regard to the Victorian Government Purchasing Board —
1. What percentage of Victorian Government products and services were purchased from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in the period from 1 July to 30 November 1999.
 2. What were the top twenty 'PURIST' [Purchasing Information System] products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by the Victorian Government in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.
 3. For each of the Melbourne, Central West, Gippsland, North Eastern, North Western and South Western regions respectively, what percentage of Victorian Government purchases were from — (a) the same region; (b) another region; (c) Melbourne; and (d) interstate in — (i) 1998–99; and (ii) from 1 July to 30 November 1999.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

88. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health —
1. How many Victorians were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; (c) 30 October 1999; and (d) 30 November 1999.
 2. How many of such persons reside or resided in postcode areas 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 or 3151 at each of the dates specified.
90. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing, what was the waiting list for public housing in Victoria and the Eastern Metropolitan Region respectively as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 15 DECEMBER 1999

98. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to a press release of 7 December 1999 entitled "Brumby announces milestone for SkillsNet" in which he acknowledged that the SkillsNet program under the coalition government "had been particularly successful in rural and regional Victoria, where 80 per cent of SkillsNet members are from" what are the targets for the percentage of rural and regional membership of Skills.Net for each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 29 FEBRUARY 2000

108. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Deputy Premier —
1. Does the Minister's Department employ either staff (whether casual, full or part time) or consultants whose duties or contracts have included, or currently include, acting as a designated contact point on policy matters with individual unions, the Victorian Trades Hall Council or the Australian Council of Trade Unions.
 2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
 3. Which union(s) does each such employee or contractor have responsibility for.
 4. As at 31 December 1999, how many staff were employed in the above capacity by — (a) the Minister's Department; and (b) all statutory authorities or Government business enterprises responsible to the Minister's Department.
 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
109. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health —
1. Does the Minister's Department employ either staff (whether casual, full or part time) or consultants whose duties or contracts have included, or currently include, acting as a designated contact point on policy matters with individual unions, the Victorian Trades Hall Council or the Australian Council of Trade Unions.
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119. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —
1. Does the Minister's Department employ either staff (whether casual, full or part time) or consultants whose duties or contracts have included, or currently include, acting as a designated contact point on policy matters with individual unions, the Victorian Trades Hall Council or the Australian Council of Trade Unions.
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129. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —

1. Does the Minister's Department employ either staff (whether casual, full or part time) or consultants whose duties or contracts have included, or currently include, acting as a designated contact point on policy matters with individual unions, the Victorian Trades Hall Council or the Australian Council of Trade Unions.
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139. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —

1. Does the Minister's Department employ either staff (whether casual, full or part time) or consultants whose duties or contracts have included, or currently include, acting as a designated contact point on policy matters with individual unions, the Victorian Trades Hall Council or the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

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 3. Which union(s) does each such employee or contractor have responsibility for.
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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
143. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Deputy Premier —
1. What was the name of each Ministerial appointment made to Boards, Commissions, Committees of Government Business Enterprises, Statutory Authorities or the Department between 18 September 1999 and 29 February 2000.
 2. What expressions of interest and selection processes were used in each such case.
 3. What date was each such person appointed and on what date does his or her office expire.
 4. What daily or half day sitting fees and other remuneration is expected to be paid in 1999–2000 to each such appointee.
 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
144. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health —
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173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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179. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services — what was the total cost to the Minister's departmental budget of the three additional public holidays gazetted during the Christmas Day, Boxing Day and the New Year's Day period in December 1999 and January 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 2 MARCH 2000

180. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — what was the total cost to the Minister's departmental budget of the three additional public holidays gazetted during the Christmas Day, Boxing Day and the New Year's Day period in December 1999 and January 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 14 MARCH 2000

183. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — what was the total cost to the Minister's departmental budget of the three additional public holidays gazetted during the Christmas Day, Boxing Day and the New Year's Day period in December 1999 and January 2000.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MARCH 2000

184. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what is the profile of all public housing waiting lists by region for each month since 30 June 1999.
185. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing with reference to the Home Opportunity Loan Scheme and the Shared Home Ownership Scheme — what are the

number of loans — (a) in each scheme; (b) in arrears; and (c) which have been terminated and the reasons for termination.

186. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing with reference to the Labor Party policy guaranteeing that all public and community housing assets will be retained within the housing system —
1. What stock has been identified as being no longer required by the Ministry of Housing by region.
 2. How many units have been offered for sale by region.
 3. How many public housing or community assets have been disposed of or offered for tender since 18 September 1999.
 4. What asset sales have occurred since 18 September 1999 and what revenue will be received by the Ministry of Housing or responsible agency within the Department.
187. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — (a) what is the current level of the Ministry of Housing stock; and (b) how many units have been acquired since 18 September 1999 by each region.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 21 MARCH 2000

189. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the advertisement in the *Herald Sun* on 5 February 2000 regarding Community Health Centre boards —
1. Whether the Minister or his personal staff approved the advertisement.
 2. Whether the Minister approves of the explicit reference, in a tax-payer funded advertisement such as this, to 'The Labor Government'.
 3. Will future advertisements by the Department of Human Services or on behalf of the Minister explicitly mention the political allegiance of the government.
191. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts with reference to Question 66 on the Legislative Assembly Notice Paper — whether there was duplication between Cinemedia and Arts Victoria in digital media projects in the 1998–1999 and 1999–2000 financial years; if so, why did the Minister mislead Meaghan Shaw of *The Age* on 25 November 1999 indicating that she would remove such duplication.
193. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —
1. What were the participation rates for four-year-olds in pre-schools in the 1999 and 2000 intakes.

2. What was the number of such children for each intake whose parents or guardians were holders of Health Care Cards.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 5 APRIL 2000

197. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing whether the Minister or the Department has established any reviews or taskforces since 18 September 1999; if so — (a) what is the number of each; (b) what are the terms of reference for each; and (c) what is the membership of each.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 2 MAY 2000

206. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — (a) whether the Government has had any discussions since 19 October 1999 with the airline Canada 3000 to begin services to Melbourne from either Toronto, Vancouver or Honolulu; and (b) what marketing support, if any, has the Government offered.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 AUGUST 2000

212. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing with reference to the advertisement placed in the *Herald Sun* of 29 July 2000 on page 19, by the Morwell Director of Housing, regarding household goods left by a Mrs Moira Tucker at the Newborough Office of Housing Unit —
 1. What was the cost of the advertisement.
 2. Why was a display advertisement taken out in the *Herald Sun* for the auction.
 3. Were any advertisements regarding the same goods placed in *The Gazette* (circulated in Warragul and Drouin), *La Trobe Valley Express*, *The Traralgon Journal* or any other newspapers; if so, on what date or dates and at what cost.
 4. What were the net proceeds from the auction of Mrs Tucker's goods on Sunday 30 July 2000 by the Traralgon Auction House.
 5. Will the Department investigate more cost-effective ways of giving notices of similar future public auctions such as by insertion in 'public notices' sections of local newspapers only.
213. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover with reference to WorkCover premiums —
 1. How many businesses in the postcode areas 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149, and 3151 paid premiums under the WorkCover scheme as at 4 August 2000.

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2. How many — (a) restaurants; (b) real estate agents; and (c) non-profit community organisations such as disability support services paid WorkCover premiums as at 4 August 2000, and what was the median percentage premium increase for each following the Government's changes to WorkCover.
214. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Department of Infrastructure's 'special projects fund' — (a) what organisations have received funding for community buses since September 1999; (b) how much did each such organisation receive; (c) for what purpose will each bus be used; (d) what amount remains in the fund for 2000–2001 for — (i) community buses; and (ii) other purposes; and (d) what criteria will be applied to any 'other purpose' grants in 2000–2001 and to what use will such funding be applied.
216. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the advertisement placed in the *Herald Sun* of 5 August 2000 on page 21, by the Department of Human Services, regarding applications for positions on the proposed Red Cliffs Nursing Home and Sunraysia Hostel for the Aged Community Advisory Board —
1. What was the cost of the advertisement.
 2. Why was a display advertisement taken out in the *Herald Sun* for this proposed Board.
 3. Were any advertisements regarding this matter taken out in the *Sunraysia Daily* or any other newspapers; if so, on what date or dates and what was the cost.
 4. How many telephone inquiries have been received by the Department following the advertisements.
 5. Will the Department investigate more cost-effective ways of giving the public notices of such proposed Boards such as by insertion in 'public notices' sections of local newspapers.
217. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Youth Affairs with reference to the 15 Regional Youth Committees —
1. What is — (a) the name of each person appointed; and (b) the date of appointment.
 2. What is the name of each of the seven Youth Liaison Officers recently appointed and which committee or committees does each have responsibility for.
 3. What payments and/or other benefits do members receive for each day or half-day the committees sit.
 4. How often does each committee meet.
218. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians from postcode areas 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149, and 3151 were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment at 31 December 1999, 31 March 2000, 30 June 2000 and 31 July 2000.

219. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what was the waiting list for public housing at 31 December 1999, 31 March 2000, 30 June 2000 and 31 July 2000 in — (a) Victoria; and (b) the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

221. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the Department of Human Services and each agency within the Minister's portfolio — what are the details of all persons and costs associated with public relations and marketing, as defined in the Auditor-General's Special Report No 39, *Marketing Government Services — Are You Being Served?*, indicating — (a) how many persons, including those involved in media or public relations, are involved in marketing government services; (b) what was the total cost including salaries for the provision of such marketing services for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) what is the anticipated cost including salaries for the provision of such marketing services for 2000–2001.
222. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What is the forecast patronage in millions of passenger boardings for 2000–2001; and what was the forecast and actual patronage for 1999–2000 for each of — Bayside Trains, Connex Melbourne, Swanston Trams, Yarra Trams, V/Line Passenger, metropolitan bus operators, Ballarat Transit, Bendigo Transit, Geelong Transit, Shepparton Transit and local bus services in the La Trobe Valley.
 2. What was the total revenue for each metropolitan rail, metropolitan tram, metropolitan bus, Ballarat Transit, Bendigo Transit, Geelong Transit, Shepparton Transit, local La Trobe Valley bus operators on scheduled route services in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 3. What was the Department of Infrastructure's expenditure on replacement or new buses in 1999–2000 and what is the forecast expenditure for 2000–2001 for each metropolitan bus operator, V/Line Passenger, Ballarat Transit, Geelong Transit, Shepparton Transit and local La Trobe Valley bus services.
223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

 NOTICES RECEIVED ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2000

224. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to surveys to determine the proportion of Melbourne metropolitan public transport users travelling on concession tickets —
1. How many surveys — (a) were conducted in 1999–2000; and (b) are planned to be conducted in 2000–2001.
 2. On what date or dates did or will each survey cover.
 3. Who were awarded the contracts for such surveys and what was the total cost to the Department of Infrastructure, the Public Transport Corporation or any other Victorian Government Department or Agency in 1999–2000, and the expected cost to each in 2000–2001.
 4. What proportion of survey costs are paid by — (a) rail; (b) tram; and (c) bus franchisees or operators.
 5. How many people were surveyed in each survey in 1999–2000.
 6. What percentage of passengers were found by each survey from 1999 to date to be travelling on concession on Melbourne metropolitan — (a) rail; (b) tram; and (c) bus services, and how many of these were travelling on two hour and all day concession with — (i) children's; (ii) Seniors Card; and (iii) pensioner tickets.
 7. How does the percentage of passengers in (6) above vary between zones 1, 2 and 3.
 8. What percentage of passengers on Melbourne metropolitan — (a) rail; (b) tram; and (c) bus pay a full adult fare in the form of — (i) 2 hour; (ii) all day; (c) monthly; and (d) yearly tickets.
225. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to an incident between youths allegedly fighting each other with 'ninja sticks' on Friday 1 September 2000 on board the 22:41 Belgrave to Flinders St Connex rail service—
- 225a. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 225b. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
1. Can the Minister give advice about the nature and extent of the incident.
 2. Did the driver of the train lock himself in his cabin upon arrival at Ringwood as a result of this disturbance.
 3. What time were calls for assistance regarding this matter logged by either Victoria Police or the Transit Police unit.
 4. What was the response time in minutes.
 5. How many Transit or Victoria Police officers attended.

6. What was the delay in minutes to this Connex rail service.
7. Were any other Connex services affected; if so what delay in minutes did each have.
8. How many people were — (a) questioned; and (b) arrested due to this incident.
9. Will the Minister provide a copy of the railway 'Items' for Friday 1 September 2000 and Saturday 2 September 2000 that are distributed to a number of staff of the Department of Infrastructure, Connex and Bayside Trains and which list all incidents causing delays on the metropolitan rail network.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2000

227. **MRS FYFFE** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to full time equivalent staff in Tourism Victoria — what is the average number of hours lost due to sick leave taken each month since November 1999 — (a) with a medical certificate; and (b) without a medical certificate.
229. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with regard to the — (a) Ballarat; (b) Bendigo; (c) Geelong; and (d) Traralgon train lines —
1. What is the subsidy per passenger paid by the Government to V/Line Passenger on each line.
 2. What is the total payment by the Government to V/Line Passenger for the operation of each line.
 3. How many passengers travel per day on each line.
 4. How many passengers travel using a concession card per day on each line.
 5. How many services operate per day on each line.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

230. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Melbourne metropolitan bus services operated by the National Bus Company, a subsidiary of National Express, and the Lilydale, Mount Evelyn and Seville bus services operated by Martyrs Bus Services —
1. When will Metcards be able to be validated on board.
 2. What revenue loss is estimated for 2000–2001 by — (a) Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd; (b) One-Link; (c) National Bus Company; (d) Martyrs Bus Service; and (e) the Department of Infrastructure due to unvalidated Metcards being accepted for travel.

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3. When are — (a) paper tickets; and (b) scratch tickets expected to be withdrawn.
231. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the position of Publishing Consultant advertised in *The Age*, at page 34, on 9 September 2000 and that identified a specific officer in the Department of Human Services —
1. Why did the advertisement for the position fail to state that the successful applicant would be employed or paid by the Department of Human Services, and fail to include the Victorian Government crest or logo.
 2. What was the cost of the advertisement.
 3. Was the position advertised in any other publications and if so — (a) in which publication; (b) on what date; and (c) at what cost
 4. What annual or monthly salary or consultancy fee applies to this position and how long will the successful applicant's term be.
 5. Will the successful applicant be regarded as — (a) a full time permanent employee; (b) a part time employee; (c) a casual employee; or (d) consultant or contractor.
 6. Do other benefits such as the provision of a motor vehicle apply to this position and, if so, what is the nature and anticipated annual cost of such benefits.
 7. Will the costs relating to this position be met by the Corporate Communications Branch of the Department's Portfolio Services Division and if not; which Division or Branch in Human Services or another Department or Agency will be meeting any costs associated with the position.
 8. Are those who have accepted a redundancy package from the Victorian Government prohibited from applying for this position and if so — (a) for what period; and (b) why did the advertisement in *The Age* fail to state this.
232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.
233. **DR DEAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to the Melbourne Custody Centre over the last three months — (a) how many persons were housed per day; (b) what was the average length of stay per person; (c) how many persons were housed at the centre for longer than three weeks; (d) what programs were available for people housed longer than three months in their underground cells; and (e) is overcrowding caused by a problem at Melbourne Assessment Prison at Spencer St.

234. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Victorian Interpreting and Translating Service — what was the total expenditure for 1999-2000 and proposed expenditure for 2000-2001 for — (i) business promotion; (ii) entertainment; and (iii) consultants.

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235. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

- 235a. The Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry
- 235b. The Honourable the Treasurer
- 235c. The Honourable the Minister for Arts
- 235d. The Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development
- 235f. The Honourable the Minister for Education
- 235g. The Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs
- 235h. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Minister for Energy and Resources
- 235i. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- 235j. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
- 235k. The Honourable the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Consumer Affairs
- 235l. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 235m. The Honourable the Attorney-General
- 235n. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government
- 235o. The Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports
- 235p. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 235q. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
- 235r. The Honourable the Minister for Health
- 235s. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 235t. The Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism
- 235u. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services representing the Minister for Small Business
- 235v. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Industrial Relations
- 235w. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming
- 235x. The Honourable the Minister for Workcover
- 235y. The Honourable the Minister for Finance

Will the Minister issue a directive or instruction to their department and its agencies as to the terminology to be used when making reference to the language spoken by people originating from or associated with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; if so, what will that instruction or directive be.

237. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education what are the estimated costs, including land and staff time, associated with Elsternwick Primary School's proposed swimming pool.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 25 OCTOBER 2000

238. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in respect of the proposed merger of the Torquay and Anglesea Foreshore Committees, will the Minister advise as to who allegedly informed me about the merger proposal as quoted in the *Geelong Advertiser* on 12 October 2000.
239. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health to provide — (a) the recommendations for appointment to the board of Barwon Health from — (i) the Barwon Health Board; and (ii) the Barwon South West region; and (b) any reasons for deviation from the recommendations from these bodies as reflected in the final appointments to the Barwon Health Board.
240. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister Transport to provide a list of the total revenue collected from ticket sales on the tram system for each of the years from 1994 to 1999 inclusive.

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241. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture, in view of the warning from Professor Snow Barlow that Australia's grazing industries could face carbon taxes if they do not reduce their contribution to greenhouse gases, what program has he put in place to assist farmers to do this.
242. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture what programs he has made available in the Budget to expand the scientific knowledge base for best practice organic agriculture and to provide technical support for farmers choosing this alternative system of farming.
243. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture what budgetary arrangements he has made to follow New South Wales's lead in developing and implementing biodiversity, salinity, carbon credit and nutrient management packages for landholders.
244. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation what budgetary allocation exists for stewardship programs and management agreements which would reflect the long term private and public costs and benefits involved in conserving remnant vegetation on private land.
245. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture what budgetary allocation has been made to enhance knowledge and understanding of cell grazing and increase the uptake of this sustainable and profitable grazing management system by pastoralists.

246. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture how many positions he has allocated for soil microbiologists to develop the expanding science of soil biology and knowledge in the farming community about its relationship to crop and pasture productivity.
247. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture how much of the \$42 million set aside for agriculture in the Budget will be spent on the development of biotechnology and will he please specify details of government contracts with Monstanto, Aventis and others for biotech research at the Victorian Institute of Dryland Agriculture, Walpeup and Tatura.
248. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture, that in view of the Federal Government discussion paper *Managing Natural Resources in Rural Australia for a Sustainable Future* which calls for "quite fundamental changes in land use and management practices" over the next ten to fifteen years, what Budgetary allocation has been made for research into the issues covered in this paper.
249. **MR STEGGALL** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation, with reference to the government's Draft Vegetation Plans and the massive expansion in seed supply required to execute these plans, what resources will the Minister allocate to support regional seedbanks and the seed collection program across the state.

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250. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to businesses located in postcodes — (a) 3186 (Brighton); and (b) 3187 (Brighton East) in 1999–2000 —
1. How many businesses were levied with — (a) payroll tax; (b) land tax; and (c) stamp duty on property transfers.
 2. What was the total value of (a) payroll tax; (b) land tax; and (c) stamp duty for each postcode.
251. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes — (a) 3186 (Brighton); and (b) 3187 (Brighton East) —
1. How many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2000–2001.
 2. What is the total expected value of land tax in each of these postcodes for 2000–2001.
252. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — Noting the recent discovery of the *Carukia barnesi*, better known as the Irukandji jelly fish in Port Phillip Bay, what steps has the Minister taken to fund research with a view to minimising the spread and impact of these jelly fish in Victorian coastal waters.

253. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the collapse of a section of the seawall opposite 325 Beach Road, Black Rock —
1. What has been the historical approach of her Department in relation to the maintenance and repair of comparable sea walls around Port Phillip Bay.
 2. In what other circumstances over the past 20 years has a contribution been sought from a local council.
 3. What is the current budget allocation for such projects.
 4. What are the administrative criteria against which requests by councils, such as the City of Bayside in this instance, are assessed.
254. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — Noting the recent fatal shark attacks in South Australia, what steps has the Minister taken to review coastal safety measures for Victorian coastal swimmers and surfers.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 14 NOVEMBER 2000

255. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Environment Protection Authority —
1. Whether a Steve Watson is or was employed by the Environment Protection Authority or any other Government agency, and if so was Mr Watson — (a) a former Mayor of Yarra; or (b) a Councillor of the City of Yarra.
 2. Whether Mr Watson is or was a consultant or contractor to the Environment Protection Authority or any other Government agency and if so — (a) what are the terms of such consultancy or contract; (b) on what date was he appointed; and (c) what are the terms of his employment.
 3. Was the position advertised and if so — (a) where was it advertised; and (b) how many other applicants were there.
256. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation what working parties have been set up since 1 January 1999, including within the Environment Protection Authority, to assess solutions to noise pollution problems in Victoria.
257. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — what were the criteria and processes used to put together the Government's e-commerce group connected to Multimedia Victoria, as referred to by a member of the group, Owen Richards, at the Interact 2000 conference.

258. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — does the Government have a position on open source code, as distinct from proprietary forms of software, as it applies to the public sector's information technology procurement activities.
259. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the use of Lotus Notes software in the public sector — (a) what efforts have been made to gauge the effectiveness of Lotus Notes — (i) in comparison to other products on the market; and (ii) as a tool for improving or enhancing Government business; and (b) what analysis has been made — (i) of the adequacy of the system to handle the business of the public sector; and (ii) to ascertain its impact on productivity levels.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 NOVEMBER 2000

260. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the research by Professor Daniel Rosenfeld and Australian Management Consolidated Pty Ltd, into rainfall losses in Victoria caused by air pollution — what steps has the Government taken to — (a) act upon the findings of the research; and (b) fund further research on this issue with a view to restoring rainfall in Victoria.
261. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — noting the Australian Labor Party's 1999 environment policy commitment to the development of an extensive stormwater and litter control program aimed to reduce litter by 20 per cent —
1. What funding has been committed for the program for the financial year 2000–2001.
 2. What benchmarks have been established to evaluate the fulfilment of the policy.
 3. What is the progress to date of policy implementation and litter reduction.
 4. What beaches and waterways into Port Phillip Bay have had a 20 per cent reduction in litter since October 1999.

NOTICE RECEIVED 16 NOVEMBER 2000

262. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. How many bathing boxes are there around Port Phillip Bay and Corio Bay at 30 June 2000.
 2. What is the location and numbers of the bathing boxes around Port Phillip Bay and Corio Bay by municipality or suburb.

3. What is the present policy of the Government regarding the reinstatement or rebuilding of a bathing box that is destroyed or damaged through vandalism, storm damage or other cause.
4. What is the aggregate number of bathing boxes on Victoria's coastline by number per municipality.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 22 NOVEMBER 2000

263. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the recent report to the Environment Protection Authority on sewerage and waste water treatment —
1. What is the number of unsewered properties in — (a) metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, in particular the area administered by the Yarra Ranges Water Authority.
 2. What is the Government's policy towards sustainable alternatives to sewerage treatment such as the Westwick project within the municipality of Moreland.
 3. What Government resources are currently directed towards the analysis and review of alternative sewerage treatment processes.

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264. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the opening hours of the Elizabeth Street subway at Flinders Street Station —
1. When were the daily opening hours of the subway restricted to between 06:00 and 22:00.
 2. Is the change in opening hours in contravention of any contracts between the Government and Connex Melbourne or Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) and if not, why.
 3. How will convenient public access from the western end of Southbank to the platforms at Flinders Street Station be maintained between 22:00 and the departures of the last trains each night.
265. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to a vacant bus space at Spencer Street Interstate Bus Terminal — (a) what date did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd vacate a tenancy at the terminal; (b) what amount in rent did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd pay per annum and to which authority was this paid; and (c) are any attempts being made to lease the vacant space.
266. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard vending machines —
1. How often are machines that take — (a) coins only; and (b) notes and coins; and that are located at — (i) Connex Melbourne railway stations; and (ii) Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) railway stations serviced by technicians.
 2. Does OneLink Transit Systems Pty Ltd employ or contract technicians or is this done individually by Connex Melbourne, Mtrain, Mtram (formerly Swanston Trams), Yarra Trams, the Department of Infrastructure or private bus operators.
 3. In November and December 2000, how many breakdowns were recorded at each machine located at a railway station and what was the cause for each breakdown.
 4. In November and December 2000, how many times did the larger note-taking ticket machines take notes without issuing either a ticket or returning money.
 5. Why do the larger note-taking machines continue to display 'Please select ticket' after such incidents.

6. Has the Government entered into any discussions with OneLink or the franchisees to ensure that an 'out of order message' is immediately displayed on machines when the machines are faulty.
7. How many calls did OneLink's 1800 652 313 number receive in November and December 2000 relating to Metcard.
8. How many validations of tickets occur on a typical — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services.
9. What estimated proportion of passengers failed to validate their tickets on average on a — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services and have these estimates declined between December 1999 and December 2000.

267. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the noise walls along the Monash Freeway —

267a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

267b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How has the 350 metre recycled plastic wall performed in a variety of weather conditions.
2. What is the per kilometre cost to VicRoads of noise walls that use — (a) recycled plastic; and (b) conventional timber.
3. Will the use of recycled plastic in noise walls be extended in 2000–2001; if so to what sections and in what length in kilometres of freeway, highway or other roads.

268. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads call centres —

268a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

268b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What was the median time taken to answer customer telephone enquiries in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at the VicRoads — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
2. How many calls were made in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
3. Does the technology used at the call centres monitor 'drop outs' (customers who hang up without their call having been attended to).
4. What percentage of calls 'dropped out' at each centre in each month from July to December 2000 and how does this compare to each month from July to December 1999.

5. What performance targets has VicRoads set for the median time taken to answer calls to the call centres in 2000–2001 and the percentage of calls that go unanswered, and how do these targets differ from those set in 1999–2000.

269. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to signing C-class road routes—

269a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

269b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many road routes remained to be signed by VicRoads in each region at 31 December 2000.
2. How much is being spent in each region on signage in 2000–2001.
3. How many routes are expected to remain without signs at 30 June 2001.
4. What is the name and locality of each road over 40 kilometres in length in each region that is expected to be without signs at 30 June 2001.

270. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the SafeRoads program —

270a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

270b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did each Victorian municipality receive from VicRoads under SafeRoads in 1999–2000.
2. What amount — (a) has already been granted; and (b) is expected to be granted to each Victorian municipality for this program in 2000–2001.
3. What total funding was allocated to SafeRoads in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.

271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.
5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

272. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

272a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

272b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in sponsorship to Keep Australia Beautiful (Victoria) for the Rural Pride and City Pride Awards in 1999–2000 and to date in 2000–2001.
2. How will the 'community ownership and pride in managing streetscapes and associated landscapes' referred to on page 14 of the VicRoads 1999–2000 Annual Report be maintained if the above two programs are discontinued.

273. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) —

273a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

273b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many lane kilometres of Victorian highways and roads were surfaced or resurfaced in RAP in each VicRoads region between 1 July and 31 December 2000.
2. How many lane kilometres are expected to be resurfaced in RAP between 1 January and 30 June 2001.
3. What are the longest two sections of roadway in each VicRoads region that have used RAP to date and when was each project undertaken.
4. What savings, if any, in construction costs are expected to result from the use of RAP in 2000–2001.

274. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to light-emitting diode (LED) technology —

274a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

274b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What findings has VicRoads made following its evaluation of LED technology for traffic signals.
2. Has development of an Australian standard for this technology been finalised, and if not when is this expected to occur.
3. Has there been any difference in performance between the two intersections signalled in 1999–2000 using this technology.

4. How many intersections will be signalled using LED technology in — (a) 2000–2001; and (b) 2001–2002.
5. What funds has VicRoads allocated for the changeover program in 2000–2001.
6. What is the average hourly life of the current conventional globes used in Victorian traffic signals.
7. What is the expected annual maintenance cost in 2000–2001 for a standard metropolitan intersection using — (a) existing lanterns; and (b) LED traffic signal technology.

275. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads contracts —

275a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

275b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

What was the value of new contracts from 1 July to 31 December 2000 and is the expected value of new contracts from 1 January to 30 June 2001 for — (a) new roadworks; (b) sealing; (c) road maintenance; (d) temporary staff; (e) new bridge work; (f) asphalt; (g) number plates; (h) noise barriers; (i) roadside amenities; (j) traffic-control services; and (k) bridge maintenance.

276. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to intersections and skid-resistant materials —

276a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

276b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Has VicRoads conducted any further investigations into the relationship between skid-resistant performance and crashes at 200 urban intersections since the initial 1999–2000 findings of a pilot study referred to on page 48 of VicRoads's 1999–2000 Annual Report.
2. Which intersections in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip were surveyed by VicRoads in the initial pilot study and which of these intersections currently have low skid resistance.
3. What is the anticipated cost of upgrading a standard metropolitan intersection with higher skid-resistant materials.
4. Are intersection upgrades using higher skid-resistant materials possible for the road pavement area between tram tracks which may be surfaced in mass concrete or have an existing asphalt overlay.
5. How much has VicRoads allocated in 2000–2001 for upgrading intersections to use high skid-resistant treatments on approaches.
6. What intersections in 2000–2001 will be treated in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

277b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit–cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998–99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999–2000.
2. What was the benefit–cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) 1999–2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit–cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002.

278. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

278a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

278b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the State-funded resealing of the Victorian road network drop from 9.3 per cent in 1998–99 to 8.8 per cent in 1999–2000.
2. Why did the State-funded rehabilitation of the Victorian road network drop from 1.2 per cent in 1998–99 to 1 per cent in 1999–2000.
3. How many lane kilometres were — (a) resealed; (b) rehabilitated through the use of State funds in — (i) 1998–99; and (ii) 1999–2000 in each VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
4. What are the targets in 2000–2001 for — (a) resealing; (b) rehabilitation by — (i) lane kilometres; and (ii) expenditure by VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
5. What was the cost per lane kilometre for each VicRoads region of (a) resealing; and (b) rehabilitation in — (i) 1998–99; and (ii) 1999–2000.

279. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

279a. The Honourable the Treasurer

279b. The Honourable the Minister for Finance

Further to the statement on page 47 of the Department of Treasury and Finance's 1999–2000 Annual Report —

1. How many transactions of \$1 million or more, including freehold purchase or sale of buildings, building improvements, fitouts, grounds development, heritage building restoration or the charging of depreciation took place during 1999–2000 that ultimately led to the Department's assets falling from \$778.1 million to \$673.4 million during the 1999–2000 year.

2. What was the amount of each transaction.
 3. What was the reason for each transaction.
 4. To what asset did each transaction relate
 5. Will more complete information be provided in the 2000–2001 annual report about this aspect of the Department's operations.
280. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; (m) Port Phillip Prison —
1. What was the annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
 2. What was the budgeted annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
 3. What is the budgeted annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the year ended 30 June 2001.
 4. How many prisoners were actually held at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
 5. What was the design capacity of each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
 6. What was the operational cost of running each prison for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
 7. How many — full time; part time; casual; and full time equivalent staff were employed at each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
 8. What was the average staff/prisoner ratio for each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
281. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; (m) Port Phillip Prison —

1. What was the — (a) total number of prisoners; and (b) percentage of the total prison population that tested positive for illicit drug use at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 2. What was the performance benchmark as a percentage of total prison population allowable for illicit drug use as agreed in the Service Agreement for Public Prison and the Contract Agreement for Private Prison at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 3. What was the total cost of drug treatment programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 4. What was the total number of prisoners treated for illicit drug use at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 5. What was the maximum number of prisoners who could access drug treatment programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 6. What is the maximum number of prisoners who can access drug treatment programs at each program for the year ending 30 June 2001.
 7. What was the total number of prisoners who accessed drug awareness programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 8. What was the total number of prisoners who accessed drug treatment programs for — (i) three weeks in duration; and (ii) twelve weeks or more in duration at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
282. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections how many cells designed for one person have contained two or more prisoners on average at — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
283. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Pakenham police complex — (a) what is the total cost of the relocation, reconnection and renovation of the building, including the expense of crane hire, for the complex; (b) where was the building sourced from; and (c) what is the building to be used for.

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NOTICE RECEIVED ON 28 FEBRUARY 2001

284. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — (a) whether the Victorian Government, or people acting on its behalf, entered into discussions with the Macedonian Teachers Association of Victoria to withdraw the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)' issuing an apology and contributing to costs; and (b) on what dates these discussions took place.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTION

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289b. The Honourable the Treasurer

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289p. The Honourable the Minister for Housing

289q. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services representing the Honourable the Minister for Small Business

289r. The Honourable the Deputy Premier

1. What was the median base salary across the Minister's Department/s for each of the Victorian Public Service (VPS) broadbands of — (a) VPS 1; (b) VPS 2; (c) VPS 3; (d) VPS 4; and (e) VPS 5 by categories of — (i) gender; and (ii) all employees.
2. How many equivalent full time staff were employed in categories of — (a) gender; and (b) all employees, and what proportion of total equivalent full time staff were employed in the bands — (i) VPS 1; (ii) VPS 2; (iii) VPS 3; (iv) VPS 4; and (v) VPS 5.
3. What was the median length of service in the bands — (a) VPS 1; (b) VPS 2; (c) VPS 3; (d) VPS 4; and (e) VPS 5 for — (i) men; and (ii) women.
4. How many executives were employed who received a total annual remuneration package of — (a) less than \$90,000; (b) \$90,000–\$100,000; (c) \$100,000–\$110,000; (d) \$110,000–\$120,000; (e) \$120,000–\$130,000; (f) \$130,000–\$140,000; (g) \$140,000–\$150,000; (h) \$150,000–\$160,000; (i) \$160,000–\$170,000; (j) \$170,000–\$180,000;

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QUESTION

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290. MR THOMPSON — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the ring-barking and poisoning of 100 trees, all estimated to be over 150 years old, in the Cobboboonee State Forest reported in *The Age* of 17 March 2001 on page 14 —
1. Which Regional Office employed the officer who organised the destruction of the trees.
 2. How many years of experience with the Department did the regional officer have.
 3. What protocols were in place, at the time the ring-barking and poisoning occurred, to instruct regional officers in relation to their responsibilities and in particular to the moratorium that was in place.
 4. What changes in operational procedures have been implemented in — (a) the region; and (b) other departmental offices since the incident to ensure that the incident is not repeated.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

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3. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what amount of funding will be provided from the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to address power infrastructure problems relating to single wire earth return systems in South West Victoria; and (b) how many properties this is expected to assist.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 15 AUGUST 2000

213. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover with reference to WorkCover premiums —
1. How many businesses in the postcode areas 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149, and 3151 paid premiums under the WorkCover scheme as at 4 August 2000.
 2. How many — (a) restaurants; (b) real estate agents; and (c) non-profit community organisations such as disability support services paid WorkCover premiums as at 4 August 2000, and what was the median percentage premium increase for each following the Government's changes to WorkCover.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

221. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the Department of Human Services and each agency within the Minister's portfolio — what are the details of all persons and costs associated with public relations and marketing, as defined in the Auditor-General's Special Report No 39, *Marketing Government Services — Are You Being Served?*, indicating — (a) how many persons, including those involved in media or public relations, are involved in marketing government services; (b) what was the total cost including salaries for the provision of such marketing services for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) what is the anticipated cost including salaries for the provision of such marketing services for 2000–2001.

223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

264. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the opening hours of the Elizabeth Street subway at Flinders Street Station —
1. When were the daily opening hours of the subway restricted to between 06:00 and 22:00.
 2. Is the change in opening hours in contravention of any contracts between the Government and Connex Melbourne or Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) and if not, why.
 3. How will convenient public access from the western end of Southbank to the platforms at Flinders Street Station be maintained between 22:00 and the departures of the last trains each night.
265. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to a vacant bus space at Spencer Street Interstate Bus Terminal — (a) what date did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd vacate a tenancy at the terminal; (b) what amount in rent did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd pay per annum and to which authority was this paid; and (c) are any attempts being made to lease the vacant space.
266. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard vending machines —
1. How often are machines that take — (a) coins only; and (b) notes and coins; and that are located at — (i) Connex Melbourne railway stations; and (ii) Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) railway stations serviced by technicians.

2. Does OneLink Transit Systems Pty Ltd employ or contract technicians or is this done individually by Connex Melbourne, Mtrain, Mtram (formerly Swanston Trams), Yarra Trams, the Department of Infrastructure or private bus operators.
 3. In November and December 2000, how many breakdowns were recorded at each machine located at a railway station and what was the cause for each breakdown.
 4. In November and December 2000, how many times did the larger note-taking ticket machines take notes without issuing either a ticket or returning money.
 5. Why do the larger note-taking machines continue to display 'Please select ticket' after such incidents.
 6. Has the Government entered into any discussions with OneLink or the franchisees to ensure that an 'out of order message' is immediately displayed on machines when the machines are faulty.
 7. How many calls did OneLink's 1800 652 313 number receive in November and December 2000 relating to Metcard.
 8. How many validations of tickets occur on a typical — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services.
 9. What estimated proportion of passengers failed to validate their tickets on average on a — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services and have these estimates declined between December 1999 and December 2000.
267. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the noise walls along the Monash Freeway —
- 267a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 267b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. How has the 350 metre recycled plastic wall performed in a variety of weather conditions.
 2. What is the per kilometre cost to VicRoads of noise walls that use — (a) recycled plastic; and (b) conventional timber.
 3. Will the use of recycled plastic in noise walls be extended in 2000–2001; if so to what sections and in what length in kilometres of freeway, highway or other roads.
268. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads call centres —
- 268a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 268b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What was the median time taken to answer customer telephone enquiries in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at the VicRoads — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
 2. How many calls were made in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
 3. Does the technology used at the call centres monitor 'drop outs' (customers who hang up without their call having been attended to).
 4. What percentage of calls 'dropped out' at each centre in each month from July to December 2000 and how does this compare to each month from July to December 1999.
 5. What performance targets has VicRoads set for the median time taken to answer calls to the call centres in 2000–2001 and the percentage of calls that go unanswered, and how do these targets differ from those set in 1999–2000.
269. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to signing C-class road routes—
- 269a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 269b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. How many road routes remained to be signed by VicRoads in each region at 31 December 2000.
 2. How much is being spent in each region on signage in 2000–2001.
 3. How many routes are expected to remain without signs at 30 June 2001.
 4. What is the name and locality of each road over 40 kilometres in length in each region that is expected to be without signs at 30 June 2001.
270. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the SafeRoads program —
- 270a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 270b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What amount did each Victorian municipality receive from VicRoads under SafeRoads in 1999–2000.
 2. What amount — (a) has already been granted; and (b) is expected to be granted to each Victorian municipality for this program in 2000–2001.
 3. What total funding was allocated to SafeRoads in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.

271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.
4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.
5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

272. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

272a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

272b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in sponsorship to Keep Australia Beautiful (Victoria) for the Rural Pride and City Pride Awards in 1999–2000 and to date in 2000–2001.
2. How will the 'community ownership and pride in managing streetscapes and associated landscapes' referred to on page 14 of the VicRoads 1999–2000 Annual Report be maintained if the above two programs are discontinued.

273. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) —

273a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

273b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many lane kilometres of Victorian highways and roads were surfaced or resurfaced in RAP in each VicRoads region between 1 July and 31 December 2000.
2. How many lane kilometres are expected to be resurfaced in RAP between 1 January and 30 June 2001.
3. What are the longest two sections of roadway in each VicRoads region that have used RAP to date and when was each project undertaken.
4. What savings, if any, in construction costs are expected to result from the use of RAP in 2000–2001.

274. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to light-emitting diode (LED) technology —

274a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

274b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What findings has VicRoads made following its evaluation of LED technology for traffic signals.
2. Has development of an Australian standard for this technology been finalised, and if not when is this expected to occur.
3. Has there been any difference in performance between the two intersections signalled in 1999–2000 using this technology.
4. How many intersections will be signalled using LED technology in — (a) 2000–2001; and (b) 2001–2002.
5. What funds has VicRoads allocated for the changeover program in 2000–2001.
6. What is the average hourly life of the current conventional globes used in Victorian traffic signals.
7. What is the expected annual maintenance cost in 2000–2001 for a standard metropolitan intersection using — (a) existing lanterns; and (b) LED traffic signal technology.

275. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads contracts —

275a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

275b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

What was the value of new contracts from 1 July to 31 December 2000 and is the expected value of new contracts from 1 January to 30 June 2001 for — (a) new roadworks; (b) sealing; (c) road maintenance; (d) temporary staff; (e) new bridge work; (f) asphalt; (g) number plates; (h) noise barriers; (i) roadside amenities; (j) traffic-control services; and (k) bridge maintenance.

276. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to intersections and skid-resistant materials —

276a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

276b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Has VicRoads conducted any further investigations into the relationship between skid-resistant performance and crashes at 200 urban intersections since the initial 1999–2000 findings of a pilot study referred to on page 48 of VicRoads's 1999–2000 Annual Report.

2. Which intersections in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip were surveyed by VicRoads in the initial pilot study and which of these intersections currently have low skid resistance.
3. What is the anticipated cost of upgrading a standard metropolitan intersection with higher skid-resistant materials.
4. Are intersection upgrades using higher skid-resistant materials possible for the road pavement area between tram tracks which may be surfaced in mass concrete or have an existing asphalt overlay.
5. How much has VicRoads allocated in 2000–2001 for upgrading intersections to use high skid-resistant treatments on approaches.
6. What intersections in 2000–2001 will be treated in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

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1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit–cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998–99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999–2000.
2. What was the benefit–cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) 1999–2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit–cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002.

278. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

278a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

278b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the State-funded resealing of the Victorian road network drop from 9.3 per cent in 1998–99 to 8.8 per cent in 1999–2000.
2. Why did the State-funded rehabilitation of the Victorian road network drop from 1.2 per cent in 1998–99 to 1 per cent in 1999–2000.
3. How many lane kilometres were — (a) resealed; (b) rehabilitated through the use of State funds in — (i) 1998–99; and (ii) 1999–2000 in each VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
4. What are the targets in 2000–2001 for — (a) resealed; (b) rehabilitation by — (i) lane kilometres; and (ii) expenditure by VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.

5. What was the cost per lane kilometre for each VicRoads region of (a) resealing; and (b) rehabilitation in — (i) 1998–99; and (ii) 1999–2000.

279. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

279a. The Honourable the Treasurer

279b. The Honourable the Minister for Finance

Further to the statement on page 47 of the Department of Treasury and Finance's 1999–2000 Annual Report —

1. How many transactions of \$1 million or more, including freehold purchase or sale of buildings, building improvements, fitouts, grounds development, heritage building restoration or the charging of depreciation took place during 1999–2000 that ultimately led to the Department's assets falling from \$778.1 million to \$673.4 million during the 1999–2000 year.
2. What was the amount of each transaction.
3. What was the reason for each transaction.
4. To what asset did each transaction relate.
5. Will more complete information be provided in the 2000–2001 annual report about this aspect of the Department's operations.

280. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; (m) Port Phillip Prison —

1. What was the annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
2. What was the budgeted annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
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4. How many prisoners were actually held at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
5. What was the design capacity of each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
6. What was the operational cost of running each prison for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.

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7. How many —full time; part time; casual; and full time equivalent staff were employed at each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
 8. What was the average staff/prisoner ratio for each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
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1. What was the — (a) total number of prisoners; and (b) percentage of the total prison population that tested positive for illicit drug use at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 2. What was the performance benchmark as a percentage of total prison population allowable for illicit drug use as agreed in the Service Agreement for Public Prison and the Contract Agreement for Private Prison at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 3. What was the total cost of drug treatment programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 4. What was the total number of prisoners treated for illicit drug use at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 5. What was the maximum number of prisoners who could access drug treatment programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
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 7. What was the total number of prisoners who accessed drug awareness programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
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 - 289p. The Honourable the Minister for Housing
 - 289q. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services representing the Honourable the Minister for Small Business
 - 289r. The Honourable the Deputy Premier
1. What was the median base salary across the Minister's Department/s for each of the Victorian Public Service (VPS) broadbands of — (a) VPS 1; (b) VPS 2; (c) VPS 3; (d) VPS 4; and (e) VPS 5 by categories of — (i) gender; and (ii) all employees.
 2. How many equivalent full time staff were employed in categories of — (a) gender; and (b) all employees, and what proportion of total equivalent full time staff were employed in the bands — (i) VPS 1; (ii) VPS 2; (iii) VPS 3; (iv) VPS 4; and (v) VPS 5.
 3. What was the median length of service in the bands — (a) VPS 1; (b) VPS 2; (c) VPS 3; (d) VPS 4; and (e) VPS 5 for — (i) men; and (ii) women.

4. How many executives were employed who received a total annual remuneration package of — (a) less than \$90,000; (b) \$90,000–\$100,000; (c) \$100,000–\$110,000; (d) \$110,000–\$120,000; (e) \$120,000–\$130,000; (f) \$130,000–\$140,000; (g) \$140,000–\$150,000; (h) \$150,000–\$160,000; (i) \$160,000–\$170,000; (j) \$170,000–\$180,000; (k) \$180,000–\$190,000; (l) \$190,000–\$200,000; (m) \$200,000–\$210,000; (n) \$210,000–\$220,000; (o) \$220,000–\$230,000; (p) \$230,000–\$240,000; (q) \$240,000–\$250,000; (r) \$250,000–\$260,000; (s) \$260,000–\$270,000; (t) \$270,000–\$280,000; (u) \$280,000–\$290,000; (v) \$290,000–\$300,000; and (w) \$300,001 and above, and how does this compare to figures at 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 21 MARCH 2001

290. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the ring-barking and poisoning of 100 trees, all estimated to be over 150 years old, in the Cobboboonee State Forest reported in *The Age* of 17 March 2001 on page 14 —
 1. Which Regional Office employed the officer who organised the destruction of the trees.
 2. How many years of experience with the Department did the regional officer have.
 3. What protocols were in place, at the time the ring-barking and poisoning occurred, to instruct regional officers in relation to their responsibilities and in particular to the moratorium that was in place.
 4. What changes in operational procedures have been implemented in — (a) the region; and (b) other departmental offices since the incident to ensure that the incident is not repeated.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 3 APRIL 2001

291. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's — (a) timetable for the establishment of a railway station at Grovedale; and (b) proposed financial contribution.
292. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government — what are the details of the Victorian Government Solicitor's advice regarding the candidacy of Mr Alex Di Natale in the recent City of Greater Geelong election.
293. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what — (a) is the Government's timetable for the establishment of a new police station in Torquay; and (b) hours of operation are planned for the station.
294. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's timetable for the duplication of the Princes Highway between Geelong and Colac.
295. **MR PATERSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers — what is the — (a) Government's timetable for the redevelopment of the Grace McKellar Centre in Geelong; and (b) extent of the financial contribution required from Barwon Health for the project.
- 295a. The Honourable the Minister for Health
- 295b. The Honourable the Minister for Aged Care
296. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the proposed Lara secondary school — (a) what are the enrolment forecasts for each of the next ten years; and (b) how do these figures compare with departmental forecasts for a secondary school at Torquay.
297. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to a \$100,000 study to identify beaches at risk around Port Phillip Bay —
1. What does the Government propose to do for any cliffs that are presently a serious risk to public safety or under serious risk of further harmful erosion, pending the results of the study.
 2. Which individual, firm or organisation will be conducting the study.

3. When was the departmental decision made to approve over \$7 million of completed works including the projects at Sandridge and Point Lonsdale.
298. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the recent re-opening of the South Channel Fort to the public —
1. What was the date of the decision by the Department to improve the island and the jetty.
 2. What is the recurrent funding required to manage and maintain the island.
 3. What are the negative environmental impacts upon Port Phillip Bay as a result of the creation of a 0.7 hectare island being established on a base of 14,000 tonnes of bluestone boulders.
299. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation covering the period 31 October 2000 to 22 March 2001 — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.
300. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Great Ocean Road between Spring Creek and the Anglesea roundabout — (a) what plans does the Government have to address traffic congestion issues for Jan Juc residents accessing the road west of Spring Creek; (b) what conclusions did the study into this section of road, funded by the previous Government, reach regarding road safety and upgrade requirements; and (c) what is the timetable for the upgrade works.
301. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to submissions regarding the Government's Discussion Paper and draft model Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what was the total number of submissions, letters and emails received; (b) what proportion supported the model bill; (c) what proportion opposed the bill; and (d) what proportion sought amendment of the bill in order to give it support.
302. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier— (a) what are the names of all consultants and outside researchers used to advise the Government on — (i) its proposal to introduce a racial and religious tolerance bill; (ii) the draft bill's consultation process; (iii) any further work required to finalise the bill; and (b) what is the total cost for each consultant and researcher.
303. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any individuals have been employed within the Department of Premier and Cabinet to police and monitor Freedom of Information (FoI) requests; and if so — (a) what does the role entail; and (b) how is the role different from that of FoI officers.

304. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the present operation of the Eastern Treatment Plant of Melbourne Water at Carrum and the discharge of the outflow in Bass Strait —

1. What is the impact on water quality at the point of discharge.
2. What alternative measures have been considered for the use of the water.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2001

305. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the high level of the reaping of shellfish at the Williamstown backbeach, and Altona foreshore between the Altona Workingman's Club and Millers Road — (a) how many infringement notices have been issued in the last two years; (b) how many prosecutions have been instituted in the last two years; and (c) what plans has the Department developed to stop the illegal gathering of shellfish in the municipalities of Hobsons Bay and Wyndham.
306. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the coastal bike path nearing completion within the City of Bayside — (a) what risk assessment has been undertaken by the Government for pedestrian safety, noting that many of the multiple access and egress points along Beach Park onto the bike path have no cautionary signage; and (b) what insurance cover is provided by the Government or the Local Authority to cover the cost of medical treatment in the event of anyone being injured through being struck by a passing cyclist or roller blader.
307. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the prevalence of foxes in some of the coastal parks and reserves around Port Phillip Bay — (a) what studies have been undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment in relation to the impact of foxes on native flora and fauna; (b) what estimates are there as to the number of foxes; (c) what Government strategies and programs have been developed to control fox populations; and (d) what strategies have been developed by local governments responsible for the management of Crown land and coastal parks and reserves along the coastline of Port Phillip Bay in relation to the control of fox populations.
308. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the suburbs of Hampton, Highett, Sandringham, Beaumaris and Mentone — (a) what has been the tax revenue gained by the Government through electronic gaming in 2000 for each suburb; and (b) what funds have been provided by the Community Support Fund in 2000 for each suburb.
309. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the closure of the Mentone Beach in early January 2001 owing to high *e-coli* levels — (a) what was the source of the pollution; (b) what is the date that the pollution is understood to have first occurred in the Mentone area; (c) what was the date it was first discovered by the Environment Protection Authority; (d) what was the date of notification to the public in the press; and (e) what steps has the Government taken to minimise the re-occurrence of the *e-coli*.

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310. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the funding commitment by the Government to reinstate the sea wall opposite 325 Beach Road, Black Rock and works being undertaken — (a) what was the financial contribution of the Government to the total cost of the works; (b) what was the reason for the collapse of the wall in early December following the works undertaken; (c) who was the contractor responsible; (d) what is the revised cost for the completion of the project; and (e) which entity bears the cost for the further reinstatement of the wall.
311. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to estimates that the Northern Pacific Sea Star in Port Phillip Bay has increased in number from a handful in 1995 to now over 100 million — what strategies has the Government developed to minimise the impact of the Sea Star upon the food sources for the existing commercial and recreational fisheries in the Bay in the current financial year.
312. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Scoresby Freeway.
313. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the expected date for the return of 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.
314. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are all the expenses incurred by the Department of Infrastructure and the Office of Public Transport in attempts to return the 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.
315. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the patronage figures for the City Circle tram for each of the months between January 2000 and February 2001 inclusive.
316. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the expected implementation of a 'flier train' service to Frankston.
317. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Eastern Freeway Extension to Ringwood.
318. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to apply passive fire protection and active fire protection to the walls of the Eastern Freeway Extension Tunnel.
319. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to link the Eastern Freeway extension to Ringwood with the Maroondah Highway in Ringwood.

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320. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Dingley Freeway.
321. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension in Braeside.
322. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials.
323. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community in the south eastern suburbs against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials, considering the imminent closure of the Tullamarine Toxic Waste Facility.
324. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — which railway stations have been allocated additional station staff since September 1999.
325. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans, if any, for the improvement of traffic management in White Street, Mordialloc.
326. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the projections, if any, of the changes in the volume of traffic using Wells Road, Aspendale Gardens, following — (a) the widening of Boundary Road, Mordialloc; (b) proposed changes to Rutherford Road, Seaford; and (c) the construction of the proposed Scoresby Freeway.
327. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans by VicRoads to reduce the number of lanes in Beach Road between South Road, Brighton and Nepean Highway, Mordialloc.
328. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to improve traffic management at — (a) the intersection of Springvale Road, Princes Highway, Police Road and Centre Road; (b) the intersection of Toorak Road and the Warrigal Highway, Burwood; and (c) the intersections of Murrumbeena Road and Neerim Road in Murrumbeena both north; and south of the railway.

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2	Tuesday 9 November 1999	No 3
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70	Thursday 1 March 2001	No 284
71	Tuesday 20 March 2001	Nos 285, 286, 287 and 288
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73	Thursday 22 March 2001	No 290
75	Wednesday 4 April 2001	Nos 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303 and 304

NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED 5 APRIL 2001

329. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what was the effective number of full time police employed at — (a) 31 July 1999; (b) 31 August 1999; (c) 30 September 1999; and (d) 20 October 1999.
330. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections — what was the level of effective full time employees within the Office of the Commissioner for Corrections at — (a) 20 October 1999; and (b) 31 March 2001.
331. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to prisoners' weekly pay and 'spend' accounts — (a) how many accounts is the Department of Justice running on behalf of prisoners at 31 March 2001; (b) what is the total amount of money in the accounts at 31 March 2001; (c) how many accounts have a deficit balance at 31 March 2001; and (d) what is the total amount of deficit in the accounts at 31 March 2001.
332. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the proliferation of marine pests in the waters of Port Phillip Bay resulting, in part, from the discharge of ballast water — (a) what is the current budget allocation for the control, management and minimisation of marine pests; and (b) how much has been spent in the financial year to date.
333. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to traffic counts recording the volume of traffic on Beach Road — (a) what are the dates, over the last ten years, of traffic counts; (b) what are the headings or classifications under which statistics are recorded; and (c) what are the detailed results of traffic flows recorded.
334. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) locations; and (c) results or water quality tests, since January 1999, from rivers, creeks, canals and drains which flow into Port Phillip Bay.
335. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Sandringham Police Station — what are the number of — (a) authorised police officers; (b) actual police officers; and (c) probationary constables at — (i) 1 February 1999; (ii) 30 June 1999; (iii) 20 October 1999; (iv) 1 February 2000; (v) 30 June 2000; and (vi) 1 February 2001.

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QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 1 MAY 2001

336. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Sandringham Police Station which is located in rented premises in Railway Terrace, Hampton —
1. What is the duration of the present lease.
 2. What options are there to renew the lease.
 3. What is the current annual rent.
 4. What plans does the Department have in relation to the establishment of a permanent police station site in the Sandringham area under a local priority policing program.
337. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the land in Abbott Street, Sandringham, incorporating the Police Station site and Court House, and the additional land transferred by the former City of Sandringham to the Government in the mid 1980s for the purpose of facilitating the development of a new police and court complex —
1. What plans does the Department have for the land.
 2. In the event of the site not being immediately available for development, what are the terms and conditions under which would it be possible for the local council and community groups to utilise and develop the land for recreational and public use, in the event of the site not being immediately available for development.

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QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 2 MAY 2001

338. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation what level of financial contribution from the Government is available to fund initiatives in the Green Industry Probe report released recently by Barwon Water.
339. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development whether he supports an application to the Regional Development Fund for a \$500,000 subsidy for the connection of natural gas to Barwon Heads in line with the subsidy for gas connection to North Bellarine.
340. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development whether he supports an application to the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund for funding to ensure delivery of the options canvassed in the Green Industry Probe report recently released by Barwon Water.

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77	Tuesday 1 May 2001	Nos 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334 and 335
78	Wednesday 2 May 2001	Nos 336 and 337
79	Thursday 3 May 2001	Nos 338, 339 and 340

NEW QUESTIONS
NOTICES RECEIVED 3 MAY 2001

Nil

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 MAY 2001

341. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health how many patients were treated at the Sandringham Hospital for — (a) Accident and Emergency; (b) Obstetrics; and (c) Orthopaedic Surgery for the time frames — (i) 21 April 1999 – 20 October 1999; (ii) 21 October 1999 – 20 April 2000; (iii) 21 April 2000 – 20 October 2000; and (iv) 21 October 2000 – 20 April 2001.
342. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the cities of Bayside and Kingston — what are the — (a) dates when the Traffic Operations Group monitored traffic on Beach Road with radar and speed detection devices; and (b) number and dates of the speed infringements recorded for traffic on Beach Road from 1997 to 2001.
343. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Minister's announcement in March regarding a \$100,000 study to identify beaches at risk around Port Phillip Bay — (a) what was the date of the announcement; (b) who was in attendance at the announcement; and (c) what was the forum for the announcement.

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QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MAY 2001

344. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — how many — (a) total full time equivalent staff; (b) total part time staff; and (c) total casual staff are employed in the — (i) Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs; and (ii) Victorian Multicultural Commission.
345. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what works are planned for improvements to Flinders Pier in 2000–01 and 2001–02.
346. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 new species targeted for listing for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* for 2000–01 as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
347. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the illegal collection of shellfish in the City of Port Phillip and the City of Bayside — (a) how many infringement notices have been issued in the 1999 and 2000; (b) how many prosecutions have been instituted in 1999 and 2000; and (c) what plans has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment developed to stop the illegal gathering of shellfish in these municipalities.
348. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02 and the line item: 'Proportion of new Land for Wildlife properties which include habitat unrepresented in the reserve system' — (a) what is the methodology for the inclusion of land; and (b) why is the target figure for 2001–02, subject to the methodology of assessment, at a lesser figure than for 1999–00.
349. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what are the performance criteria for determining demonstrable improvements with threatened species; and (b) what are the threatened species noted for 1999, as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.

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350. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 30 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001-01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
351. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 20 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999-00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
352. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 52 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999-00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
353. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001-01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
354. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — how does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment assess 'Overall customer satisfaction with park services', as referred to on page 217 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
355. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what is the method used to assess 'Visitor numbers accessing parks services' as referred to on page 217 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02; and (b) what is the margin for error in this method.

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NOTICE RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

264. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the opening hours of the Elizabeth Street subway at Flinders Street Station —
1. When were the daily opening hours of the subway restricted to between 06:00 and 22:00.
 2. Is the change in opening hours in contravention of any contracts between the Government and Connex Melbourne or Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) and if not, why.
 3. How will convenient public access from the western end of Southbank to the platforms at Flinders Street Station be maintained between 22:00 and the departures of the last trains each night.

265. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to a vacant bus space at Spencer Street Interstate Bus Terminal — (a) what date did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd vacate a tenancy at the terminal; (b) what amount in rent did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd pay per annum and to which authority was this paid; and (c) are any attempts being made to lease the vacant space.
266. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard vending machines —
1. How often are machines that take — (a) coins only; and (b) notes and coins; and that are located at — (i) Connex Melbourne railway stations; and (ii) Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) railway stations serviced by technicians.
 2. Does OneLink Transit Systems Pty Ltd employ or contract technicians or is this done individually by Connex Melbourne, Mtrain, Mtram (formerly Swanston Trams), Yarra Trams, the Department of Infrastructure or private bus operators.
 3. In November and December 2000, how many breakdowns were recorded at each machine located at a railway station and what was the cause for each breakdown.
 4. In November and December 2000, how many times did the larger note-taking ticket machines take notes without issuing either a ticket or returning money.
 5. Why do the larger note-taking machines continue to display 'Please select ticket' after such incidents.
 6. Has the Government entered into any discussions with OneLink or the franchisees to ensure that an 'out of order message' is immediately displayed on machines when the machines are faulty.
 7. How many calls did OneLink's 1800 652 313 number receive in November and December 2000 relating to Metcard.
 8. How many validations of tickets occur on a typical — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services.
 9. What estimated proportion of passengers failed to validate their tickets on average on a — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services and have these estimates declined between December 1999 and December 2000.
267. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the noise walls along the Monash Freeway —
- 267a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 267b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. How has the 350 metre recycled plastic wall performed in a variety of weather conditions.

2. What is the per kilometre cost to VicRoads of noise walls that use — (a) recycled plastic; and (b) conventional timber.
3. Will the use of recycled plastic in noise walls be extended in 2000–2001; if so to what sections and in what length in kilometres of freeway, highway or other roads.

268. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads call centres —

268a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

268b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What was the median time taken to answer customer telephone enquiries in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at the VicRoads — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
2. How many calls were made in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
3. Does the technology used at the call centres monitor 'drop outs' (customers who hang up without their call having been attended to).
4. What percentage of calls 'dropped out' at each centre in each month from July to December 2000 and how does this compare to each month from July to December 1999.
5. What performance targets has VicRoads set for the median time taken to answer calls to the call centres in 2000–2001 and the percentage of calls that go unanswered, and how do these targets differ from those set in 1999–2000.

269. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to signing C-class road routes—

269a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

269b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many road routes remained to be signed by VicRoads in each region at 31 December 2000.
2. How much is being spent in each region on signage in 2000–2001.
3. How many routes are expected to remain without signs at 30 June 2001.
4. What is the name and locality of each road over 40 kilometres in length in each region that is expected to be without signs at 30 June 2001.

270. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the SafeRoads program —

270a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

- 270b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What amount did each Victorian municipality receive from VicRoads under SafeRoads in 1999–2000.
 2. What amount — (a) has already been granted; and (b) is expected to be granted to each Victorian municipality for this program in 2000–2001.
 3. What total funding was allocated to SafeRoads in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
 2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
 3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.
 4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.
 5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.
272. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 272a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 272b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What amount did VicRoads pay in sponsorship to Keep Australia Beautiful (Victoria) for the Rural Pride and City Pride Awards in 1999–2000 and to date in 2000–2001.
 2. How will the 'community ownership and pride in managing streetscapes and associated landscapes' referred to on page 14 of the VicRoads 1999–2000 Annual Report be maintained if the above two programs are discontinued.
273. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) —
- 273a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 273b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many lane kilometres of Victorian highways and roads were surfaced or resurfaced in RAP in each VicRoads region between 1 July and 31 December 2000.
2. How many lane kilometres are expected to be resurfaced in RAP between 1 January and 30 June 2001.
3. What are the longest two sections of roadway in each VicRoads region that have used RAP to date and when was each project undertaken.
4. What savings, if any, in construction costs are expected to result from the use of RAP in 2000–2001.

274. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to light-emitting diode (LED) technology —

274a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

274b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What findings has VicRoads made following its evaluation of LED technology for traffic signals.
2. Has development of an Australian standard for this technology been finalised, and if not when is this expected to occur.
3. Has there been any difference in performance between the two intersections signalled in 1999–2000 using this technology.
4. How many intersections will be signalled using LED technology in — (a) 2000–2001; and (b) 2001–2002.
5. What funds has VicRoads allocated for the changeover program in 2000–2001.
6. What is the average hourly life of the current conventional globes used in Victorian traffic signals.
7. What is the expected annual maintenance cost in 2000–2001 for a standard metropolitan intersection using — (a) existing lanterns; and (b) LED traffic signal technology.

275. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads contracts —

275a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

275b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

What was the value of new contracts from 1 July to 31 December 2000 and is the expected value of new contracts from 1 January to 30 June 2001 for — (a) new roadworks; (b) sealing; (c) road maintenance; (d) temporary staff; (e) new bridge work; (f) asphalt; (g) number plates; (h) noise barriers; (i) roadside amenities; (j) traffic-control services; and (k) bridge maintenance.

276. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to intersections and skid-resistant materials —

276a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

276b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Has VicRoads conducted any further investigations into the relationship between skid-resistant performance and crashes at 200 urban intersections since the initial 1999–2000 findings of a pilot study referred to on page 48 of VicRoads's 1999–2000 Annual Report.
2. Which intersections in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip were surveyed by VicRoads in the initial pilot study and which of these intersections currently have low skid resistance.
3. What is the anticipated cost of upgrading a standard metropolitan intersection with higher skid-resistant materials.
4. Are intersection upgrades using higher skid-resistant materials possible for the road pavement area between tram tracks which may be surfaced in mass concrete or have an existing asphalt overlay.
5. How much has VicRoads allocated in 2000–2001 for upgrading intersections to use high skid-resistant treatments on approaches.
6. What intersections in 2000–2001 will be treated in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

277b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit–cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998–99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999–2000.
2. What was the benefit–cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) 1999–2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit–cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002.

278. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

278a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

278b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the State-funded resealing of the Victorian road network drop from 9.3 per cent in 1998–99 to 8.8 per cent in 1999–2000.

2. Why did the State-funded rehabilitation of the Victorian road network drop from 1.2 per cent in 1998-99 to 1 per cent in 1999-2000.
3. How many lane kilometres were — (a) resealed; (b) rehabilitated through the use of State funds in — (i) 1998-99; and (ii) 1999-2000 in each VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
4. What are the targets in 2000-2001 for — (a) resealing; (b) rehabilitation by — (i) lane kilometres; and (ii) expenditure by VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
5. What was the cost per lane kilometre for each VicRoads region of (a) resealing; and (b) rehabilitation in — (i) 1998-99; and (ii) 1999-2000.

280. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; (m) Port Phillip Prison —

1. What was the annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
2. What was the budgeted annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
3. What is the budgeted annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the year ended 30 June 2001.
4. How many prisoners were actually held at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
5. What was the design capacity of each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
6. What was the operational cost of running each prison for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
7. How many — full time; part time; casual; and full time equivalent staff were employed at each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
8. What was the average staff/prisoner ratio for each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.

281. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; (m) Port Phillip Prison —

1. What was the — (a) total number of prisoners; and (b) percentage of the total prison population that tested positive for illicit drug use at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 2. What was the performance benchmark as a percentage of total prison population allowable for illicit drug use as agreed in the Service Agreement for Public Prison and the Contract Agreement for Private Prison at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 3. What was the total cost of drug treatment programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 4. What was the total number of prisoners treated for illicit drug use at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 5. What was the maximum number of prisoners who could access drug treatment programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 6. What is the maximum number of prisoners who can access drug treatment programs at each program for the year ending 30 June 2001.
 7. What was the total number of prisoners who accessed drug awareness programs at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
 8. What was the total number of prisoners who accessed drug treatment programs for — (i) three weeks in duration; and (ii) twelve weeks or more in duration at each prison for the years ended 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000.
282. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections how many cells designed for one person have contained two or more prisoners on average at — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 1 MARCH 2001

288. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Geelong Clay Target Club —
1. Why does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) intend to evict the club from parts of its shooting grounds and demolish the club assets prior to the Department needing possession for rectification works and before the works have been let out for tender.
 2. Does the Minister know that DNRE agrees that its contractors can carry out sampling to define the specifications for that tender on some of the club's grounds whilst they are still in use, but insists on vacation and demolition of assets on other parts of the grounds.

3. Will the Minister — (a) affirm her undertaking given in Parliament last year that the club will be permitted to continue to use the whole of its grounds until the tender has been let and the works are about to commence; and (b) advise DNRE of such an undertaking.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 20 MARCH 2001

289. MR WILSON — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the annual report of the Commissioner for Public Employment 1999–2000, as at 31 December 2000 —

289b. The Honourable the Treasurer

289c. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

1. What was the median base salary across the Minister's Department/s for each of the Victorian Public Service (VPS) broadbands of — (a) VPS 1; (b) VPS 2; (c) VPS 3; (d) VPS 4; and (e) VPS 5 by categories of — (i) gender; and (ii) all employees.
2. How many equivalent full time staff were employed in categories of — (a) gender; and (b) all employees, and what proportion of total equivalent full time staff were employed in the bands — (i) VPS 1; (ii) VPS 2; (iii) VPS 3; (iv) VPS 4; and (v) VPS 5.
3. What was the median length of service in the bands — (a) VPS 1; (b) VPS 2; (c) VPS 3; (d) VPS 4; and (e) VPS 5 for — (i) men; and (ii) women.
4. How many executives were employed who received a total annual remuneration package of — (a) less than \$90,000; (b) \$90,000–\$100,000; (c) \$100,000–\$110,000; (d) \$110,000–\$120,000; (e) \$120,000–\$130,000; (f) \$130,000–\$140,000; (g) \$140,000–\$150,000; (h) \$150,000–\$160,000; (i) \$160,000–\$170,000; (j) \$170,000–\$180,000; (k) \$180,000–\$190,000; (l) \$190,000–\$200,000; (m) \$200,000–\$210,000; (n) \$210,000–\$220,000; (o) \$220,000–\$230,000; (p) \$230,000–\$240,000; (q) \$240,000–\$250,000; (r) \$250,000–\$260,000; (s) \$260,000–\$270,000; (t) \$270,000–\$280,000; (u) \$280,000–\$290,000; (v) \$290,000–\$300,000; and (w) \$300,001 and above, and how does this compare to figures at 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 21 MARCH 2001

290. MR THOMPSON — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the ring-barking and poisoning of 100 trees, all estimated to be over 150 years old, in the Cobboboonee State Forest reported in *The Age* of 17 March 2001 on page 14 —

1. Which Regional Office employed the officer who organised the destruction of the trees.
2. How many years of experience with the Department did the regional officer have.
3. What protocols were in place, at the time the ring-barking and poisoning occurred, to instruct regional officers in relation to their responsibilities and in particular to the moratorium that was in place.

4. What changes in operational procedures have been implemented in — (a) the region; and (b) other departmental offices since the incident to ensure that the incident is not repeated.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 3 APRIL 2001

291. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's — (a) timetable for the establishment of a railway station at Grovedale; and (b) proposed financial contribution.
292. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government — what are the details of the Victorian Government Solicitor's advice regarding the candidacy of Mr Alex Di Natale in the recent City of Greater Geelong election.
293. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what — (a) is the Government's timetable for the establishment of a new police station in Torquay; and (b) hours of operation are planned for the station.
294. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's timetable for the duplication of the Princes Highway between Geelong and Colac.
- 295a. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — what is the — (a) Government's timetable for the redevelopment of the Grace McKellar Centre in Geelong; and (b) extent of the financial contribution required from Barwon Health for the project.
296. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the proposed Lara secondary school — (a) what are the enrolment forecasts for each of the next ten years; and (b) how do these figures compare with departmental forecasts for a secondary school at Torquay.
297. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to a \$100,000 study to identify beaches at risk around Port Phillip Bay —
1. What does the Government propose to do for any cliffs that are presently a serious risk to public safety or under serious risk of further harmful erosion, pending the results of the study.
 2. Which individual, firm or organisation will be conducting the study.
 3. When was the departmental decision made to approve over \$7 million of completed works including the projects at Sandridge and Point Lonsdale.

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298. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the recent re-opening of the South Channel Fort to the public —
1. What was the date of the decision by the Department to improve the island and the jetty.
 2. What is the recurrent funding required to manage and maintain the island.
 3. What are the negative environmental impacts upon Port Phillip Bay as a result of the creation of a 0.7 hectare island being established on a base of 14,000 tonnes of bluestone boulders.
299. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation covering the period 31 October 2000 to 22 March 2001 — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.
300. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Great Ocean Road between Spring Creek and the Anglesea roundabout — (a) what plans does the Government have to address traffic congestion issues for Jan Juc residents accessing the road west of Spring Creek; (b) what conclusions did the study into this section of road, funded by the previous Government, reach regarding road safety and upgrade requirements; and (c) what is the timetable for the upgrade works.
301. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to submissions regarding the Government's Discussion Paper and draft model Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what was the total number of submissions, letters and emails received; (b) what proportion supported the model bill; (c) what proportion opposed the bill; and (d) what proportion sought amendment of the bill in order to give it support.
302. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier— (a) what are the names of all consultants and outside researchers used to advise the Government on — (i) its proposal to introduce a racial and religious tolerance bill; (ii) the draft bill's consultation process; (iii) any further work required to finalise the bill; and (b) what is the total cost for each consultant and researcher.
303. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any individuals have been employed within the Department of Premier and Cabinet to police and monitor Freedom of Information (FoI) requests; and if so — (a) what does the role entail; and (b) how is the role different from that of FoI officers.
304. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the present operation of the Eastern Treatment Plant of Melbourne Water at Carrum and the discharge of the outflow in Bass Strait —
1. What is the impact on water quality at the point of discharge.

2. What alternative measures have been considered for the use of the water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2001

308. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the suburbs of Hampton, Highett, Sandringham, Beaumaris and Mentone — (a) what has been the tax revenue gained by the Government through electronic gaming in 2000 for each suburb; and (b) what funds have been provided by the Community Support Fund in 2000 for each suburb.
312. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Scoresby Freeway.
313. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the expected date for the return of 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.
314. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are all the expenses incurred by the Department of Infrastructure and the Office of Public Transport in attempts to return the 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.
315. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the patronage figures for the City Circle tram for each of the months between January 2000 and February 2001 inclusive.
316. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the expected implementation of a 'flier train' service to Frankston.
317. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Eastern Freeway Extension to Ringwood.
318. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to apply passive fire protection and active fire protection to the walls of the Eastern Freeway Extension Tunnel.
319. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to link the Eastern Freeway extension to Ringwood with the Maroondah Highway in Ringwood.
320. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Dingley Freeway.

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321. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension in Braeside.
322. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials.
323. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community in the south eastern suburbs against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials, considering the imminent closure of the Tullamarine Toxic Waste Facility.
324. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — which railway stations have been allocated additional station staff since September 1999.
325. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans, if any, for the improvement of traffic management in White Street, Mordialloc.
326. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the projections, if any, of the changes in the volume of traffic using Wells Road, Aspendale Gardens, following — (a) the widening of Boundary Road, Mordialloc; (b) proposed changes to Rutherford Road, Seaford; and (c) the construction of the proposed Scoresby Freeway.
327. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans by VicRoads to reduce the number of lanes in Beach Road between South Road, Brighton and Nepean Highway, Mordialloc.
328. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to improve traffic management at — (a) the intersection of Springvale Road, Princes Highway, Police Road and Centre Road; (b) the intersection of Toorak Road and the Warrigal Highway, Burwood; and (c) the intersections of Murrumbeena Road and Neerim Road in Murrumbeena both north; and south of the railway.

NOTICES RECEIVED 5 APRIL 2001

329. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what was the effective number of full time police employed at — (a) 31 July 1999; (b) 31 August 1999; (c) 30 September 1999; and (d) 20 October 1999.

331. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to prisoners' weekly pay and 'spend' accounts — (a) how many accounts is the Department of Justice running on behalf of prisoners at 31 March 2001; (b) what is the total amount of money in the accounts at 31 March 2001; (c) how many accounts have a deficit balance at 31 March 2001; and (c) what is the total amount of deficit in the accounts at 31 March 2001.
333. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to traffic counts recording the volume of traffic on Beach Road — (a) what are the dates, over the last ten years, of traffic counts; (b) what are the headings or classifications under which statistics are recorded; and (c) what are the detailed results of traffic flows recorded.
335. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Sandringham Police Station — what are the number of — (a) authorised police officers; (b) actual police officers; and (c) probationary constables at — (i) 1 February 1999; (ii) 30 June 1999; (iii) 20 October 1999; (iv) 1 February 2000; (v) 30 June 2000; and (vi) 1 February 2001.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 1 MAY 2001

336. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Sandringham Police Station which is located in rented premises in Railway Terrace, Hampton —
1. What is the duration of the present lease.
 2. What options are there to renew the lease.
 3. What is the current annual rent.
 4. What plans does the Department have in relation to the establishment of a permanent police station site in the Sandringham area under a local priority policing program.
337. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the land in Abbott Street, Sandringham, incorporating the Police Station site and Court House, and the additional land transferred by the former City of Sandringham to the Government in the mid 1980s for the purpose of facilitating the development of a new police and court complex —
1. What plans does the Department have for the land.
 2. In the event of the site not being immediately available for development, what are the terms and conditions under which would it be possible for the local council and community groups to utilise and develop the land for recreational and public use, in the event of the site not being immediately available for development.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 2 MAY 2001

338. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation what level of financial contribution from the Government is available to fund initiatives in the Green Industry Probe report released recently by Barwon Water.
339. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development whether he supports an application to the Regional Development Fund for a \$500,000 subsidy for the connection of natural gas to Barwon Heads in line with the subsidy for gas connection to North Bellarine.
340. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development whether he supports an application to the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund for funding to ensure delivery of the options canvassed in the Green Industry Probe report recently released by Barwon Water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 MAY 2001

341. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health how many patients were treated at the Sandringham Hospital for — (a) Accident and Emergency; (b) Obstetrics; and (c) Orthopaedic Surgery for the time frames — (i) 21 April 1999 – 20 October 1999; (ii) 21 October 1999 – 20 April 2000; (iii) 21 April 2000 – 20 October 2000; and (iv) 21 October 2000 – 20 April 2001.
342. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the cities of Bayside and Kingston — what are the — (a) dates when the Traffic Operations Group monitored traffic on Beach Road with radar and speed detection devices; and (b) number and dates of the speed infringements recorded for traffic on Beach Road from 1997 to 2001.
343. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Minister's announcement in March regarding a \$100,000 study to identify beaches at risk around Port Phillip Bay — (a) what was the date of the announcement; (b) who was in attendance at the announcement; and (c) what was the forum for the announcement.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MAY 2001

344. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — how many — (a) total full time equivalent staff; (b) total part time staff; and (c) total casual staff are employed in the — (i) Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs; and (ii) Victorian Multicultural Commission.

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345. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what works are planned for improvements to Flinders Pier in 2000–01 and 2001–02.
346. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 new species targeted for listing for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* for 2000–01 as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
347. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the illegal collection of shellfish in the City of Port Phillip and the City of Bayside — (a) how many infringement notices have been issued in the 1999 and 2000; (b) how many prosecutions have been instituted in 1999 and 2000; and (c) what plans has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment developed to stop the illegal gathering of shellfish in these municipalities.
348. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02 and the line item: 'Proportion of new Land for Wildlife properties which include habitat unrepresented in the reserve system' — (a) what is the methodology for the inclusion of land; and (b) why is the target figure for 2001–02, subject to the methodology of assessment, at a lesser figure than for 1999–00.
349. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what are the performance criteria for determining demonstrable improvements with threatened species; and (b) what are the threatened species noted for 1999, as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
350. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 30 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
351. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 20 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
352. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 52 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.

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354. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — how does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment assess 'Overall customer satisfaction with park services', as referred to on page 217 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
355. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what is the method used to assess 'Visitor numbers accessing parks services' as referred to on page 217 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02; and (b) what is the margin for error in this method.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 17 MAY 2001

356. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the closure of Clifton Springs Beach earlier this year owing to high e-coli levels — (a) what was the source of the pollution; (b) what is the date that the pollution is first understood to have occurred in the area; (c) what was the date it was first discovered by the Environment Protection Authority; (d) what was the date of notification to the public in the press; and (e) what steps has the Government taken to minimise the recurrence of the e-coli.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 MAY 2001

357. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports — what is the breakdown of commercial fishing vessels across the different licence areas (abalone, scallop, rock lobster etc) for — (a) 1999; and (b) 2000.
358. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports — with reference to the increased prevalence of kite surfing in Victorian coastal waters and the excessive speeds reached within 200 metres from the shore — does the Government have any plans to introduce safety protocols or regulations to minimise potential harm to other water users.
359. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports — how many boating collisions and groundings have been investigated by the Marine Board for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
360. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment — with reference to the introduction in New South Wales of regulations governing waste water treatment and sewerage discharge from recreation vessels — what plans does the Victorian Government have to improve water quality along Victoria's coastline and inland water waste by minimising waste water and sewerage discharge from recreation vessels.
361. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what spot purchase acquisitions has the Office of Housing made over the past five years in — (a) Hampton; (b) Hampton East; and (c) Moorabbin.

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83	Tuesday 29 May 2001	No 356
85	Thursday 31 May 2001	Nos 357, 358, 359, 360 and 361

NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED 31 MAY 2001

362. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the Roberts McCubbin Primary School —
1. What was the February census enrolment figure that has been accepted by the Department of Education, Employment and Training.
 2. Whether the school is in receipt of its full facilities entitlement for general purpose classrooms under the 1:25 ratio.
 3. When will any additional classrooms, to which the school may be entitled, be provided.
363. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Box Hill Transport Interchange —
1. How often is the bus departure area cleaned.
 2. Are missing tiles from the wall of the interchange to be replaced; if so, when.
 3. Are the yellow safety and queuing lines for bus passengers due for repainting; if so, when.
 4. Is the sign incorrectly spelling 'Bennettswood' with one 't' due for replacement; if so, when.
 5. For how many days in April and May 2001 were the elevators to and from the interchange out of service for at least part of the day between 0700 and 1900 hours.
 6. Will advertising posters illegally placed at the interchange be removed; if so, when.
364. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport further to question on notice number 230 and the Minister's answer (Hansard, 27 February 2001 page 230) —
1. Why was the previously specified date of 'early in 2001' not met.
 2. When is the Automated Ticketing System expected to be fully operational across all modes.
365. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians from each of the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment at the end of each month from August 2000 to April 2001 inclusive.

366. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what was the waiting list for public housing at the end of each month from August 2000 to April 2001 inclusive in — (a) Victoria; and (b) Eastern Metropolitan Region
367. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 — (a) how many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2001–2002; and (b) what is the total expected value of land tax in each of these postcodes for 2001–2002.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 5 JUNE 2001

368. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what strategies have been initiated to combat both racial and religious vilification since July 2000.
369. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what financial assistance or resources have been provided by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to Emily's List Victoria.
370. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what is the breakdown of commercial fishing vessels across the different licence areas (abalone, scallop, rock lobster etc) for — (a) 1999; and (b) 2000.

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86	Tuesday 5 June 2001	Nos 362, 363, 364, 365, 366 and 367
87	Wednesday 6 June 2001	Nos 368, 369 and 370

NEW QUESTION

NOTICE RECEIVED 7 JUNE 2001

371. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a calendar has been produced and provided to the Premier's private office staff since January 2000; and if so what are — (a) the reasons for printing the calendar; (b) the total number produced; and (c) the total costs for the production of the calendar, including — (i) design; (ii) layout; and (iii) printing costs.

By Authority. Government Printer for the State of Victoria

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 12 JUNE 2001

372. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Government's Discussion Paper and draft model bill on racial and religious tolerance —
1. Did the Minister receive a written brief from the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs advising him of the — (a) total number of submissions received; (b) proportion in support of the draft bill; (c) proportion that opposed the draft bill; and (d) proportion that indicated support if the draft bill was amended.
 2. Will the Minister make the brief available.
373. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs whether the Victorian Government authorised anyone to enter into discussions with the Macedonian Teachers Association of Victoria to withdraw the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)', issuing an apology and contributing to costs; if so, when did the Minister become aware of these discussions.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS**NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 JUNE 2001**

374. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — what are the costs to date for community consultation on the bill; (b) how much money was allocated for the said consultations and how much remains unused; (c) what are the details of any consultants that have been engaged to assist in — (i) the preparation of the bill; and (ii) conducting community consultation meetings related to the bill; and (c) what is the cost of the community consultation as specified.
375. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what funds were allocated in the 2000–2001 budget for an education campaign to accompany the legislation; (b) how were these funds expended in terms of — (i) programs; (ii) projects; (c) what amount of funding remains unspent; (d) what are the budget outputs detailing expenditure and performance for the education campaign; and (e) what funding has been allocated in the 2001–2002 budget.
376. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Ethnic Enterprise Advisory Council — (a) what progress has been made towards establishing the Council; (b) how many members will the Council have; (c) what is the selection criteria for the appointment of members; (d) what funds have been allocated for the operation of the Council; and (e) what costs have already been incurred in work to establish the Council.
377. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the budget allocation for the Office of Multicultural Affairs — why was the 2000–2001 budget of \$4.9 million reduced to \$3.9 million in 2001–2002.
378. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to education strategies for the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what was the — (i) output; and (ii) expenditure in the 2000–2001 Multicultural Affairs budget for such strategies; and (b) what are the — (i) target outputs; and (ii) expenditure for these strategies in the 2001–02 budget.
379. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the reduction in the 2000–2001 Budget from \$4.9 million to \$4.5 million — what are the reasons for the \$400,000 decrease in the Budget.

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380. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the \$800,000 allocated for Multicultural Affairs briefs and \$2.4 million to education strategies, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria funding and language in the 2000–2001 Budget — how was this funding allocated and spent in each area.
381. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — are any unspent amounts from 2000–2001 financial year being rolled over into the 2001–2002 budget; and if so, how are these amounts shown in the 2001–2002 budget.
382. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — (a) what is the target expenditure for funding of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria; and (b) what are the language allowance programs for 2001–2002 in the Multicultural Affairs budget.
383. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what was the number of applicants on the waiting list for access for public housing for the — (a) December 2000 quarter; and (b) March 2001 quarter for — (i) each region; (ii) the whole of Victoria; and (iii) each segment within the waiting list.
384. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the review for the segmented waiting list — (a) has the review been completed; and (b) has the Community Reference Group provided its recommendation to the Minister; if so, could the Minister provide a copy of the report.
385. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the changes made by the Government concerning tenure reviews — whether the Minister has undertaken an evaluation to assess the — (a) effectiveness of the initiative; and (b) corresponding impact on public housing and its relative success or otherwise in avoiding poverty traps for public housing tenants.
386. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the proposed review of the eligibility criteria for public tenants — whether the review has been completed; if so, could the Minister provide a copy of the report.
387. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the Thomson Estate in Geelong — will the Minister provide a progress report on the redevelopment of the estate.
388. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — will the Minister provide the report presented by the Community Advisory Committee set up to work up a redevelopment strategy for the Raglan/Ingles Estate in Port Melbourne in December 1999.

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389. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the investigation initiated by Government for the development of a Women's Housing Policy — (a) who is undertaking the review; (b) what are the associated costs of the investigation; and (c) what progress has been made so far.
390. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what are the — (a) details; and (b) implementation costs of the strategy being employed concerning fire risk management for high rise public housing.
391. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what are the details of the — (a) Commonwealth Government's contribution for 2001–2002 under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement; and (b) separate contribution made by the State Government.
392. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — what is the funding breakdown of the — (a) Commonwealth; and (b) State Government contribution for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program for 2001–2002.
393. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing to provide a table detailing the operating expenses for the Office of Housing 2000/2001 showing — (a) employee related expenses; (b) purchase of supplies and services; (c) depreciation; (d) capital asset charge; and (e) other expenses.
394. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing to explain why the 2000–2001 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee report on Budget Estimates shows that the total Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding for 2000–2001 provided by the Commonwealth and State Government's was \$58.4 million when figures released by the Commonwealth show a total of \$55.97 million for the program for that year.
395. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — will the Minister supply a copy of the last report Victoria lodged with the Commonwealth Government as a requirement under the provision of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.
396. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Report on Budget Estimates 2000–2001, page 292, in which the Minister stated that there is a Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding shortfall received by Victoria from the Commonwealth Government of approximately \$2.5 million per annum on a per capita basis — what is the basis for this claim, apart from the fact that the percentage of total funding received by Victoria is 21.5% and Victoria's population as a proportion of the Australian population is 24.85%.

397. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to a policy initiative in the Housing portfolio for the development of a whole of government approach to homelessness through the establishment of — (a) an interdepartmental committee; and (b) a ministerial advisory committee — what are the details of the formation of the interdepartmental committee including — (i) a list of the committee members and their respective positions within the committee; (ii) how often, and on what dates, has the committee met; (iii) what are the terms of reference of the committee (iv) what are the issues discussed; (v) what have been the committee's recommendations; and (vi) will the Minister provide minutes of the meetings.
398. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the State Government's claim that the Federal Government refused to meet its obligations under the year 2000 negotiated award conditions for Supported Accommodation Assistance Program workers costing \$2.2 million —
1. Did Victorian SAAP workers receive compensation for the movement to award coverage when offered by the Federal Government because the movement to award coverage had already occurred; if not, why.
 2. Did the current Federal Government offer a one-off agreement to use unspent funds in Victoria for increases in award payments for SAAP workers under the SAAP program.
 3. If the Federal Government offered a one-off agreement to cover awards — (a) how much money was used; and (b) how was the money used.
399. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the implementation of the 2001–2002 Budget — what is the detailed financial breakdown of the aged care direct service delivery for—
1. Geriatric care in — (a) total; (b) inpatient geriatric evaluation and management; (c) inpatient geriatric respite; (d) continence clinic; and (e) cognitive, dementia and memory clinics.
 2. Aged care rehabilitation in — (a) total; (b) inpatient rehabilitation; and (c) community rehabilitation centres.
 3. Palliative care in — (a) total; (b) inpatient hospice care; and (c) community palliative care.
 4. Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS) and Home and Community Care (HACC) assessments.
 5. Independent living in — (a) total; (b) Vicpacs; (c) delivered meals (HACC-funded); (d) personal care; (e) property maintenance; and (f) flexible service response.
 6. Social support in — (a) total; (b) day centres; and (c) other support services that come under the HACC program.
 7. Aged care respite delivered under the — (a) HACC program; and (b) carers program.

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8. Complex community care in — (a) total; (b) Linkages packages; and (c) acquired brain injury program.
 9. Nursing and allied health in — (a) total; (b) HACC and non-HACC; and (c) low cost eye scheme.
 10. Prevention and promotion in — (a) total; (b) falls prevention; (c) Seniors cards; (d) Seniors Week; (e) community grants; and (f) any other promotional and preventative initiatives.
 11. Aged care in — (a) training; (b) research; and (c) development.
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400. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the implementation of the 2001–2002 Budget — what amounts are being spent on — (a) aged care services and regional administration; (b) statewide programs including carry over from 2000–2001 and any growth funding for the current year; and (c) head office costs and overheads, capital asset charge and depreciation costs.
 401. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to aged care services and regional administration funding across Victoria — what are the funding allocations to each of the nine Departmental regions for 2001–2002.
 402. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — what statewide programs in aged care are being managed centrally.
 403. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Aged Care with reference to the aged care services budget for 2001–2002 — what are the specific amounts allocated for — (a) aged care inpatient services; (b) aged care community based services; and (c) other costs.
 404. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to home based services — what is the target output and expenditure in 2001–2002 for — (a) the Hospital in the Home program; and (b) post acute care.
 405. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital to Home program for the years 1999–2000, 2000–2001 and 2001–2002 —
 1. What are the output measures for each year including the — (a) actual; (b) target; and (c) expected outcome.
 2. What are the revised funding allocations, if any, for each year contained in the 2000–2001 Budget Paper No 2.
 406. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Aged Care with reference to 2000–2001 Budget Paper No 3 in which a total output cost of \$20.8 million for home based care was allocated — what amount was allocated to — (a) the Hospital in the Home program; and (b) post acute care.

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407. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the state beds pool —
1. How many state-owned residential aged care beds were off-line in the pool when the Government came to power.
 2. When was the first written proposal put to the Federal Government for the allocation of these beds.
 3. What are the documented details of this proposal.
 4. How many of these beds did the Commonwealth agree to reallocate.
 5. Has the Government provided a further proposal to the Commonwealth in relation to the state bed pool; if so what are the details of the proposal.
408. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — (a) whether the Hospital in the Home and Hospital to Home programs form part of the new Hospital Demand Strategy; (b) what are the details of other programs that form part of the Hospital Demand Strategy; and (c) what are the details of funds allocated to each of the programs that form part of the Hospital Demand Strategy.
409. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$10 million allocation over two years announced in this year's Budget for fire risk management — what is the breakdown of funds to be allocated to such facilities over the two year period.
410. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Caulfield General Medical Centre — (a) how much money has been allocated to upgrade the aged care facilities on site since the current Government came to power; and (b) are there any future plans for continued redevelopment of the aged care facilities; if so, what funding will be required to implement the plan.
411. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$48 million allocated in the 2001-2002 Budget over four years to expand access to sub-acute services for elderly people — what type of services will be offered under this alternative care plan.
412. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital to Home program — (a) where does the program sit within the Department of Human Service's structure; (b) how does the program operate; and (c) from which area of the Department's budget is the program funded.

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413. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital in the Home program —
1. (a) where does the program sit within the Department of Human Service's structure; (b) how does the program operate; and (c) from which area of the Department's budget is the program funded.
 2. What are the criteria for patient entry into the program.
 3. What evaluation process in place to assess program outcome.
 4. What is the proposed number of patients to be treated in the program.
414. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the proposed development of the 45-bed Wintringham nursing home in the 2001–2002 Budget — are these bed allocations part of the State off-line bed pool.
415. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$25 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget to redevelop the eight residential aged care facilities — what is the breakdown of funding to be allocated to each facility.
416. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — to provide a more detailed explanation in relation to Home and Community Care service system development and resourcing itemised in the 2001–2002 Budget Paper No 3.
417. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to adult day care centres and community rehabilitation centres — (a) what are the output measures; and (b) what is the expenditure for 2001–2002.
418. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to Home and Community Care nursing and allied health — (a) what are the output measures; and (b) what is the expenditure for 2001–2002.
419. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to employees within the Office of the Commissioner for Corrections —
1. From 20 October 1999 to 31 March 2001 — (a) what explanation is there for the increase in employee numbers from 63 to 78; (b) what was the actual cost of employee remuneration and entitlements; (c) what was the organisational structure (by means of supplying organisational charts) of the Office; (d) how many employees worked in each area/unit of the Office identified by — (i) classifications; and (ii) duties; and (e) how many employees were classified as Senior Executives
 2. What was the level of effective full time employees within the Office at 31 May 2001

420. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to prisoners' weekly pay held in individual internal prisoner accounts (separate from the global bank account managed on behalf of prisoner by CORE — The Public Correctional Enterprise)—
1. How many accounts operate at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001.
 2. What is the total monetary balance in accounts at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001
 3. How many accounts have a deficit balance at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001.
 4. What is the total amount of monetary surplus or deficit of the accounts at — (a) 31 March 2001 (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001
 5. If all of the monies owed to prisoners, as detailed in accounts, needed to be paid out at a single point in time, is the amount in the single global bank account sufficient to meet this liability; if not, why.
421. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections — what is the 'design' prisoner capacity of — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Dame Phyllis Frost Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 20 October 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; (iv) 31 December 2000; (v) 31 March 2001; and (vi) 31 May 2001.
422. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections — what is actual prisoner populations of — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Dame Phyllis Frost Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 20 October 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; (iv) 31 December 2000; (v) 31 March 2001; and (vi) 31 May 2001.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

264. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the opening hours of the Elizabeth Street subway at Flinders Street Station —
1. When were the daily opening hours of the subway restricted to between 06:00 and 22:00.
 2. Is the change in opening hours in contravention of any contracts between the Government and Connex Melbourne or Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) and if not, why.
 3. How will convenient public access from the western end of Southbank to the platforms at Flinders Street Station be maintained between 22:00 and the departures of the last trains each night.

265. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to a vacant bus space at Spencer Street Interstate Bus Terminal — (a) what date did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd vacate a tenancy at the terminal; (b) what amount in rent did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd pay per annum and to which authority was this paid; and (c) are any attempts being made to lease the vacant space.
266. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard vending machines —
1. How often are machines that take — (a) coins only; and (b) notes and coins; and that are located at — (i) Connex Melbourne railway stations; and (ii) Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) railway stations serviced by technicians.
 2. Does OneLink Transit Systems Pty Ltd employ or contract technicians or is this done individually by Connex Melbourne, Mtrain, Mtram (formerly Swanston Trams), Yarra Trams, the Department of Infrastructure or private bus operators.
 3. In November and December 2000, how many breakdowns were recorded at each machine located at a railway station and what was the cause for each breakdown.
 4. In November and December 2000, how many times did the larger note-taking ticket machines take notes without issuing either a ticket or returning money.
 5. Why do the larger note-taking machines continue to display 'Please select ticket' after such incidents.
 6. Has the Government entered into any discussions with OneLink or the franchisees to ensure that an 'out of order message' is immediately displayed on machines when the machines are faulty.
 7. How many calls did OneLink's 1800 652 313 number receive in November and December 2000 relating to Metcard.
 8. How many validations of tickets occur on a typical — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services.
 9. What estimated proportion of passengers failed to validate their tickets on average on a — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services and have these estimates declined between December 1999 and December 2000.
267. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the noise walls along the Monash Freeway —
- 267a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 267b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. How has the 350 metre recycled plastic wall performed in a variety of weather conditions.

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2. What is the per kilometre cost to VicRoads of noise walls that use — (a) recycled plastic; and (b) conventional timber.
 3. Will the use of recycled plastic in noise walls be extended in 2000–2001; if so to what sections and in what length in kilometres of freeway, highway or other roads.
268. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads call centres —
- 268a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 268b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What was the median time taken to answer customer telephone enquiries in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at the VicRoads — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
 2. How many calls were made in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
 3. Does the technology used at the call centres monitor 'drop outs' (customers who hang up without their call having been attended to).
 4. What percentage of calls 'dropped out' at each centre in each month from July to December 2000 and how does this compare to each month from July to December 1999.
 5. What performance targets has VicRoads set for the median time taken to answer calls to the call centres in 2000–2001 and the percentage of calls that go unanswered, and how do these targets differ from those set in 1999–2000.
269. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to signing C-class road routes—
- 269a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 269b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. How many road routes remained to be signed by VicRoads in each region at 31 December 2000.
 2. How much is being spent in each region on signage in 2000–2001.
 3. How many routes are expected to remain without signs at 30 June 2001.
 4. What is the name and locality of each road over 40 kilometres in length in each region that is expected to be without signs at 30 June 2001.
270. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the SafeRoads program —
- 270a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

270b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did each Victorian municipality receive from VicRoads under SafeRoads in 1999–2000.
2. What amount — (a) has already been granted; and (b) is expected to be granted to each Victorian municipality for this program in 2000–2001.
3. What total funding was allocated to SafeRoads in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.

271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.
4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.
5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

272. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

272a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

272b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in sponsorship to Keep Australia Beautiful (Victoria) for the Rural Pride and City Pride Awards in 1999–2000 and to date in 2000–2001.
2. How will the 'community ownership and pride in managing streetscapes and associated landscapes' referred to on page 14 of the VicRoads 1999–2000 Annual Report be maintained if the above two programs are discontinued.

273. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) —

273a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

273b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many lane kilometres of Victorian highways and roads were surfaced or resurfaced in RAP in each VicRoads region between 1 July and 31 December 2000.
2. How many lane kilometres are expected to be resurfaced in RAP between 1 January and 30 June 2001.
3. What are the longest two sections of roadway in each VicRoads region that have used RAP to date and when was each project undertaken.
4. What savings, if any, in construction costs are expected to result from the use of RAP in 2000–2001.

274. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to light-emitting diode (LED) technology —

274a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

274b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What findings has VicRoads made following its evaluation of LED technology for traffic signals.
2. Has development of an Australian standard for this technology been finalised, and if not when is this expected to occur.
3. Has there been any difference in performance between the two intersections signalled in 1999–2000 using this technology.
4. How many intersections will be signalled using LED technology in — (a) 2000–2001; and (b) 2001–2002.
5. What funds has VicRoads allocated for the changeover program in 2000–2001.
6. What is the average hourly life of the current conventional globes used in Victorian traffic signals.
7. What is the expected annual maintenance cost in 2000–2001 for a standard metropolitan intersection using — (a) existing lanterns; and (b) LED traffic signal technology.

275. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads contracts —

275a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

275b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

What was the value of new contracts from 1 July to 31 December 2000 and is the expected value of new contracts from 1 January to 30 June 2001 for — (a) new roadworks; (b) sealing; (c) road maintenance; (d) temporary staff; (e) new bridge work; (f) asphalt; (g) number plates; (h) noise barriers; (i) roadside amenities; (j) traffic-control services; and (k) bridge maintenance.

276. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to intersections and skid-resistant materials —

276a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

276b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Has VicRoads conducted any further investigations into the relationship between skid-resistant performance and crashes at 200 urban intersections since the initial 1999–2000 findings of a pilot study referred to on page 48 of VicRoads's 1999–2000 Annual Report.
2. Which intersections in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip were surveyed by VicRoads in the initial pilot study and which of these intersections currently have low skid resistance.
3. What is the anticipated cost of upgrading a standard metropolitan intersection with higher skid-resistant materials.
4. Are intersection upgrades using higher skid-resistant materials possible for the road pavement area between tram tracks which may be surfaced in mass concrete or have an existing asphalt overlay.
5. How much has VicRoads allocated in 2000–2001 for upgrading intersections to use high skid-resistant treatments on approaches.
6. What intersections in 2000–2001 will be treated in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

277b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit–cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998–99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999–2000.
2. What was the benefit–cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) 1999–2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit–cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002.

278. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

278a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

278b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the State-funded resealing of the Victorian road network drop from 9.3 per cent in 1998–99 to 8.8 per cent in 1999–2000.

2. Why did the State-funded rehabilitation of the Victorian road network drop from 1.2 per cent in 1998-99 to 1 per cent in 1999-2000.
3. How many lane kilometres were — (a) resealed; (b) rehabilitated through the use of State funds in — (i) 1998-99; and (ii) 1999-2000 in each VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
4. What are the targets in 2000-2001 for — (a) resealing; (b) rehabilitation by — (i) lane kilometres; and (ii) expenditure by VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
5. What was the cost per lane kilometre for each VicRoads region of (a) resealing; and (b) rehabilitation in — (i) 1998-99; and (ii) 1999-2000.

280. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre; (m) Port Phillip Prison —

1. What was the annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
2. What was the budgeted annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
3. What is the budgeted annual average cost of keeping a prisoner for the year ended 30 June 2001.
4. How many prisoners were actually held at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
5. What was the design capacity of each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
6. What was the operational cost of running each prison for the years ended — (i) 30 June 1999; and (ii) 30 June 2000.
7. How many — full time; part time; casual; and full time equivalent staff were employed at each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.
8. What was the average staff/prisoner ratio for each prison as at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 31 December 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; and (iv) 31 December 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 1 MARCH 2001

288. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Geelong Clay Target Club —
1. Why does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) intend to evict the club from parts of its shooting grounds and demolish the club assets prior to the Department needing possession for rectification works and before the works have been let out for tender.
 2. Does the Minister know that DNRE agrees that its contractors can carry out sampling to define the specifications for that tender on some of the club's grounds whilst they are still in use, but insists on vacation and demolition of assets on other parts of the grounds.
 3. Will the Minister — (a) affirm her undertaking given in Parliament last year that the club will be permitted to continue to use the whole of its grounds until the tender has been let and the works are about to commence; and (b) advise DNRE of such an undertaking.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 3 APRIL 2001

291. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's — (a) timetable for the establishment of a railway station at Grovedale; and (b) proposed financial contribution.
294. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's timetable for the duplication of the Princes Highway between Geelong and Colac.
296. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the proposed Lara secondary school — (a) what are the enrolment forecasts for each of the next ten years; and (b) how do these figures compare with departmental forecasts for a secondary school at Torquay.
297. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to a \$100,000 study to identify beaches at risk around Port Phillip Bay —
1. What does the Government propose to do for any cliffs that are presently a serious risk to public safety or under serious risk of further harmful erosion, pending the results of the study.
 2. Which individual, firm or organisation will be conducting the study.
 3. When was the departmental decision made to approve over \$7 million of completed works including the projects at Sandridge and Point Lonsdale.

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298. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the recent re-opening of the South Channel Fort to the public —
1. What was the date of the decision by the Department to improve the island and the jetty.
 2. What is the recurrent funding required to manage and maintain the island.
 3. What are the negative environmental impacts upon Port Phillip Bay as a result of the creation of a 0.7 hectare island being established on a base of 14,000 tonnes of bluestone boulders.
299. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation covering the period 31 October 2000 to 22 March 2001 — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.
300. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Great Ocean Road between Spring Creek and the Anglesea roundabout — (a) what plans does the Government have to address traffic congestion issues for Jan Juc residents accessing the road west of Spring Creek; (b) what conclusions did the study into this section of road, funded by the previous Government, reach regarding road safety and upgrade requirements; and (c) what is the timetable for the upgrade works.
304. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the present operation of the Eastern Treatment Plant of Melbourne Water at Carrum and the discharge of the outflow in Bass Strait —
1. What is the impact on water quality at the point of discharge.
 2. What alternative measures have been considered for the use of the water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2001

308. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the suburbs of Hampton, Highett, Sandringham, Beaumaris and Mentone — (a) what has been the tax revenue gained by the Government through electronic gaming in 2000 for each suburb; and (b) what funds have been provided by the Community Support Fund in 2000 for each suburb.
312. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Scoresby Freeway.
313. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the expected date for the return of 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.

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314. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are all the expenses incurred by the Department of Infrastructure and the Office of Public Transport in attempts to return the 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.
315. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the patronage figures for the City Circle tram for each of the months between January 2000 and February 2001 inclusive.
316. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the expected implementation of a 'flier train' service to Frankston.
317. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Eastern Freeway Extension to Ringwood.
318. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to apply passive fire protection and active fire protection to the walls of the Eastern Freeway Extension Tunnel.
319. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to link the Eastern Freeway extension to Ringwood with the Maroondah Highway in Ringwood.
320. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Dingley Freeway.
321. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension in Braeside.
322. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials.
323. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community in the south eastern suburbs against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials, considering the imminent closure of the Tullamarine Toxic Waste Facility.
324. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — which railway stations have been allocated additional station staff since September 1999.

325. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans, if any, for the improvement of traffic management in White Street, Mordialloc.
326. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the projections, if any, of the changes in the volume of traffic using Wells Road, Aspendale Gardens, following — (a) the widening of Boundary Road, Mordialloc; (b) proposed changes to Rutherford Road, Seaford; and (c) the construction of the proposed Scoresby Freeway.
327. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans by VicRoads to reduce the number of lanes in Beach Road between South Road, Brighton and Nepean Highway, Mordialloc.
328. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to improve traffic management at — (a) the intersection of Springvale Road, Princes Highway, Police Road and Centre Road; (b) the intersection of Toorak Road and the Warrigal Highway, Burwood; and (c) the intersections of Murrumbeena Road and Neerim Road in Murrumbeena both north; and south of the railway.

NOTICE RECEIVED 5 APRIL 2001

333. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to traffic counts recording the volume of traffic on Beach Road — (a) what are the dates, over the last ten years, of traffic counts; (b) what are the headings or classifications under which statistics are recorded; and (c) what are the detailed results of traffic flows recorded.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 1 MAY 2001

336. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Sandringham Police Station which is located in rented premises in Railway Terrace, Hampton —
1. What is the duration of the present lease.
 2. What options are there to renew the lease.
 3. What is the current annual rent.
 4. What plans does the Department have in relation to the establishment of a permanent police station site in the Sandringham area under a local priority policing program.
337. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the land in Abbott Street, Sandringham, incorporating the Police Station site and Court House, and the additional land transferred by the former City of Sandringham to the Government in the mid 1980s for the purpose of facilitating the development of a new police and court complex —

1. What plans does the Department have for the land.
2. In the event of the site not being immediately available for development, what are the terms and conditions under which would it be possible for the local council and community groups to utilise and develop the land for recreational and public use, in the event of the site not being immediately available for development.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 2 MAY 2001

338. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation what level of financial contribution from the Government is available to fund initiatives in the Green Industry Probe report released recently by Barwon Water.
339. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development whether he supports an application to the Regional Development Fund for a \$500,000 subsidy for the connection of natural gas to Barwon Heads in line with the subsidy for gas connection to North Bellarine.
340. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development whether he supports an application to the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund for funding to ensure delivery of the options canvassed in the Green Industry Probe report recently released by Barwon Water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MAY 2001

344. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — how many — (a) total full time equivalent staff; (b) total part time staff; and (c) total casual staff are employed in the — (i) Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs; and (ii) Victorian Multicultural Commission.
345. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what works are planned for improvements to Flinders Pier in 2000–01 and 2001–02.
346. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 new species targeted for listing for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* for 2000–01 as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
347. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the illegal collection of shellfish in the City of Port Phillip and the City of Bayside — (a) how many infringement notices have been issued in the 1999 and 2000; (b) how many prosecutions have been instituted in 1999 and 2000; and (c) what plans has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment developed to stop the illegal gathering of shellfish in these municipalities.

348. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02 and the line item: 'Proportion of new Land for Wildlife properties which include habitat unrepresented in the reserve system' — (a) what is the methodology for the inclusion of land; and (b) why is the target figure for 2001–02, subject to the methodology of assessment, at a lesser figure than for 1999–00.
349. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what are the performance criteria for determining demonstrable improvements with threatened species; and (b) what are the threatened species noted for 1999, as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
350. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 30 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
351. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 20 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
352. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 52 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
353. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
354. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — how does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment assess 'Overall customer satisfaction with park services', as referred to on page 217 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
355. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what is the method used to assess 'Visitor numbers accessing parks services' as referred to on page 217 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02; and (b) what is the margin for error in this method.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 17 MAY 2001

356. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the closure of Clifton Springs Beach earlier this year owing to high e-coli levels — (a) what was the source of the pollution; (b) what is the date that the pollution is first understood to have occurred in the area; (c) what was the date it was first discovered by the Environment Protection Authority; (d) what was the date of notification to the public in the press; and (e) what steps has the Government taken to minimise the recurrence of the e-coli.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 MAY 2001

357. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports — what is the breakdown of commercial fishing vessels across the different licence areas (abalone, scallop, rock lobster etc) for — (a) 1999; and (b) 2000.
358. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports — with reference to the increased prevalence of kite surfing in Victorian coastal waters and the excessive speeds reached within 200 metres from the shore — does the Government have any plans to introduce safety protocols or regulations to minimise potential harm to other water users.
359. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports — how many boating collisions and groundings have been investigated by the Marine Board for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
360. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment — with reference to the introduction in New South Wales of regulations governing waste water treatment and sewerage discharge from recreation vessels — what plans does the Victorian Government have to improve water quality along Victoria's coastline and inland water waste by minimising waste water and sewerage discharge from recreation vessels.
361. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what spot purchase acquisitions has the Office of Housing made over the past five years in — (a) Hampton; (b) Hampton East; and (c) Moorabbin.

NOTICES RECEIVED 31 MAY 2001

362. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the Roberts McCubbin Primary School —
1. What was the February census enrolment figure that has been accepted by the Department of Education, Employment and Training.

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2. Whether the school is in receipt of its full facilities entitlement for general purpose classrooms under the 1:25 ratio.
 3. When will any additional classrooms, to which the school may be entitled, be provided.
363. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Box Hill Transport Interchange —
1. How often is the bus departure area cleaned.
 2. Are missing tiles from the wall of the interchange to be replaced; if so, when.
 3. Are the yellow safety and queuing lines for bus passengers due for repainting; if so, when.
 4. Is the sign incorrectly spelling 'Bennettswood' with one 't' due for replacement; if so, when.
 5. For how many days in April and May 2001 were the elevators to and from the interchange out of service for at least part of the day between 0700 and 1900 hours.
 6. Will advertising posters illegally placed at the interchange be removed; if so, when.
364. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport further to question on notice number 230 and the Minister's answer (Hansard, 27 February 2001 page 230) —
1. Why was the previously specified date of 'early in 2001' not met.
 2. When is the Automated Ticketing System expected to be fully operational across all modes.
365. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians from each of the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment at the end of each month from August 2000 to April 2001 inclusive.
366. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what was the waiting list for public housing at the end of each month from August 2000 to April 2001 inclusive in — (a) Victoria; and (b) Eastern Metropolitan Region
367. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 — (a) how many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2001–2002; and (b) what is the total expected value of land tax in each of these postcodes for 2001–2002.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 5 JUNE 2001

368. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what strategies have been initiated to combat both racial and religious vilification since July 2000.
369. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what financial assistance or resources have been provided by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to Emily's List Victoria.
370. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what is the breakdown of commercial fishing vessels across the different licence areas (abalone, scallop, rock lobster etc) for — (a) 1999; and (b) 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED 7 JUNE 2001

371. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a calendar has been produced and provided to the Premier's private office staff since January 2000; and if so what are — (a) the reasons for printing the calendar; (b) the total number produced; and (c) the total costs for the production of the calendar, including — (i) design; (ii) layout; and (iii) printing costs.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 12 JUNE 2001

372. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Government's Discussion Paper and draft model bill on racial and religious tolerance —
1. Did the Minister receive a written brief from the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs advising him of the — (a) total number of submissions received; (b) proportion in support of the draft bill; (c) proportion that opposed the draft bill; and (d) proportion that indicated support if the draft bill was amended.
 2. Will the Minister make the brief available.
373. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs whether the Victorian Government authorised anyone to enter into discussions with the Macedonian Teachers Association of Victoria to withdraw the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)', issuing an apology and contributing to costs; if so, when did the Minister become aware of these discussions.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 JUNE 2001

374. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — what are the costs to date for community consultation on the bill; (b) how much money was allocated for the said consultations and how much remains unused; (c) what are the details of any consultants that have been engaged to assist in — (i) the preparation of the bill; and (ii) conducting community consultation meetings related to the bill; and (c) what is the cost of the community consultation as specified.
375. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what funds were allocated in the 2000–2001 budget for an education campaign to accompany the legislation; (b) how were these funds expended in terms of — (i) programs; (ii) projects; (c) what amount of funding remains unspent; (d) what are the budget outputs detailing expenditure and performance for the education campaign; and (e) what funding has been allocated in the 2001–2002 budget.
376. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Ethnic Enterprise Advisory Council — (a) what progress has been made towards establishing the Council; (b) how many members will the Council have; (c) what is the selection criteria for the appointment of members; (d) what funds have been allocated for the operation of the Council; and (e) what costs have already been incurred in work to establish the Council.
377. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the budget allocation for the Office of Multicultural Affairs — why was the 2000–2001 budget of \$4.9 million reduced to \$3.9 million in 2001–2002.
378. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to education strategies for the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what was the — (i) output; and (ii) expenditure in the 2000–2001 Multicultural Affairs budget for such strategies; and (b) what are the — (i) target outputs; and (ii) expenditure for these strategies in the 2001–02 budget.
379. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the reduction in the 2000–2001 Budget from \$4.9 million to \$4.5 million — what are the reasons for the \$400,000 decrease in the Budget.
380. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the \$800,000 allocated for Multicultural Affairs briefs and \$2.4 million to education strategies, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria funding and language in the 2000–2001 Budget — how was this funding allocated and spent in each area.

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381. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — are any unspent amounts from 2000–2001 financial year being rolled over into the 2001–2002 budget; and if so, how are these amounts shown in the 2001–2002 budget.
382. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — (a) what is the target expenditure for funding of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria; and (b) what are the language allowance programs for 2001–2002 in the Multicultural Affairs budget.
383. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what was the number of applicants on the waiting list for access for public housing for the — (a) December 2000 quarter; and (b) March 2001 quarter for — (i) each region; (ii) the whole of Victoria; and (iii) each segment within the waiting list.
384. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the review for the segmented waiting list — (a) has the review been completed; and (b) has the Community Reference Group provided its recommendation to the Minister; if so, could the Minister provide a copy of the report.
385. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the changes made by the Government concerning tenure reviews — whether the Minister has undertaken an evaluation to assess the — (a) effectiveness of the initiative; and (b) corresponding impact on public housing and its relative success or otherwise in avoiding poverty traps for public housing tenants.
386. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the proposed review of the eligibility criteria for public tenants — whether the review has been completed; if so, could the Minister provide a copy of the report.
387. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the Thomson Estate in Geelong — will the Minister provide a progress report on the redevelopment of the estate.
388. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — will the Minister provide the report presented by the Community Advisory Committee set up to work up a redevelopment strategy for the Raglan/Ingles Estate in Port Melbourne in December 1999.
389. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the investigation initiated by Government for the development of a Women's Housing Policy — (a) who is undertaking the review; (b) what are the associated costs of the investigation; and (c) what progress has been made so far.

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390. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what are the — (a) details; and (b) implementation costs of the strategy being employed concerning fire risk management for high rise public housing.
391. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what are the details of the — (a) Commonwealth Government's contribution for 2001–2002 under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement; and (b) separate contribution made by the State Government.
392. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — what is the funding breakdown of the — (a) Commonwealth; and (b) State Government contribution for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program for 2001–2002.
393. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing to provide a table detailing the operating expenses for the Office of Housing 2000/2001 showing — (a) employee related expenses; (b) purchase of supplies and services; (c) depreciation; (d) capital asset charge; and (e) other expenses.
394. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing to explain why the 2000–2001 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee report on Budget Estimates shows that the total Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding for 2000–2001 provided by the Commonwealth and State Government's was \$58.4 million when figures released by the Commonwealth show a total of \$55.97 million for the program for that year.
395. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — will the Minister supply a copy of the last report Victoria lodged with the Commonwealth Government as a requirement under the provision of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.
396. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Report on Budget Estimates 2000–2001, page 292, in which the Minister stated that there is a Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding shortfall received by Victoria from the Commonwealth Government of approximately \$2.5 million per annum on a per capita basis — what is the basis for this claim, apart from the fact that the percentage of total funding received by Victoria is 21.5% and Victoria's population as a proportion of the Australian population is 24.85%.
397. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to a policy initiative in the Housing portfolio for the development of a whole of government approach to homelessness through the establishment of — (a) an interdepartmental committee; and (b) a ministerial advisory committee — what are the details of the formation of the interdepartmental committee including — (i) a list of the committee members and their respective positions within the committee; (ii) how often, and on what dates, has the committee met; (iii) what are the terms of reference of the committee (iv) what are the issues discussed; (v) what have been the committee's recommendations; and (vi) will the Minister provide minutes of the meetings.

398. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the State Government's claim that the Federal Government refused to meet its obligations under the year 2000 negotiated award conditions for Supported Accommodation Assistance Program workers costing \$2.2 million —

1. Did Victorian SAAP workers receive compensation for the movement to award coverage when offered by the Federal Government because the movement to award coverage had already occurred; if not, why.
2. Did the current Federal Government offer a one-off agreement to use unspent funds in Victoria for increases in award payments for SAAP workers under the SAAP program.
3. If the Federal Government offered a one-off agreement to cover awards — (a) how much money was used; and (b) how was the money used.

399. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the implementation of the 2001-2002 Budget — what is the detailed financial breakdown of the aged care direct service delivery for—

1. Geriatric care in — (a) total; (b) inpatient geriatric evaluation and management; (c) inpatient geriatric respite; (d) continence clinic; and (e) cognitive, dementia and memory clinics.
2. Aged care rehabilitation in — (a) total; (b) inpatient rehabilitation; and (c) community rehabilitation centres.
3. Palliative care in — (a) total; (b) inpatient hospice care; and (c) community palliative care.
4. Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS) and Home and Community Care (HACC) assessments.
5. Independent living in — (a) total; (b) Vicpacs; (c) delivered meals (HACC-funded); (d) personal care; (e) property maintenance; and (f) flexible service response.
6. Social support in — (a) total; (b) day centres; and (c) other support services that come under the HACC program.
7. Aged care respite delivered under the — (a) HACC program; and (b) carers program.
8. Complex community care in — (a) total; (b) Linkages packages; and (c) acquired brain injury program.
9. Nursing and allied health in — (a) total; (b) HACC and non-HACC; and (c) low cost eye scheme.
10. Prevention and promotion in — (a) total; (b) falls prevention; (c) Seniors cards; (d) Seniors Week; (e) community grants; and (f) any other promotional and preventative initiatives.
11. Aged care in — (a) training; (b) research; and (c) development.

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400. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the implementation of the 2001-2002 Budget — what amounts are being spent on — (a) aged care services and regional administration; (b) statewide programs including carry over from 2000-2001 and any growth funding for the current year; and (c) head office costs and overheads, capital asset charge and depreciation costs.
401. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to aged care services and regional administration funding across Victoria — what are the funding allocations to each of the nine Departmental regions for 2001-2002.
402. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — what statewide programs in aged care are being managed centrally.
403. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Aged Care with reference to the aged care services budget for 2001-2002 — what are the specific amounts allocated for — (a) aged care inpatient services; (b) aged care community based services; and (c) other costs.
404. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to home based services — what is the target output and expenditure in 2001-2002 for — (a) the Hospital in the Home program; and (b) post acute care.
405. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital to Home program for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 —
1. What are the output measures for each year including the — (a) actual; (b) target; and (c) expected outcome.
 2. What are the revised funding allocations, if any, for each year contained in the 2000-2001 Budget Paper No 2.
406. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Aged Care with reference to 2000-2001 Budget Paper No 3 in which a total output cost of \$20.8 million for home based care was allocated — what amount was allocated to — (a) the Hospital in the Home program; and (b) post acute care.
407. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the state beds pool —
1. How many state-owned residential aged care beds were off-line in the pool when the Government came to power.
 2. When was the first written proposal put to the Federal Government for the allocation of these beds.
 3. What are the documented details of this proposal.
 4. How many of these beds did the Commonwealth agree to reallocate.

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5. Has the Government provided a further proposal to the Commonwealth in relation to the state bed pool; if so what are the details of the proposal.
408. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — (a) whether the Hospital in the Home and Hospital to Home programs form part of the new Hospital Demand Strategy; (b) what are the details of other programs that form part of the Hospital Demand Strategy; and (c) what are the details of funds allocated to each of the programs that form part of the Hospital Demand Strategy.
409. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$10 million allocation over two years announced in this year's Budget for fire risk management — what is the breakdown of funds to be allocated to such facilities over the two year period.
410. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Caulfield General Medical Centre — (a) how much money has been allocated to upgrade the aged care facilities on site since the current Government came to power; and (b) are there any future plans for continued redevelopment of the aged care facilities; if so, what funding will be required to implement the plan.
411. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$48 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget over four years to expand access to sub-acute services for elderly people — what type of services will be offered under this alternative care plan.
412. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital to Home program — (a) where does the program sit within the Department of Human Service's structure; (b) how does the program operate; and (c) from which area of the Department's budget is the program funded.
413. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital in the Home program —
1. (a) where does the program sit within the Department of Human Service's structure; (b) how does the program operate; and (c) from which area of the Department's budget is the program funded.
 2. What are the criteria for patient entry into the program.
 3. What evaluation process in place to assess program outcome.
 4. What is the proposed number of patients to be treated in the program.
414. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the proposed development of the 45-bed Wintringham nursing home in the 2001–2002 Budget — are these bed allocations part of the State off-line bed pool.

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415. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$25 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget to redevelop the eight residential aged care facilities — what is the breakdown of funding to be allocated to each facility.
416. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — to provide a more detailed explanation in relation to Home and Community Care service system development and resourcing itemised in the 2001–2002 Budget Paper No 3.
417. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to adult day care centres and community rehabilitation centres — (a) what are the output measures; and (b) what is the expenditure for 2001–2002.
418. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to Home and Community Care nursing and allied health — (a) what are the output measures; and (b) what is the expenditure for 2001–2002.
419. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to employees within the Office of the Commissioner for Corrections —
1. From 20 October 1999 to 31 March 2001 — (a) what explanation is there for the increase in employee numbers from 63 to 78; (b) what was the actual cost of employee remuneration and entitlements; (c) what was the organisational structure (by means of supplying organisational charts) of the Office; (d) how many employees worked in each area/unit of the Office identified by — (i) classifications; and (ii) duties; and (e) how many employees were classified as Senior Executives
 2. What was the level of effective full time employees within the Office at 31 May 2001
420. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to prisoners' weekly pay held in individual internal prisoner accounts (separate from the global bank account managed on behalf of prisoner by CORE — The Public Correctional Enterprise)—
1. How many accounts operate at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001.
 2. What is the total monetary balance in accounts at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001
 3. How many accounts have a deficit balance at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001.
 4. What is the total amount of monetary surplus or deficit of the accounts at — (a) 31 March 2001 (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001
 5. If all of the monies owed to prisoners, as detailed in accounts, needed to be paid out at a single point in time, is the amount in the single global bank account sufficient to meet this liability; if not, why.

421. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections — what is the 'design' prisoner capacity of — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Dame Phyllis Frost Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 20 October 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; (iv) 31 December 2000; (v) 31 March 2001; and (vi) 31 May 2001.
422. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections — what is actual prisoner populations of — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Dame Phyllis Frost Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 20 October 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; (iv) 31 December 2000; (v) 31 March 2001; and (vi) 31 May 2001.

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This issue provides a numerical reference to Questions remaining unanswered.

The full text of Questions will be issued during the Session on a periodical basis. The last Question Notice Paper containing the full text of unanswered questions was issued on Thursday 14 June 2001.

Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 AUGUST 2001

423. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government with reference to the Geelong Business and Trade Centre ('Geelong Embassy') investigation outlined in Parliament on 12 June 2001 —
1. Who will carry out the investigation.
 2. Will the Minister provide any communication, written or electronic, relating to the inquiry's set-up.
 3. How will the Minister ensure natural justice given that one individual has already been implicated under parliamentary privilege.
424. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — is the Government proposing to provide assistance, financial or otherwise, to the Torquay Offshore Festival.
425. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the head office of Target in Geelong — (a) what assurances has the Government sought from Coles Myer that the office will remain in Geelong with the current workforce numbers preserved; and (b) will the Premier provide any correspondence with Coles Myer.
426. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — why was there only one police vehicle rostered and available in Geelong to attend a robbery-in-progress on 30 May 2001 at approximately 5.00 am in Belmont.
427. **DR DEAN** — To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General with reference to the review set up by the Attorney-General concerning the remuneration of Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal members — (a) who will undertake the review; (b) when will the results of the review be reported to the Attorney-General; and (c) when will the Attorney-General release the results of the review.
428. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) what was the effective number of sworn full-time police, exclusive of police recruits in training, employed as at 30 June 2001; and (b) what was the number of police recruits in training as at 30 June 2001.
429. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to a 'Web Site Development Project' in project number 58 of the Community Jobs Program first funding of 2000–2001 —
1. How much funding will the Victorian Trades Hall Council receive in total.

2. How much funding will Victoria University of Technology (TAFE Division) receive in total for the project for which it is the registered training organisation.
 3. What financial contribution has the Victorian Trades Hall Council made to this project for — (a) additional wage costs; (b) insurance; (c) project administration; (d) travel; (e) accommodation; (f) material costs; and (g) equipment purchase or leasing.
 4. How many participants took part and for how many hours has each worked.
 5. How many participants were — (a) registered with a Job Network provider; and (b) receiving assistance from Centrelink in the week prior to being placed on this program.
 6. Which officer at the Victorian Trades Hall Council supervised this program.
430. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Community Jobs Program for 2000–2001 —
1. How many applications were received for the program.
 2. How many applications were from prospective employers based in the inner east and outer east of Melbourne and — (a) what is the name of each such organisation; and (b) what was the intended name and purpose of each proposal.
 3. What projects were funded in inner and outer eastern Melbourne and how much funding did each organisation receive.
 4. What amount was spent in total on the program in — (a) direct funding to applicants; and (b) administration by the Department of Education, Employment and Training.
 5. How many full time equivalent officers in the Department of Education, Employment and Training were administering the program at 30 June 2000.
 6. What was the expenditure in the Department of Education, Employment and Training on salaries for the program in 2000–2001.
431. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services with reference to 4-year-old preschool classes in the Highton, Belmont and Grovedale areas — for each facility what is the — (a) current enrolment, (b) capacity; and (c) availability of places.
432. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to noise amelioration works in each VicRoads region —
1. What amount did each VicRoads region spend on noise amelioration works in 2000–2001.
 2. For each project with a value of \$200,000 or over in 2000–2001 what was the — (a) location of the project; (b) road treated; (c) type of works carried out; (d) metres or kilometres of fencing or other measures installed; (e) type of fencing, barrier, or other measure installed; and (f) months when works were undertaken.

3. For each proposed project with a value of \$200,000 or over in 2001–2002 what is the — (a) location of the project; (b) road treated; (c) type of works carried out; (d) metres or kilometres of fencing or other measures installed; (e) type of fencing, barrier, or other measure installed; and (f) months when works will be undertaken.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 21 AUGUST 2001

433. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 433a. The Honourable the Premier
 - 433b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs
 - 433c. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
 - 433d. The Honourable the Treasurer
 - 433e. The Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development
 - 433f. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government
 - 433g. The Honourable the Minister for Workcover
 - 433h. The Honourable the Minister for Community Services
 - 433i. The Honourable the Minister for Education
 - 433j. The Honourable the Minister for Arts
 - 433k. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
 - 433l. The Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs
 - 433m. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
 - 433n. The Honourable the Minister for Corrections
 - 433o. The Honourable the Minister for Agriculture
 - 433p. The Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
 - 433q. The Honourable the Attorney-General
 - 433r. The Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry
 - 433s. The Honourable the Minister for Racing
 - 433t. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment
 - 433u. The Honourable the Minister for Finance
 - 433v. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming
 - 433w. The Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism
 - 433x. The Honourable the Minister for Housing
 - 433y. The Honourable the Minister for Aged Care
 - 433z. The Honourable the Minister for Health
 - 433aa. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
 - 433ab. The Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports
 - 433ac. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Industrial Relations
 - 433ad. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Minister for Energy and Resources
 - 433ae. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment representing the Minister for Youth Affairs
 - 433af. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services representing the Minister for Small Business
 - 433ag. The Honourable the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Consumer Affairs
 - 433ah. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Whether all ministerial officers currently or previously employed by the Minister have signed a pecuniary interest form; if so, on what date — (a) was the declaration signed; and (b) did the employee commence employment .

434. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

434a. The Honourable the Premier

434b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs

(a) What is the number of staff in the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Premier's Private Office who have been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation; (b) whether all staff who have been provided with remote access have all signed a remote user access application; and (c) what is the number of staff who have not been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations but who have departmental computers at home and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation.

435. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Employment and Training with reference to the Council of Adult Education — what are the details of all advertising undertaken since January 2000 to date indicating — (a) the date of approval for each contract; (b) the cost of each contract; (c) the purpose of each advertisement; (d) the duration of each advertisement; (e) where each advertisement was published and broadcast; (f) when each advertisement was published and broadcast; and (g) to whom each contract was awarded.

436. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration — what is the — (a) total advertising budget in the Minister's portfolio for — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002; and (b) what are the details of all advertising campaigns since January 2000 to date indicating the purpose and total costs of each campaign.

437. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the total expenses per month incurred for taxi cab and hire car use by the Premier's advisers, including media advisers, since January 2000.

438. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what is the — (a) role; (b) job description; and (c) responsibility of the following staff in the Office of the Premier — (i) departmental liaison officer; (ii) assistant ministerial adviser; (iii) adviser; (iv) senior policy adviser; (v) chief of staff; (vi) reps co-ordinator; (vii) infrastructure adviser; (viii) Premier's personal assistant; (ix) administration and resources officer; (x) administration assistant — correspondence; (xi) executive assistant to the chief of staff; (xii) adviser — speechwriter; (xiii) adviser — Department of State and Regional Development; (xiv) adviser — social policy; (xv) adviser — Department of Justice; (xvi) director policy; (xvii) director Parliament; (xviii) director social policy; (xix) director economic policy; (xx) director strategy; (xxi) director administration; (xxii) director media; (xxiii) media adviser; (xxiv) Premier's media adviser; (xxv) departmental media director; (xxvi) media administration assistant; and (xxvii) media assistant.

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439. **MR MULDER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — whether the Minister has made provision for the allocation of \$9.2 million to redevelop the following Colac Community Health Services aged care facilities — (a) Otway Pioneer; and (b) Polwarth House.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 22 AUGUST 2001

440. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — what was the total number of businesses paying payroll tax as — (a) at June 1999; (b) at June 2000; (c) at June 2001; and (d) an estimate for June 2002.
441. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — what was the total number of land tax payers as — (a) at June 1999; (b) at June 2000; (c) at June 2001; and (d) an estimate for June 2002.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. / What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

264. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the opening hours of the Elizabeth Street subway at Flinders Street Station —
1. When were the daily opening hours of the subway restricted to between 06:00 and 22:00.
 2. Is the change in opening hours in contravention of any contracts between the Government and Connex Melbourne or Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) and if not, why.
 3. How will convenient public access from the western end of Southbank to the platforms at Flinders Street Station be maintained between 22:00 and the departures of the last trains each night.

265. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to a vacant bus space at Spencer Street Interstate Bus Terminal — (a) what date did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd vacate a tenancy at the terminal; (b) what amount in rent did McCafferty's Coachlines Pty Ltd pay per annum and to which authority was this paid; and (c) are any attempts being made to lease the vacant space.
266. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard vending machines —
1. How often are machines that take — (a) coins only; and (b) notes and coins; and that are located at — (i) Connex Melbourne railway stations; and (ii) Mtrain (formerly Bayside Trains) railway stations serviced by technicians.
 2. Does OneLink Transit Systems Pty Ltd employ or contract technicians or is this done individually by Connex Melbourne, Mtrain, Mtram (formerly Swanston Trams), Yarra Trams, the Department of Infrastructure or private bus operators.
 3. In November and December 2000, how many breakdowns were recorded at each machine located at a railway station and what was the cause for each breakdown.
 4. In November and December 2000, how many times did the larger note-taking ticket machines take notes without issuing either a ticket or returning money.
 5. Why do the larger note-taking machines continue to display 'Please select ticket' after such incidents.
 6. Has the Government entered into any discussions with OneLink or the franchisees to ensure that an 'out of order message' is immediately displayed on machines when the machines are faulty.
 7. How many calls did OneLink's 1800 652 313 number receive in November and December 2000 relating to Metcard.
 8. How many validations of tickets occur on a typical — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services.
 9. What estimated proportion of passengers failed to validate their tickets on average on a — (a) weekday; (b) Saturday; and (c) Sunday on each of — (i) Connex Melbourne; (ii) Mtrain; (iii) Mtram; (iv) Yarra Trams; and (v) contracted private bus operator services and have these estimates declined between December 1999 and December 2000.
267. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the noise walls along the Monash Freeway —
- 267a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 267b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. How has the 350 metre recycled plastic wall performed in a variety of weather conditions.

2. What is the per kilometre cost to VicRoads of noise walls that use — (a) recycled plastic; and (b) conventional timber.
3. Will the use of recycled plastic in noise walls be extended in 2000–2001; if so to what sections and in what length in kilometres of freeway, highway or other roads.

268. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads call centres —

268a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

268b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What was the median time taken to answer customer telephone enquiries in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at the VicRoads — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
2. How many calls were made in each month between July and December in 1999 and 2000 at — (a) metropolitan; and (b) rural call centres.
3. Does the technology used at the call centres monitor 'drop outs' (customers who hang up without their call having been attended to).
4. What percentage of calls 'dropped out' at each centre in each month from July to December 2000 and how does this compare to each month from July to December 1999.
5. What performance targets has VicRoads set for the median time taken to answer calls to the call centres in 2000–2001 and the percentage of calls that go unanswered, and how do these targets differ from those set in 1999–2000.

269. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to signing C-class road routes—

269a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

269b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many road routes remained to be signed by VicRoads in each region at 31 December 2000.
2. How much is being spent in each region on signage in 2000–2001.
3. How many routes are expected to remain without signs at 30 June 2001.
4. What is the name and locality of each road over 40 kilometres in length in each region that is expected to be without signs at 30 June 2001.

270. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the SafeRoads program —

270a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

270b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did each Victorian municipality receive from VicRoads under SafeRoads in 1999–2000.
2. What amount — (a) has already been granted; and (b) is expected to be granted to each Victorian municipality for this program in 2000–2001.
3. What total funding was allocated to SafeRoads in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.

271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.
4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.
5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

272. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

272a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

272b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What amount did VicRoads pay in sponsorship to Keep Australia Beautiful (Victoria) for the Rural Pride and City Pride Awards in 1999–2000 and to date in 2000–2001.
2. How will the 'community ownership and pride in managing streetscapes and associated landscapes' referred to on page 14 of the VicRoads 1999–2000 Annual Report be maintained if the above two programs are discontinued.

273. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) —

273a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

273b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. How many lane kilometres of Victorian highways and roads were surfaced or resurfaced in RAP in each VicRoads region between 1 July and 31 December 2000.
2. How many lane kilometres are expected to be resurfaced in RAP between 1 January and 30 June 2001.
3. What are the longest two sections of roadway in each VicRoads region that have used RAP to date and when was each project undertaken.
4. What savings, if any, in construction costs are expected to result from the use of RAP in 2000–2001.

274. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to light-emitting diode (LED) technology —

274a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

274b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. What findings has VicRoads made following its evaluation of LED technology for traffic signals.
2. Has development of an Australian standard for this technology been finalised, and if not when is this expected to occur.
3. Has there been any difference in performance between the two intersections signalled in 1999–2000 using this technology.
4. How many intersections will be signalled using LED technology in — (a) 2000–2001; and (b) 2001–2002.
5. What funds has VicRoads allocated for the changeover program in 2000–2001.
6. What is the average hourly life of the current conventional globes used in Victorian traffic signals.
7. What is the expected annual maintenance cost in 2000–2001 for a standard metropolitan intersection using — (a) existing lanterns; and (b) LED traffic signal technology.

275. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads contracts —

275a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

275b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

What was the value of new contracts from 1 July to 31 December 2000 and is the expected value of new contracts from 1 January to 30 June 2001 for — (a) new roadworks; (b) sealing; (c) road maintenance; (d) temporary staff; (e) new bridge work; (f) asphalt; (g) number plates; (h) noise barriers; (i) roadside amenities; (j) traffic-control services; and (k) bridge maintenance.

276. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to intersections and skid-resistant materials —

276a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

276b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Has VicRoads conducted any further investigations into the relationship between skid-resistant performance and crashes at 200 urban intersections since the initial 1999–2000 findings of a pilot study referred to on page 48 of VicRoads's 1999–2000 Annual Report.
2. Which intersections in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip were surveyed by VicRoads in the initial pilot study and which of these intersections currently have low skid resistance.
3. What is the anticipated cost of upgrading a standard metropolitan intersection with higher skid-resistant materials.
4. Are intersection upgrades using higher skid-resistant materials possible for the road pavement area between tram tracks which may be surfaced in mass concrete or have an existing asphalt overlay.
5. How much has VicRoads allocated in 2000–2001 for upgrading intersections to use high skid-resistant treatments on approaches.
6. What intersections in 2000–2001 will be treated in the Cities of — (a) Monash; (b) Whitehorse; (c) Boorondara; (d) Stonnington; and (e) Port Phillip.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

277b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit–cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998–99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999–2000.
2. What was the benefit–cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) 1999–2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit–cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002.

278. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

278a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

278b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the State-funded resealing of the Victorian road network drop from 9.3 per cent in 1998–99 to 8.8 per cent in 1999–2000.

2. Why did the State-funded rehabilitation of the Victorian road network drop from 1.2 per cent in 1998–99 to 1 per cent in 1999–2000.
3. How many lane kilometres were — (a) resealed; (b) rehabilitated through the use of State funds in — (i) 1998–99; and (ii) 1999–2000 in each VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
4. What are the targets in 2000–2001 for — (a) resealing; (b) rehabilitation by — (i) lane kilometres; and (ii) expenditure by VicRoads region; and (c) what percentage of the Victorian road network does this area represent.
5. What was the cost per lane kilometre for each VicRoads region of (a) resealing; and (b) rehabilitation in — (i) 1998–99; and (ii) 1999–2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 1 MARCH 2001

288. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Geelong Clay Target Club —
1. Why does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) intend to evict the club from parts of its shooting grounds and demolish the club assets prior to the Department needing possession for rectification works and before the works have been let out for tender.
 2. Does the Minister know that DNRE agrees that its contractors can carry out sampling to define the specifications for that tender on some of the club's grounds whilst they are still in use, but insists on vacation and demolition of assets on other parts of the grounds.
 3. Will the Minister — (a) affirm her undertaking given in Parliament last year that the club will be permitted to continue to use the whole of its grounds until the tender has been let and the works are about to commence; and (b) advise DNRE of such an undertaking.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 3 APRIL 2001

291. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's — (a) timetable for the establishment of a railway station at Grovedale; and (b) proposed financial contribution.
294. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's timetable for the duplication of the Princes Highway between Geelong and Colac.
297. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to a \$100,000 study to identify beaches at risk around Port Phillip Bay —

1. What does the Government propose to do for any cliffs that are presently a serious risk to public safety or under serious risk of further harmful erosion, pending the results of the study.
 2. Which individual, firm or organisation will be conducting the study.
 3. When was the departmental decision made to approve over \$7 million of completed works including the projects at Sandridge and Point Lonsdale.
298. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the recent re-opening of the South Channel Fort to the public —
1. What was the date of the decision by the Department to improve the island and the jetty.
 2. What is the recurrent funding required to manage and maintain the island.
 3. What are the negative environmental impacts upon Port Phillip Bay as a result of the creation of a 0.7 hectare island being established on a base of 14,000 tonnes of bluestone boulders.
299. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation covering the period 31 October 2000 to 22 March 2001 — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.
300. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Great Ocean Road between Spring Creek and the Anglesea roundabout — (a) what plans does the Government have to address traffic congestion issues for Jan Juc residents accessing the road west of Spring Creek; (b) what conclusions did the study into this section of road, funded by the previous Government, reach regarding road safety and upgrade requirements; and (c) what is the timetable for the upgrade works.
304. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the present operation of the Eastern Treatment Plant of Melbourne Water at Carrum and the discharge of the outflow in Bass Strait —
1. What is the impact on water quality at the point of discharge.
 2. What alternative measures have been considered for the use of the water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2001

312. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Scoresby Freeway.

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313. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the expected date for the return of 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.
314. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are all the expenses incurred by the Department of Infrastructure and the Office of Public Transport in attempts to return the 'W Class' trams to service on the metropolitan tram network.
315. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the patronage figures for the City Circle tram for each of the months between January 2000 and February 2001 inclusive.
316. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the expected implementation of a 'flier train' service to Frankston.
317. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Eastern Freeway Extension to Ringwood.
318. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to apply passive fire protection and active fire protection to the walls of the Eastern Freeway Extension Tunnel.
320. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Dingley Freeway.
321. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension in Braeside.
322. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials.
323. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans to protect the community in the south eastern suburbs against the risks of transporting dangerous and hazardous goods and materials, considering the imminent closure of the Tullamarine Toxic Waste Facility.
324. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — which railway stations have been allocated additional station staff since September 1999.

325. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the plans, if any, for the improvement of traffic management in White Street, Mordialloc.
326. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the projections, if any, of the changes in the volume of traffic using Wells Road, Aspendale Gardens, following — (a) the widening of Boundary Road, Mordialloc; (b) proposed changes to Rutherford Road, Seaford; and (c) the construction of the proposed Scoresby Freeway.
327. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans by VicRoads to reduce the number of lanes in Beach Road between South Road, Brighton and Nepean Highway, Mordialloc.
328. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to improve traffic management at — (a) the intersection of Springvale Road, Princes Highway, Police Road and Centre Road; (b) the intersection of Toorak Road and the Warrigal Highway, Burwood; and (c) the intersections of Murrumbeena Road and Neerim Road in Murrumbeena both north; and south of the railway.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MAY 2001

346. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 new species targeted for listing for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* for 2000–01 as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
347. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the illegal collection of shellfish in the City of Port Phillip and the City of Bayside — (a) how many infringement notices have been issued in the 1999 and 2000; (b) how many prosecutions have been instituted in 1999 and 2000; and (c) what plans has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment developed to stop the illegal gathering of shellfish in these municipalities.
348. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02 and the line item: 'Proportion of new Land for Wildlife properties which include habitat unrepresented in the reserve system' — (a) what is the methodology for the inclusion of land; and (b) why is the target figure for 2001–02, subject to the methodology of assessment, at a lesser figure than for 1999–00.
349. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what are the performance criteria for determining demonstrable improvements with threatened species; and (b) what are the threatened species noted for 1999, as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.

350. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 30 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001-01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
351. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 20 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999-00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
352. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 52 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999-00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.
353. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001-01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001-02.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 MAY 2001

359. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports — how many boating collisions and groundings have been investigated by the Marine Board for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
360. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment — with reference to the introduction in New South Wales of regulations governing waste water treatment and sewerage discharge from recreation vessels — what plans does the Victorian Government have to improve water quality along Victoria's coastline and inland water waste by minimising waste water and sewerage discharge from recreation vessels.

NOTICES RECEIVED 31 MAY 2001

363. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Box Hill Transport Interchange —
1. How often is the bus departure area cleaned.
 2. Are missing tiles from the wall of the interchange to be replaced; if so, when.
 3. Are the yellow safety and queuing lines for bus passengers due for repainting; if so, when.

4. Is the sign incorrectly spelling 'Bennettswood' with one 't' due for replacement; if so, when.
 5. For how many days in April and May 2001 were the elevators to and from the interchange out of service for at least part of the day between 0700 and 1900 hours.
 6. Will advertising posters illegally placed at the interchange be removed; if so, when.
364. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport further to question on notice number 230 and the Minister's answer (Hansard, 27 February 2001 page 230) —
1. Why was the previously specified date of 'early in 2001' not met.
 2. When is the Automated Ticketing System expected to be fully operational across all modes.
365. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians from each of the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment at the end of each month from August 2000 to April 2001 inclusive.
366. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what was the waiting list for public housing at the end of each month from August 2000 to April 2001 inclusive in — (a) Victoria; and (b) Eastern Metropolitan Region

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 5 JUNE 2001

368. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what strategies have been initiated to combat both racial and religious vilification since July 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED 7 JUNE 2001

371. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a calendar has been produced and provided to the Premier's private office staff since January 2000; and if so what are — (a) the reasons for printing the calendar; (b) the total number produced; and (c) the total costs for the production of the calendar, including — (i) design; (ii) layout; and (iii) printing costs.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 12 JUNE 2001

372. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Government's Discussion Paper and draft model bill on racial and religious tolerance —

1. Did the Minister receive a written brief from the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs advising him of the — (a) total number of submissions received; (b) proportion in support of the draft bill; (c) proportion that opposed the draft bill; and (d) proportion that indicated support if the draft bill was amended.
 2. Will the Minister make the brief available.
373. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs whether the Victorian Government authorised anyone to enter into discussions with the Macedonian Teachers Association of Victoria to withdraw the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)', issuing an apology and contributing to costs; if so, when did the Minister become aware of these discussions.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 JUNE 2001

374. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — what are the costs to date for community consultation on the bill; (b) how much money was allocated for the said consultations and how much remains unused; (c) what are the details of any consultants that have been engaged to assist in — (i) the preparation of the bill; and (ii) conducting community consultation meetings related to the bill; and (c) what is the cost of the community consultation as specified.
375. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what funds were allocated in the 2000–2001 budget for an education campaign to accompany the legislation; (b) how were these funds expended in terms of — (i) programs; (ii) projects; (c) what amount of funding remains unspent; (d) what are the budget outputs detailing expenditure and performance for the education campaign; and (e) what funding has been allocated in the 2001–2002 budget.
376. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the Ethnic Enterprise Advisory Council — (a) what progress has been made towards establishing the Council; (b) how many members will the Council have; (c) what is the selection criteria for the appointment of members; (d) what funds have been allocated for the operation of the Council; and (e) what costs have already been incurred in work to establish the Council.
377. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the budget allocation for the Office of Multicultural Affairs — why was the 2000–2001 budget of \$4.9 million reduced to \$3.9 million in 2001–2002.
378. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to education strategies for the Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill — (a) what was the — (i) output; and (ii) expenditure in the 2000–2001 Multicultural Affairs budget for such strategies; and (b) what are the — (i) target outputs; and (ii) expenditure for these strategies in the 2001–02 budget.

379. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the reduction in the 2000-2001 Budget from \$4.9 million to \$4.5 million — what are the reasons for the \$400,000 decrease in the Budget.
380. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the \$800,000 allocated for Multicultural Affairs briefs and \$2.4 million to education strategies, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria funding and language in the 2000-2001 Budget — how was this funding allocated and spent in each area.
381. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — are any unspent amounts from 2000-2001 financial year being rolled over into the 2001-2002 budget; and if so, how are these amounts shown in the 2001-2002 budget.
383. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what was the number of applicants on the waiting list for access for public housing for the — (a) December 2000 quarter; and (b) March 2001 quarter for — (i) each region; (ii) the whole of Victoria; and (iii) each segment within the waiting list.
384. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the review for the segmented waiting list — (a) has the review been completed; and (b) has the Community Reference Group provided its recommendation to the Minister; if so, could the Minister provide a copy of the report.
386. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the proposed review of the eligibility criteria for public tenants — whether the review has been completed; if so, could the Minister provide a copy of the report.
389. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the investigation initiated by Government for the development of a Women's Housing Policy — (a) who is undertaking the review; (b) what are the associated costs of the investigation; and (c) what progress has been made so far.
391. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing what are the details of the — (a) Commonwealth Government's contribution for 2001-2002 under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement; and (b) separate contribution made by the State Government.
392. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — what is the funding breakdown of the — (a) Commonwealth; and (b) State Government contribution for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program for 2001-2002.
393. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing to provide a table detailing the operating expenses for the Office of Housing 2000/2001 showing — (a) employee related expenses; (b) purchase of supplies and services; (c) depreciation; (d) capital asset charge; and (e) other expenses.

394. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing to explain why the 2000-2001 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee report on Budget Estimates shows that the total Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding for 2000-2001 provided by the Commonwealth and State Government's was \$58.4 million when figures released by the Commonwealth show a total of \$55.97 million for the program for that year.
395. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing — will the Minister supply a copy of the last report Victoria lodged with the Commonwealth Government as a requirement under the provision of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.
396. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Report on Budget Estimates 2000-2001, page 292, in which the Minister stated that there is a Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding shortfall received by Victoria from the Commonwealth Government of approximately \$2.5 million per annum on a per capita basis — what is the basis for this claim, apart from the fact that the percentage of total funding received by Victoria is 21.5% and Victoria's population as a proportion of the Australian population is 24.85%.
397. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to a policy initiative in the Housing portfolio for the development of a whole of government approach to homelessness through the establishment of — (a) an interdepartmental committee; and (b) a ministerial advisory committee — what are the details of the formation of the interdepartmental committee including — (i) a list of the committee members and their respective positions within the committee; (ii) how often, and on what dates, has the committee met; (iii) what are the terms of reference of the committee (iv) what are the issues discussed; (v) what have been the committee's recommendations; and (vi) will the Minister provide minutes of the meetings.
398. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Housing with reference to the State Government's claim that the Federal Government refused to meet its obligations under the year 2000 negotiated award conditions for Supported Accommodation Assistance Program workers costing \$2.2 million —
1. Did Victorian SAAP workers receive compensation for the movement to award coverage when offered by the Federal Government because the movement to award coverage had already occurred; if not, why.
 2. Did the current Federal Government offer a one-off agreement to use unspent funds in Victoria for increases in award payments for SAAP workers under the SAAP program.
 3. If the Federal Government offered a one-off agreement to cover awards — (a) how much money was used; and (b) how was the money used.
399. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the implementation of the 2001-2002 Budget — what is the detailed financial breakdown of the aged care direct service delivery for —

1. Geriatric care in — (a) total; (b) inpatient geriatric evaluation and management; (c) inpatient geriatric respite; (d) continence clinic; and (e) cognitive, dementia and memory clinics.
 2. Aged care rehabilitation in — (a) total; (b) inpatient rehabilitation; and (c) community rehabilitation centres.
 3. Palliative care in — (a) total; (b) inpatient hospice care; and (c) community palliative care.
 4. Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS) and Home and Community Care (HACC) assessments.
 5. Independent living in — (a) total; (b) Vicpacs; (c) delivered meals (HACC-funded); (d) personal care; (e) property maintenance; and (f) flexible service response.
 6. Social support in — (a) total; (b) day centres; and (c) other support services that come under the HACC program.
 7. Aged care respite delivered under the — (a) HACC program; and (b) carers program.
 8. Complex community care in — (a) total; (b) Linkages packages; and (c) acquired brain injury program.
 9. Nursing and allied health in — (a) total; (b) HACC and non-HACC; and (c) low cost eye scheme.
 10. Prevention and promotion in — (a) total; (b) falls prevention; (c) Seniors cards; (d) Seniors Week; (e) community grants; and (f) any other promotional and preventative initiatives.
 11. Aged care in — (a) training; (b) research; and (c) development.
400. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the implementation of the 2001-2002 Budget — what amounts are being spent on — (a) aged care services and regional administration; (b) statewide programs including carry over from 2000-2001 and any growth funding for the current year; and (c) head office costs and overheads, capital asset charge and depreciation costs.
401. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to aged care services and regional administration funding across Victoria — what are the funding allocations to each of the nine Departmental regions for 2001-2002.
402. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — what statewide programs in aged care are being managed centrally.
403. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Aged Care with reference to the aged care services budget for 2001-2002 — what are the specific amounts allocated for — (a) aged care inpatient services; (b) aged care community based services; and (c) other costs.

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404. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to home based services — what is the target output and expenditure in 2001–2002 for — (a) the Hospital in the Home program; and (b) post acute care.
405. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital to Home program for the years 1999–2000, 2000–2001 and 2001–2002 —
1. What are the output measures for each year including the — (a) actual; (b) target; and (c) expected outcome.
 2. What are the revised funding allocations, if any, for each year contained in the 2000–2001 Budget Paper No 2.
406. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Aged Care with reference to 2000–2001 Budget Paper No 3 in which a total output cost of \$20.8 million for home based care was allocated — what amount was allocated to — (a) the Hospital in the Home program; and (b) post acute care.
407. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the state beds pool —
1. How many state-owned residential aged care beds were off-line in the pool when the Government came to power.
 2. When was the first written proposal put to the Federal Government for the allocation of these beds.
 3. What are the documented details of this proposal.
 4. How many of these beds did the Commonwealth agree to reallocate.
 5. Has the Government provided a further proposal to the Commonwealth in relation to the state bed pool; if so what are the details of the proposal.
408. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — (a) whether the Hospital in the Home and Hospital to Home programs form part of the new Hospital Demand Strategy; (b) what are the details of other programs that form part of the Hospital Demand Strategy; and (c) what are the details of funds allocated to each of the programs that form part of the Hospital Demand Strategy.
409. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$10 million allocation over two years announced in this year's Budget for fire risk management — what is the breakdown of funds to be allocated to such facilities over the two year period.

410. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Caulfield General Medical Centre — (a) how much money has been allocated to upgrade the aged care facilities on site since the current Government came to power; and (b) are there any future plans for continued redevelopment of the aged care facilities; if so, what funding will be required to implement the plan.
411. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$48 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget over four years to expand access to sub-acute services for elderly people — what type of services will be offered under this alternative care plan.
412. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital to Home program — (a) where does the program sit within the Department of Human Service's structure; (b) how does the program operate; and (c) from which area of the Department's budget is the program funded.
413. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital in the Home program —
1. (a) where does the program sit within the Department of Human Service's structure; (b) how does the program operate; and (c) from which area of the Department's budget is the program funded.
 2. What are the criteria for patient entry into the program.
 3. What evaluation process in place to assess program outcome.
 4. What is the proposed number of patients to be treated in the program.
414. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the proposed development of the 45-bed Wintringham nursing home in the 2001–2002 Budget — are these bed allocations part of the State off-line bed pool.
415. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$25 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget to redevelop the eight residential aged care facilities — what is the breakdown of funding to be allocated to each facility.
416. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — to provide a more detailed explanation in relation to Home and Community Care service system development and resourcing itemised in the 2001–2002 Budget Paper No 3.
417. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to adult day care centres and community rehabilitation centres — (a) what are the output measures; and (b) what is the expenditure for 2001–2002.

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418. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to Home and Community Care nursing and allied health — (a) what are the output measures; and (b) what is the expenditure for 2001–2002.
419. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to employees within the Office of the Commissioner for Corrections —
1. From 20 October 1999 to 31 March 2001 — (a) what explanation is there for the increase in employee numbers from 63 to 78; (b) what was the actual cost of employee remuneration and entitlements; (c) what was the organisational structure (by means of supplying organisational charts) of the Office; (d) how many employees worked in each area/unit of the Office identified by — (i) classifications; and (ii) duties; and (e) how many employees were classified as Senior Executives
 2. What was the level of effective full time employees within the Office at 31 May 2001
420. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections with reference to prisoners' weekly pay held in individual internal prisoner accounts (separate from the global bank account managed on behalf of prisoner by CORE — The Public Correctional Enterprise)—
1. How many accounts operate at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001.
 2. What is the total monetary balance in accounts at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001
 3. How many accounts have a deficit balance at — (a) 31 March 2001; (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001.
 4. What is the total amount of monetary surplus or deficit of the accounts at — (a) 31 March 2001 (b) 30 April 2001; and (c) 31 May 2001
 5. If all of the monies owed to prisoners, as detailed in accounts, needed to be paid out at a single point in time, is the amount in the single global bank account sufficient to meet this liability; if not, why.
421. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections — what is the 'design' prisoner capacity of — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrengower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Dame Phyllis Frost Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 20 October 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; (iv) 31 December 2000; (v) 31 March 2001; and (vi) 31 May 2001.

422. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections — what is actual prisoner populations of — (a) HM Prison Ararat; (b) HM Prison Barwon; (c) HM Prison Beechworth; (d) HM Prison Bendigo; (e) HM Prison Dhurringile; (f) HM Prison Langi Kal Kal; (g) HM Prison Loddon; (h) HM Melbourne Assessment Prison; (i) HM Prison Tarrngower; (j) HM Prison Won Wron; (k) Fulham Correctional Centre; (l) Dame Phyllis Frost Centre; and (m) Port Phillip Prison at — (i) 30 June 1999; (ii) 20 October 1999; (iii) 30 June 2000; (iv) 31 December 2000; (v) 31 March 2001; and (vi) 31 May 2001.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 AUGUST 2001

423. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government with reference to the Geelong Business and Trade Centre ('Geelong Embassy') investigation outlined in Parliament on 12 June 2001 —
1. Who will carry out the investigation.
 2. Will the Minister provide any communication, written or electronic, relating to the inquiry's set-up.
 3. How will the Minister ensure natural justice given that one individual has already been implicated under parliamentary privilege.
424. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — is the Government proposing to provide assistance, financial or otherwise, to the Torquay Offshore Festival.
425. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the head office of Target in Geelong — (a) what assurances has the Government sought from Coles Myer that the office will remain in Geelong with the current workforce numbers preserved; and (b) will the Premier provide any correspondence with Coles Myer.
426. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — why was there only one police vehicle rostered and available in Geelong to attend a robbery-in-progress on 30 May 2001 at approximately 5.00 am in Belmont.
427. **DR DEAN** — To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General with reference to the review set up by the Attorney-General concerning the remuneration of Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal members — (a) who will undertake the review; (b) when will the results of the review be reported to the Attorney-General; and (c) when will the Attorney-General release the results of the review.
428. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) what was the effective number of sworn full-time police, exclusive of police recruits in training, employed as at 30 June 2001; and (b) what was the number of police recruits in training as at 30 June 2001.

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429. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to a 'Web Site Development Project' in project number 58 of the Community Jobs Program first funding of 2000–2001 —
1. How much funding will the Victorian Trades Hall Council receive in total.
 2. How much funding will Victoria University of Technology (TAFE Division) receive in total for the project for which it is the registered training organisation.
 3. What financial contribution has the Victorian Trades Hall Council made to this project for — (a) additional wage costs; (b) insurance; (c) project administration; (d) travel; (e) accommodation; (f) material costs; and (g) equipment purchase or leasing.
 4. How many participants took part and for how many hours has each worked.
 5. How many participants were — (a) registered with a Job Network provider; and (b) receiving assistance from Centrelink in the week prior to being placed on this program.
 6. Which officer at the Victorian Trades Hall Council supervised this program.
430. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Community Jobs Program for 2000–2001 —
1. How many applications were received for the program.
 2. How many applications were from prospective employers based in the — (a) inner east; and (b) outer east of Melbourne.
 3. What is the name of each organisation in inner and outer eastern Melbourne to submit a funding application and what was the intended name and purpose of each proposal.
 4. What projects were funded in inner and outer eastern Melbourne and how much funding did each organisation receive.
 5. What amount was spent in total on the program in — (a) direct funding to applicants; and (b) administration by the Department of Education, Employment and Training.
 6. How many full time equivalent officers in the Department of Education, Employment and Training were administering the program at 30 June 2000.
 7. What was the expenditure in the Department of Education, Employment and Training on salaries for the program in 2000–2001.
431. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services with reference to 4-year-old preschool classes in the Highton, Belmont and Grovedale areas — for each facility what is the — (a) current enrolment, (b) capacity; and (c) availability of places.

432. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to noise amelioration works in each VicRoads region —

1. What amount did each VicRoads region spend on noise amelioration works in 2000-2001.
2. For each project with a value of \$200,000 or over in 2000-2001 what was the — (a) location of the project; (b) road treated; (c) type of works carried out; (d) metres or kilometres of fencing or other measures installed; (e) type of fencing, barrier, or other measure installed; and (f) months when works were undertaken.
3. For each proposed project with a value of \$200,000 or over in 2001-2002 what is the — (a) location of the project; (b) road treated; (c) type of works carried out; (d) metres or kilometres of fencing or other measures installed; (e) type of fencing, barrier, or other measure installed; and (f) months when works will be undertaken.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 21 AUGUST 2001

433. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

- 433a. The Honourable the Premier
- 433b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- 433c. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 433d. The Honourable the Treasurer
- 433e. The Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development
- 433f. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government
- 433g. The Honourable the Minister for Workcover
- 433h. The Honourable the Minister for Community Services
- 433i. The Honourable the Minister for Education
- 433j. The Honourable the Minister for Arts
- 433k. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
- 433l. The Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs
- 433m. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 433n. The Honourable the Minister for Corrections
- 433o. The Honourable the Minister for Agriculture
- 433p. The Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 433q. The Honourable the Attorney-General
- 433r. The Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry
- 433s. The Honourable the Minister for Racing
- 433t. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment
- 433u. The Honourable the Minister for Finance
- 433v. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming
- 433w. The Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism
- 433x. The Honourable the Minister for Housing
- 433y. The Honourable the Minister for Aged Care
- 433z. The Honourable the Minister for Health
- 433aa. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
- 433ab. The Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports
- 433ac. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Industrial Relations

- 433ad. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Minister for Energy and Resources
- 433ae. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment representing the Minister for Youth Affairs
- 433af. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services representing the Minister for Small Business
- 433ag. The Honourable the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Consumer Affairs
- 433ah. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Whether all ministerial officers currently or previously employed by the Minister have signed a pecuniary interest form; if so, on what date — (a) was the declaration signed; and (b) did the employee commence employment .

434. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

- 434a. The Honourable the Premier
- 434b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs

(a) What is the number of staff in the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Premier's Private Office who have been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation; (b) whether all staff who have been provided with remote access have all signed a remote user access application; and (c) what is the number of staff who have not been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations but who have departmental computers at home and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation.

435. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Employment and Training with reference to the Council of Adult Education — what are the details of all advertising undertaken since January 2000 to date indicating — (a) the date of approval for each contract; (b) the cost of each contract; (c) the purpose of each advertisement; (d) the duration of each advertisement; (e) where each advertisement was published and broadcast; (f) when each advertisement was published and broadcast; and (g) to whom each contract was awarded.

436. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration — what is the — (a) total advertising budget in the Minister's portfolio for — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002; and (b) what are the details of all advertising campaigns since January 2000 to date indicating the purpose and total costs of each campaign.

437. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the total expenses per month incurred for taxi cab and hire car use by the Premier's advisers, including media advisers, since January 2000.

438. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what is the — (a) role; (b) job description; and (c) responsibility of the following staff in the Office of the Premier — (i) departmental liaison officer; (ii) assistant ministerial adviser; (iii) adviser; (iv) senior policy adviser; (v) chief of staff; (vi) reps co-ordinator; (vii) infrastructure adviser; (viii) Premier's personal assistant; (ix) administration and resources officer; (x) administration assistant — correspondence; (xi) executive assistant to the chief of staff; (xii) adviser — speechwriter; (xiii) adviser — Department of State and Regional Development; (xiv) adviser — social policy; (xv) adviser — Department of Justice; (xvi) director policy; (xvii) director Parliament; (xviii) director social policy; (xix) director economic policy; (xx) director strategy; (xxi) director administration; (xxii) director media; (xxiii) media adviser; (xxiv) Premier's media adviser; (xxv) departmental media director; (xxvi) media administration assistant; and (xxvii) media assistant.
439. **MR MULDER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care — whether the Minister has made provision for the allocation of \$9.2 million to redevelop the following Colac Community Health Services aged care facilities — (a) Otway Pioneer; and (b) Polwarth House.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 22 AUGUST 2001

440. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — what was the total number of businesses paying payroll tax as — (a) at June 1999; (b) at June 2000; (c) at June 2001; and (d) an estimate for June 2002.
441. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — what was the total number of land tax payers as — (a) at June 1999; (b) at June 2000; (c) at June 2001; and (d) an estimate for June 2002.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2001

442. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the allocation of school nurses —
1. What are the components of the formula determining the educational, health and social needs of school communities, other than the Special Learning Needs (SLN) Index.
 2. Why did those secondary schools in the electorate of Benambra, exhibiting the greatest education, health and social needs not qualify, if all components were considered.
443. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) when will the Secondary School Nursing (SSN) Program evaluation by Professor Gay Edgecombe be completed; and (b) when does the Government intend to implement the recommendations of the evaluation.
444. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to testing of drivers for driving under the influence of drugs between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2001 —
1. How many offenders have been detected and charged.
 2. How many drivers were detected and charged in metropolitan Melbourne.
 3. How many drivers were detected and charged in rural Victoria.
 4. How many drivers have been convicted.
445. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's trip to San Jose in the USA last year and his meeting with Leslie Coleman at Selectron —
1. What other officers of Selectron were at the meeting.
 2. Who accompanied the Minister.
 3. How long was the meeting.
 4. Was there any discussion about Selectron's plans for its Wangaratta plant.
 5. What materials were given to Selectron.

6. When did the Minister first become aware of Selectron's plans to close the Wangaratta plant.
 7. What steps did the Minister take to prevent the closure.
 8. What was the benefit of the Minister's trip to Selectron in San Jose.
446. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision in Queensland by local governments to ban the use of arsenic-based treated pine in parks and gardens — (a) what is the attitude or policy of the Victorian Government on its use in — (i) gardens; and (ii) any other places; (b) what Departmental regulations and protocols are in place to prevent the mulching of arsenic-based treated pine as part of local government recycling processes; and (c) are there any protocols or directives in place to encourage the use of recycled plastic products.
447. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Willung South Lookout Tower in Gippsland — (a) who is the responsible agency; and (b) what is the annual budget for — (i) the maintenance of the Tower; (ii) the maintenance of the area framing the Tower car park and surrounds; and (iii) the collection and removal of rubbish in the precinct of the Tower.
448. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the importance of water conservation and the merit of onsite water collection through the use of domestic water tanks —
1. What metropolitan councils currently promote domestic water collection and storage onsite.
 2. How many metropolitan and country households currently use water tanks for domestic water usage.
 3. What domestic water tank permits, as applicable, have been issued for — (a) 1998; (b) 1999; (c) 2000; and (d) 2001 to date.
 4. What is the policy of the Government to increase the level of onsite water storage.
 5. What action has the Government taken to increase the number of households installing onsite water storage.
449. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recommendations regarding paint disposal and washing of paint brushes — (a) what is the level of compliance; (b) how many prosecutions have been instigated over the last two financial years for non-compliance; and (c) what plans do the Government and EPA have to increase the level of compliance.

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450. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* — (a) how many recommendations by the Scientific Advisory Committee and its predecessors have been made to the Minister since the introduction of the Act; (b) what have been the recommendations; and (c) on what occasions has the Minister of the day not followed the advice of the Scientific Advisory Committee and for what reasons.
451. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the extensive use and success of water-permeable paving at the Sydney Olympic site to reduce outflows of stormwater — what steps are being undertaken to encourage the use of permeable surfaces in — (a) State Government projects; (b) local government projects; and (c) private development and building projects.
452. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many boating collisions and groundings in Victoria, by region, have been investigated by the Water Police for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
453. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Government's announcement of the proposed \$2 billion Melbourne Central Park development announced in *The Age* on 22 August 2001 —
1. What forms of lighting will be used throughout the public areas which utilize sustainable energy.
 2. Will the Minister be directing members of the consortium who wish to develop Central Park adhere to the Energy Smart Housing Program.
 3. What benchmarks are in place to ensure accommodation achieves the highest energy star rating.
 4. What energy star rating will the Minister stipulate for the development.
 5. What non-polluting sources of energy will be employed in the housing and commercial structures.
 6. What percentage of electricity will be drawn from renewable sources.
 7. Will the finished development qualify to be an accredited Energy Smart Estate.
 8. Will the Minister direct that the development adhere to the FirstRate Energy Efficiency Package.
 9. What disposal or recycling measures will be employed for the handling of solid waste.
 10. What type of water-quality filtering system will be employed to ensure Port Phillip Bay is protected for polluted run-off.
 11. Assuming the development will adhere to the world's best practice, how will rainwater be collected for the development of — (a) each individual dwelling; and (b) a whole of development approach.

12. What measures will the Minister stipulate be taken with regard to the reduction of greenhouse emissions from the development.
 13. What measures will be put in train to ensure the environmentally sound disposal and recycling of waste water.
 14. Will the landscaping contain indigenous plantings to encourage native fauna to return to the area.
 15. What percentage of the 500,000 square metres will be set aside for open space and will this open space incorporate a complete ecosystem.
 16. What key initiatives will the Minister employ regarding sustainable living for the proposed 40 per cent of development devoted to social housing.
 17. Will the Minister proscribe inappropriate building materials for the commercial or residential sections of the development.
 18. Which ecological consultants have been, or will be, engaged to oversee environmental compliance.
 19. What qualifications are ecological consultants to the project required to have.
454. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the acquisition by Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board of the ski lifting infrastructure prior to the 2001 ski season —
1. What is the itemised breakdown of costs paid for by the Government or the Board for — (a) legal advice; (b) litigation; (c) purchase; and (d) maintenance.
 2. What has been the revenue received by the Board from ski lift operations for the 2001 season.
 3. What has been the net profit/loss of the Board for the 2001 season to date.
455. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) times; and (c) results of the Environment Protection Authority water quality tests in Hobson's Bay from 1 December 1997 to date.
456. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) places; and (c) annual costs of E-coli and other readings from stormwater drainage into the Yarra River for the years — (i) 1998; (ii) 1999; (iii) 2000; and (iv) 2001 to date.

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457. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed infestation of the centre median strip and fringes of the South Gippsland Highway near Jetty Lane, Lang Lang — (a) what agency is responsible for control of the weeds and the area; and (b) what action has the Minister's department taken to have the weed infestation controlled.
458. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what protocols exist between the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Vicroads to ensure weed infestation is controlled in areas within the responsibility of Vicroads.
459. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's media announcement on 23 June 2000 that "39 Victorian councils will share in \$1.5 million funding for e-commerce projects" and "the successful councils would each receive up to \$45,000 to increase the use of e-commerce in their local communities" —
1. How many businesses in Victoria have developed their first e-commerce capable websites as a direct result of Victorian E-Commerce Early Movers (VEEM) grants.
 2. What are the names of the businesses which have developed websites through VEEM grants.
 3. How much of the funding was spent to reproduce directory information already on the internet.
 4. What percentage of the funding has been spent on the creation of regional portals and — (a) how many regional portals have been created with these funds; and (b) what are the names of these regional portals.
 5. What analysis has been undertaken to ensure maximum value was achieved from VEEM funding and — (a) who undertook this analysis; and (b) what does the analysis show.
 6. What key performance indicators were set to measure the success of the programme, and have these indicators been met.
 7. Have the objectives of the programme been met.

8. How many of the councils administering VEEM money had e-commerce capabilities of their own.
 9. What percentage of the successful Victorian municipalities who had not e-commerce capabilities of their own, successfully administered VEEM funding on behalf of the Government.
460. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference the Premier's media release on 21 June 2001 announcing the Synchrotron Project and its project partners and supporting organisations — what financial commitments does the Government have from — (a) the CSIRO; (b) Western Mining; (c) Walter and Eliza Hall Institute; (d) Rio Tinto; (e) Ericsson Australia; (f) Telstra; (g) the Committee for Melbourne; (h) the Victorian Employer's Chamber of Commerce and Industry; (i) the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce; (j) Victorian Chamber of Mines; and (k) Monash University.
461. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Council of Adult Education — what are the details of all television advertising since July 2000 to date indicating — (a) the date of approval for each contract; (b) the cost of each contract; (c) the purpose of each advertisement; (d) the duration of each advertisement; (e) where each advertisement was broadcast; (f) when each advertisement was broadcast; (g) to whom each contract was awarded; (h) which individuals were paid to appear in the advertisements; and (i) the total cost paid to these individuals to appear in each advertisement.
462. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Point Lonsdale front beach seawall and groynes engineering works —
1. What was the engineering rationale to use undersized rocks in the construction which were then subject to movement in medium to heavy wave action and therefore inadequate.
 2. What engineering supervision took place on the part of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) during the course of construction.
 3. Why have no remedial steps been undertaken to stop the dispersal of the rocks forming the groynes which are now spread over an area triple the original width and design criteria.
 4. What further action does the Department now propose to undertake in relation to the reinstatement of the existing groynes and what budget has been allocated for these works.
 5. What action has been taken by the Department to complete the groynes project according to the original four groynes specification.

463. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the urgent repair works required to prevent the further collapse of the Point Lonsdale front beach promenade —

1. What assessment of a serious risk to public safety has the Government made on the promenade.
2. What are the details of the engineers' reports concerning the risk.
3. What remedial action has been planned.
4. What budget has been allocated to rectify the risk.
5. Why has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment not responded to email correspondence from Point Lonsdale resident Mr David Rowe about the matter.
6. What is the name of the contractor who was responsible for the excavator which broke through the footpath while doing remedial works along the promenade of the Point Lonsdale front beach and — (a) how much did the rectification cost; and (b) who paid the costs.
7. What consideration has been given to the possible impact on tidal and wave action on the Point Lonsdale front beach in the plans for deepening the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

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This issue provides a numerical reference to Questions remaining unanswered.

The full text of Questions will be issued during the Session on a periodical basis. The last Question Notice Paper containing the full text of unanswered questions was issued on 18 September 2001.

Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2001

464. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to infringements on City Link since the introduction of tolling — what is the — (a) number of infringements; (b) total revenue collected by month for the following infringement types — (i) speeding fines; (ii) absence of E-Tag; and (iii) other infringements; and (c) number and cost of outstanding infringements by month.
465. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the monthly patronage figures to date for the City Circle Tram Service since its introduction.
466. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Tram brake works —
1. What is the breakdown of costs to date of — (a) government payments; and (b) private operator payments.
 2. Has an agreement been reached as to when the entire fleet will return.
 3. Who will pay for remaining brake works.
467. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the various concessions made to — (a) Yarra Trams; and (b) Swanston Trams in regard to their commitments to the Operational Performance Regime.
468. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the names of all consultants employed within each of the various groups within the Rail Projects Group since its establishment, indicating the various costs paid or owing to each, and any future expenses.
469. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any discussions held between the Federal Opposition and the State Government in regard to the Scoresby Freeway funding.

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470. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to expenditure on the Yarra Trams Route 109 Project — (a) what has been the Government's expenditure; (b) what future expenditure has been committed; and (c) how much of the project is being funded by Yarra Trams.
471. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to improve traffic management in — (a) Collins Street in the Melbourne central business district; (b) Victoria Street, Richmond; (c) Kew Junction; and (d) High Street and Cotham Road, Kew.
472. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the itemised details per tram route of proposed tram stop reductions and removals.
473. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Trams —
1. How many trams are back in service.
 2. What are the dates when each tram returned to service.
 3. What is the cost of repairs incurred by the Government for each tram returned to service.
474. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of all occurrences of "insulation" of trams since 1996.

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NOTICE RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
 2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
 3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.
 4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.

5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

277b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit–cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998–99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999–2000.
2. What was the benefit–cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) 1999–2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit–cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 APRIL 2001

304. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the present operation of the Eastern Treatment Plant of Melbourne Water at Carrum and the discharge of the outflow in Bass Strait —

1. What is the impact on water quality at the point of discharge.
2. What alternative measures have been considered for the use of the water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2001

312. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Scoresby Freeway.

320. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Dingley Freeway.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MAY 2001

346. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 new species targeted for listing for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* for 2000–01 as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.

349. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what are the performance criteria for determining demonstrable improvements with threatened species; and (b) what are the threatened species noted for 1999, as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
350. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 30 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
351. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 20 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
352. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 52 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
353. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 31 MAY 2001

365. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians from each of the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment at the end of each month from August 2000 to April 2001 inclusive.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 7 JUNE 2001

371. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a calendar has been produced and provided to the Premier's private office staff since January 2000; and if so what are — (a) the reasons for printing the calendar; (b) the total number produced; and (c) the total costs for the production of the calendar, including — (i) design; (ii) layout; and (iii) printing costs.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 JUNE 2001

404. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to home based services — what is the target output and expenditure in 2001–2002 for — (a) the Hospital in the Home program; and (b) post acute care.
405. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital to Home program for the years 1999–2000, 2000–2001 and 2001–2002 —
1. What are the output measures for each year including the — (a) actual; (b) target; and (c) expected outcome.
 2. What are the revised funding allocations, if any, for each year contained in the 2000–2001 Budget Paper No 2.
407. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the state beds pool —
1. How many state-owned residential aged care beds were off-line in the pool when the Government came to power.
 2. When was the first written proposal put to the Federal Government for the allocation of these beds.
 3. What are the documented details of this proposal.
 4. How many of these beds did the Commonwealth agree to reallocate.
 5. Has the Government provided a further proposal to the Commonwealth in relation to the state bed pool; if so what are the details of the proposal.
413. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the Hospital in the Home program —
1. (a) where does the program sit within the Department of Human Service's structure; (b) how does the program operate; and (c) from which area of the Department's budget is the program funded.
 2. What are the criteria for patient entry into the program.
 3. What evaluation process in place to assess program outcome.
 4. What is the proposed number of patients to be treated in the program.
415. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$25 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget to redevelop the eight residential aged care facilities — what is the breakdown of funding to be allocated to each facility.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 AUGUST 2001

423. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government with reference to the Geelong Business and Trade Centre ('Geelong Embassy') investigation outlined in Parliament on 12 June 2001 —
1. Who will carry out the investigation.
 2. Will the Minister provide any communication, written or electronic, relating to the inquiry's set-up.
 3. How will the Minister ensure natural justice given that one individual has already been implicated under parliamentary privilege.
426. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — why was there only one police vehicle rostered and available in Geelong to attend a robbery-in-progress on 30 May 2001 at approximately 5.00 am in Belmont.
428. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) what was the effective number of sworn full-time police, exclusive of police recruits in training, employed as at 30 June 2001; and (b) what was the number of police recruits in training as at 30 June 2001.
429. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to a 'Web Site Development Project' in project number 58 of the Community Jobs Program first funding of 2000–2001 —
1. How much funding will the Victorian Trades Hall Council receive in total.
 2. How much funding will Victoria University of Technology (TAFE Division) receive in total for the project for which it is the registered training organisation.
 3. What financial contribution has the Victorian Trades Hall Council made to this project for — (a) additional wage costs; (b) insurance; (c) project administration; (d) travel; (e) accommodation; (f) material costs; and (g) equipment purchase or leasing.
 4. How many participants took part and for how many hours has each worked.
 5. How many participants were — (a) registered with a Job Network provider; and (b) receiving assistance from Centrelink in the week prior to being placed on this program.
 6. Which officer at the Victorian Trades Hall Council supervised this program.

430. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Community Jobs Program for 2000–2001 —
1. How many applications were received for the program.
 2. How many applications were from prospective employers based in the — (a) inner east; and (b) outer east of Melbourne.
 3. What is the name of each organisation in inner and outer eastern Melbourne to submit a funding application and what was the intended name and purpose of each proposal.
 4. What projects were funded in inner and outer eastern Melbourne and how much funding did each organisation receive.
 5. What amount was spent in total on the program in — (a) direct funding to applicants; and (b) administration by the Department of Education, Employment and Training.
 6. How many full time equivalent officers in the Department of Education, Employment and Training were administering the program at 30 June 2000.
 7. What was the expenditure in the Department of Education, Employment and Training on salaries for the program in 2000–2001.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 21 AUGUST 2001

433. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

- 433a. The Honourable the Premier
- 433b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- 433c. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 433d. The Honourable the Treasurer
- 433e. The Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development
- 433f. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government
- 433g. The Honourable the Minister for Workcover
- 433h. The Honourable the Minister for Community Services
- 433i. The Honourable the Minister for Education
- 433j. The Honourable the Minister for Arts
- 433k. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
- 433l. The Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs
- 433m. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 433n. The Honourable the Minister for Corrections
- 433o. The Honourable the Minister for Agriculture
- 433p. The Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 433q. The Honourable the Attorney-General
- 433r. The Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry
- 433s. The Honourable the Minister for Racing
- 433t. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment
- 433u. The Honourable the Minister for Finance
- 433v. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming
- 433w. The Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism
- 433x. The Honourable the Minister for Housing

- 433y. The Honourable the Minister for Aged Care
- 433z. The Honourable the Minister for Health
- 433aa. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
- 433ab. The Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports
- 433ac. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Industrial Relations
- 433ad. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Minister for Energy and Resources
- 433ae. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment representing the Minister for Youth Affairs
- 433af. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services representing the Minister for Small Business
- 433ag. The Honourable the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Consumer Affairs
- 433ah. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Whether all ministerial officers currently or previously employed by the Minister have signed a pecuniary interest form; if so, on what date — (a) was the declaration signed; and (b) did the employee commence employment .

434. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

- 434a. The Honourable the Premier
- 434b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs

(a) What is the number of staff in the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Premier's Private Office who have been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation; (b) whether all staff who have been provided with remote access have all signed a remote user access application; and (c) what is the number of staff who have not been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations but who have departmental computers at home and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation.

436. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration — what is the — (a) total advertising budget in the Minister's portfolio for — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002; and (b) what are the details of all advertising campaigns since January 2000 to date indicating the purpose and total costs of each campaign.

437. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the total expenses per month incurred for taxi cab and hire car use by the Premier's advisers, including media advisers, since January 2000.

438. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what is the — (a) role; (b) job description; and (c) responsibility of the following staff in the Office of the Premier — (i) departmental liaison officer; (ii) assistant ministerial adviser; (iii) adviser; (iv) senior policy adviser; (v) chief of staff; (vi) reps co-ordinator; (vii) infrastructure adviser; (viii) Premier's personal assistant; (ix) administration and resources officer; (x) administration assistant — correspondence; (xi) executive assistant to the chief of staff; (xii) adviser — speechwriter;

(xiii) adviser — Department of State and Regional Development; (xiv) adviser — social policy; (xv) adviser — Department of Justice; (xvi) director policy; (xvii) director Parliament; (xviii) director social policy; (xix) director economic policy; (xx) director strategy; (xxi) director administration; (xxii) director media; (xxiii) media adviser; (xxiv) Premier's media adviser; (xxv) departmental media director; (xxvi) media administration assistant; and (xxvii) media assistant.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 22 AUGUST 2001

440. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — what was the total number of businesses paying payroll tax as — (a) at June 1999; (b) at June 2000; (c) at June 2001; and (d) an estimate for June 2002.
441. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — what was the total number of land tax payers as — (a) at June 1999; (b) at June 2000; (c) at June 2001; and (d) an estimate for June 2002.

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442. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the allocation of school nurses —
1. What are the components of the formula determining the educational, health and social needs of school communities, other than the Special Learning Needs (SLN) Index.
 2. Why did those secondary schools in the electorate of Benambra, exhibiting the greatest education, health and social needs not qualify, if all components were considered.
443. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) when will the Secondary School Nursing (SSN) Program evaluation by Professor Gay Edgecombe be completed; and (b) when does the Government intend to implement the recommendations of the evaluation.
444. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to testing of drivers for driving under the influence of drugs between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2001 —
1. How many offenders have been detected and charged.
 2. How many drivers were detected and charged in metropolitan Melbourne.
 3. How many drivers were detected and charged in rural Victoria.
 4. How many drivers have been convicted.

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445. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's trip to San Jose in the USA last year and his meeting with Leslie Coleman at Selectron —
1. What other officers of Selectron were at the meeting.
 2. Who accompanied the Minister.
 3. How long was the meeting.
 4. Was there any discussion about Selectron's plans for its Wangaratta plant.
 5. What materials were given to Selectron.
 6. When did the Minister first become aware of Selectron's plans to close the Wangaratta plant.
 7. What steps did the Minister take to prevent the closure.
 8. What was the benefit of the Minister's trip to Selectron in San Jose.
446. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision in Queensland by local governments to ban the use of arsenic-based treated pine in parks and gardens — (a) what is the attitude or policy of the Victorian Government on its use in — (i) gardens; and (ii) any other places; (b) what Departmental regulations and protocols are in place to prevent the mulching of arsenic-based treated pine as part of local government recycling processes; and (c) are there any protocols or directives in place to encourage the use of recycled plastic products.
447. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Willung South Lookout Tower in Gippsland — (a) who is the responsible agency; and (b) what is the annual budget for — (i) the maintenance of the Tower; (ii) the maintenance of the area framing the Tower car park and surrounds; and (iii) the collection and removal of rubbish in the precinct of the Tower.
448. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the importance of water conservation and the merit of onsite water collection through the use of domestic water tanks —
1. What metropolitan councils currently promote domestic water collection and storage onsite.
 2. How many metropolitan and country households currently use water tanks for domestic water usage.
 3. What domestic water tank permits, as applicable, have been issued for — (a) 1998; (b) 1999; (c) 2000; and (d) 2001 to date.
 4. What is the policy of the Government to increase the level of onsite water storage.

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5. What action has the Government taken to increase the number of households installing onsite water storage.
449. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recommendations regarding paint disposal and washing of paint brushes — (a) what is the level of compliance; (b) how many prosecutions have been instigated over the last two financial years for non-compliance; and (c) what plans do the Government and EPA have to increase the level of compliance.
450. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* — (a) how many recommendations by the Scientific Advisory Committee and its predecessors have been made to the Minister since the introduction of the Act; (b) what have been the recommendations; and (c) on what occasions has the Minister of the day not followed the advice of the Scientific Advisory Committee and for what reasons.
451. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the extensive use and success of water-permeable paving at the Sydney Olympic site to reduce outflows of stormwater — what steps are being undertaken to encourage the use of permeable surfaces in — (a) State Government projects; (b) local government projects; and (c) private development and building projects.
452. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many boating collisions and groundings in Victoria, by region, have been investigated by the Water Police for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
453. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Government's announcement of the proposed \$2 billion Melbourne Central Park development announced in *The Age* on 22 August 2001 —
1. What forms of lighting will be used throughout the public areas which utilize sustainable energy.
 2. Will the Minister be directing members of the consortium who wish to develop Central Park adhere to the Energy Smart Housing Program.
 3. What benchmarks are in place to ensure accommodation achieves the highest energy star rating.
 4. What energy star rating will the Minister stipulate for the development.
 5. What non-polluting sources of energy will be employed in the housing and commercial structures.
 6. What percentage of electricity will be drawn from renewable sources.
 7. Will the finished development qualify to be an accredited Energy Smart Estate.

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8. Will the Minister direct that the development adhere to the FirstRate Energy Efficiency Package.
 9. What disposal or recycling measures will be employed for the handling of solid waste.
 10. What type of water-quality filtering system will be employed to ensure Port Phillip Bay is protected for polluted run-off.
 11. Assuming the development will adhere to the world's best practice, how will rainwater be collected for the development of — (a) each individual dwelling; and (b) a whole of development approach.
 12. What measures will the Minister stipulate be taken with regard to the reduction of greenhouse emissions from the development.
 13. What measures will be put in train to ensure the environmentally sound disposal and recycling of waste water.
 14. Will the landscaping contain indigenous plantings to encourage native fauna to return to the area.
 15. What percentage of the 500,000 square metres will be set aside for open space and will this open space incorporate a complete ecosystem.
 16. What key initiatives will the Minister employ regarding sustainable living for the proposed 40 per cent of development devoted to social housing.
 17. Will the Minister proscribe inappropriate building materials for the commercial or residential sections of the development.
 18. Which ecological consultants have been, or will be, engaged to oversee environmental compliance.
 19. What qualifications are ecological consultants to the project required to have.
54. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the acquisition by Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board of the ski lifting infrastructure prior to the 2001 ski season —
1. What is the itemised breakdown of costs paid for by the Government or the Board for — (a) legal advice; (b) litigation; (c) purchase; and (d) maintenance.
 2. What has been the revenue received by the Board from ski lift operations for the 2001 season.
 3. What has been the net profit/loss of the Board for the 2001 season to date.
55. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) times; and (c) results of the Environment Protection Authority water quality tests in Hobson's Bay from 1 December 1997 to date.

456. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) places; and (c) annual costs of E-coli and other readings from stormwater drainage into the Yarra River for the years — (i) 1998; (ii) 1999; (iii) 2000; and (iv) 2001 to date.

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457. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed infestation of the centre median strip and fringes of the South Gippsland Highway near Jetty Lane, Lang Lang — (a) what agency is responsible for control of the weeds and the area; and (b) what action has the Minister's department taken to have the weed infestation controlled.
458. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what protocols exist between the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Vicroads to ensure weed infestation is controlled in areas within the responsibility of Vicroads.
459. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's media announcement on 23 June 2000 that "39 Victorian councils will share in \$1.5 million funding for e-commerce projects" and "the successful councils would each receive up to \$45,000 to increase the use of e-commerce in their local communities" —
1. How many businesses in Victoria have developed their first e-commerce capable websites as a direct result of Victorian E-Commerce Early Movers (VEEM) grants.
 2. What are the names of the businesses which have developed websites through VEEM grants.
 3. How much of the funding was spent to reproduce directory information already on the internet.
 4. What percentage of the funding has been spent on the creation of regional portals and — (a) how many regional portals have been created with these funds; and (b) what are the names of these regional portals.
 5. What analysis has been undertaken to ensure maximum value was achieved from VEEM funding and — (a) who undertook this analysis; and (b) what does the analysis show.
 6. What key performance indicators were set to measure the success of the programme, and have these indicators been met.
 7. Have the objectives of the programme been met.
 8. How many of the councils administering VEEM money had e-commerce capabilities of their own.

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9. What percentage of the successful Victorian municipalities who had not e-commerce capabilities of their own, successfully administered VEEM funding on behalf of the Government.
460. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference the Premier's media release on 21 June 2001 announcing the Synchrotron Project and its project partners and supporting organisations — what financial commitments does the Government have from — (a) the CSIRO; (b) Western Mining; (c) Walter and Eliza Hall Institute; (d) Rio Tinto; (e) Ericsson Australia; (f) Telstra; (g) the Committee for Melbourne; (h) the Victorian Employer's Chamber of Commerce and Industry; (i) the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce; (j) Victorian Chamber of Mines; and (k) Monash University.
461. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Council of Adult Education — what are the details of all television advertising since July 2000 to date indicating — (a) the date of approval for each contract; (b) the cost of each contract; (c) the purpose of each advertisement; (d) the duration of each advertisement; (e) where each advertisement was broadcast; (f) when each advertisement was broadcast; (g) to whom each contract was awarded; (h) which individuals were paid to appear in the advertisements; and (i) the total cost paid to these individuals to appear in each advertisement.
462. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Point Lonsdale front beach seawall and groynes engineering works —
1. What was the engineering rationale to use undersized rocks in the construction which were then subject to movement in medium to heavy wave action and therefore inadequate.
 2. What engineering supervision took place on the part of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) during the course of construction.
 3. Why have no remedial steps been undertaken to stop the dispersal of the rocks forming the groynes which are now spread over an area triple the original width and design criteria.
 4. What further action does the Department now propose to undertake in relation to the reinstatement of the existing groynes and what budget has been allocated for these works.
 5. What action has been taken by the Department to complete the groynes project according to the original four groynes specification.
463. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the urgent repair works required to prevent the further collapse of the Point Lonsdale front beach promenade —
1. What assessment of a serious risk to public safety has the Government made on the promenade.

2. What are the details of the engineers' reports concerning the risk.
3. What remedial action has been planned.
4. What budget has been allocated to rectify the risk.
5. Why has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment not responded to email correspondence from Point Lonsdale resident Mr David Rowe about the matter.
6. What is the name of the contractor who was responsible for the excavator which broke through the footpath while doing remedial works along the promenade of the Point Lonsdale front beach and — (a) how much did the rectification cost; and (b) who paid the costs.
7. What consideration has been given to the possible impact on tidal and wave action on the Point Lonsdale front beach in the plans for deepening the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2001

464. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to infringements on City Link since the introduction of tolling — what is the — (a) number of infringements; (b) total revenue collected by month for the following infringement types — (i) speeding fines; (ii) absence of E-Tag; and (iii) other infringements; and (c) number and cost of outstanding infringements by month.
465. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the monthly patronage figures to date for the City Circle Tram Service since its introduction.
466. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Tram brake works —
1. What is the breakdown of costs to date of — (a) government payments; and (b) private operator payments.
 2. Has an agreement been reached as to when the entire fleet will return.
 3. Who will pay for remaining brake works.
467. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the various concessions made to — (a) Yarra Trams; and (b) Swanston Trams in regard to their commitments to the Operational Performance Regime.
468. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the names of all consultants employed within each of the various groups within the Rail Projects Group since its establishment, indicating the various costs paid or owing to each, and any future expenses.

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69. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any discussions held between the Federal Opposition and the State Government in regard to the Scoresby Freeway funding.
70. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to expenditure on the Yarra Trams Route 109 Project — (a) what has been the Government's expenditure; (b) what future expenditure has been committed; and (c) how much of the project is being funded by Yarra Trams.
71. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any plans to improve traffic management in — (a) Collins Street in the Melbourne central business district; (b) Victoria Street, Richmond; (c) Kew Junction; and (d) High Street and Cotham Road, Kew.
72. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the itemised details per tram route of proposed tram stop reductions and removals.
73. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Trams —
1. How many trams are back in service.
 2. What are the dates when each tram returned to service.
 3. What is the cost of repairs incurred by the Government for each tram returned to service.
74. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of all occurrences of "insulation" of trams since 1996.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 9 OCTOBER 2001

475. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to money spent by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on weed and pest management —
1. How much did the Department spend on weed and pest management statewide during 2000-2001.
 2. How much of this money was spent on — (a) public; and (b) private land.
 3. How much of the total expenditure was spend on — (a) department overhead or administrative costs; and (b) actual weed and pest control.
 4. What is the breakdown of this money spent on the catchment areas of — (a) Mallee; (b) Wimmera; (c) Glenelg; (d) North Central; (e) Goulburn-Broken; (f) Port Phillip; (g) North East; and (h) West Gippsland for — (i) public; and (ii) private land.
476. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the exercise of miners' rights on public land —
1. In what land that is a national park, wilderness park or State park is such exercise permitted.
 2. What breaches of the prohibition of the — (a) use of explosives; (b) use of any equipment for excavation other than non-mechanical hand tools; (c) removal of or damage to any tree or shrub; and (d) disturbance of any Aboriginal place or object have there been since October 1999 and what prosecutions have there been for each.
 3. What working definition of "non-mechanical" handtool is used by Department of Natural Resources and Environment officers in determining the legality of prospecting on public land.
477. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to protocols and agreements to provide for Aboriginal communities to be consulted, or advise, on the management of public land —
1. Which — (a) national parks; (b) state parks; (c) state forests; and (d) other Crown land areas do the protocols and agreements apply to.
 2. What are all the protocols and agreements.

3. Which of the protocols provide for veto over Department of Natural Resources and Environment actions, and what is the nature of such veto.

478. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the following parks administered by Parks Victoria —

1. Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve
2. Albert Park
3. Alfred National Park
4. Alfred Nicholas Gardens
5. Alpine National Park
6. Anderson's Mill
7. Angahook-Lorne State Park
8. Arthurs Seat State Park
9. Aura Vale Lake Park
10. Avon Wilderness Park
11. Banksia Park
12. Barmah State Park
13. Baw Baw National Park
14. Bay of Islands Coastal Park
15. Beechworth Historic Park
16. Bemm River Scenic Reserve
17. Big Desert Wilderness
18. Birrarung Park
19. Black Range State Park
20. Braeside Park
21. Brimbank Park
22. Brisbane Ranges National Park
23. Buchan Caves Reserve
24. Bunurong Marine and Coastal Park
25. Bunyip State Park
26. Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park
27. Bushy Park Wetlands
28. Candlebark Park
29. Cape Conran Coastal Park
30. Cape Liptrap Coastal Park
31. Cape Nelson State Park
32. Cape Otway Lightstation
33. Cape Schanck Lighthouse Reserve
34. Cardinia Reservoir Park
35. Carlisle State Park
36. Castlemaine-Chewton Historic Reserve
37. Cathedral Range State Park
38. Cheetham Wetlands
39. Chiltern Box-Ironbark National Park
40. Churchill National Park
41. Collins Settlement Historic Site
42. Coolart Wetland & Homestead
43. Coopracambra National Park
44. Crawford River Regional Park
45. Creswick Regional Park
46. Croajingolong National Park

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47. Dandenong Police Paddocks Reserve
 48. Dandenong Ranges National Park
 49. Dergholm State Park
 50. Discovery Bay Coastal Park
 51. Enfield State Park
 52. Errinundra National Park
 53. French Island National Park
 54. Gabo Island
 55. George Tindale Memorial Gardens
 56. Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park
 57. Grampians National Park
 58. Greenvale Reservoir Park
 59. Hattah-Kulkyne National Park
 60. Hawkstowe Park
 61. Hepburn Regional Park
 62. Herring Island Environmental Sculpture Park
 63. Holey Plains State Park
 64. Horseshoe Bend Farm
 65. Howqua Hills Historic Area
 66. Jack Smith Lake State Game Reserve
 67. Jells Park
 68. Kalorama Park
 69. Kamarooka State Park
 70. Kara Kara State Park
 71. Karkarook Park
 72. Kinglake National Park
 73. Koomba Park
 74. Kooyoora State Park
 75. Lake Albacutya Regional Park
 76. Lake Eildon National Park
 77. Lake Hindmarsh Reserve
 78. Langi Ghiran State Park
 79. Langwarrin Flora & Fauna Reserve
 80. Leaghur State Park
 81. Lerderderg State Park
 82. Lind National Park
 83. Little Desert National Park
 84. Long Forest Flora Reserve
 85. Longridge Park Camp
 86. Lower Glenelg National Park
 87. Lysterfield Lake Park
 88. Macedon Regional Park
 89. Maldon Historic Reserve
 90. Maribyrnong River
 91. Maroondah Reservoir Park
 92. Melba Gully State Park
 93. Middle Gorge Park
 94. Mitchell River National Park
 95. Moondarra State Park
 96. Mornington Peninsula National Park
 97. Morwell National Park
 98. Mount Alexander Regional Park
 99. Mount Arapiles-Toooan State Park

100. Mount Beckworh Scenic Reserve
101. Mount Buangor State Park
102. Mount Buffalo National Park
103. Mount Dandenong Arboretum
104. Mount Eccles National Park
105. Mount Granya State Park
106. Mount Lawson State Park
107. Mount Napier State Park
108. Mount Richmond National Park
109. Mount Samaria State Park
110. Mount Worth State Park
111. Murray-Kulkyne Regional Park
112. Murray-Sunset National Park
113. National Rhododendron Gardens
114. Nioka Bush Camp
115. Nooramunga and Corner Inlet Marine and Coastal Parks
116. Nortons Park
117. Nyerimilang Heritage Park
118. Organ Pipes National Park
119. Oriental Claims Historic Reserve
120. Otway National Park
121. Paddys Ranges State Park
122. Patterson River
123. Pettys Orchard
124. Pipemakers Park
125. Pirianda Garden
126. Point Cook Coastal Park
127. Port Campbell National Park
128. Port Phillip Bay Marine Reserves
129. Power's Lookout Reserve
130. Reef Hills Park
131. RJ Hamer Arboretum
132. Rosebud Foreshore Reserve
133. Sale Common State Game Reserve
134. Serendip Sanctuary
135. Shallow Inlet Marine and Coastal Park
136. Shepherds Bush
137. Silvan Reservoir Park
138. Snowy River National Park
139. State Coal Mine
140. Steiglitz Historic Park
141. Sugarloaf Reservoir Park
142. Sweeneys Flat
143. Tarago Reservoir Park
144. Tarra Bulga National Park
145. Terrick Terrick National Park
146. The Lakes National Park
147. The Mansion at Werribee Park
148. The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve
149. Toorourrong Reservoir Park
150. Tower Hill State Game Reserve
151. Tyers Park
152. Upper Goulburn Historic Area

153. Upper Yarra Reservoir Park
154. Wabba Wilderness Park
155. Warby Range State Park
157. Warrandyte State Park
158. Wattle Park
159. Werribee Gorge State Park
160. Westerfolds Park
161. Western Port
162. Westgate Park
163. Whipstick State Park
164. Whroo Historic Reserve
165. William Ricketts Sanctuary
166. Wilsons Promontory National Park
167. Wilsons Promontory Marine Park
168. Woodlands Historic Park
169. Wyperfeld National Park
170. Yan Yean Reservoir Park
171. Yarra Bend Park
172. Yarra Flats
173. Yarra Ranges National Park
174. Yarra River
175. Yarrambat Park
176. Yellow Gum Park
177. You Yangs Regional Park

1. What were the estimated numbers at — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001 of — (i) wild dogs; (ii) feral cats; (iii) foxes; (iv) wild pigs; and (v) other feral predators.
2. What eradication methods have been used for — (a) wild dogs; (b) feral cats; (c) foxes; (d) wild pigs; and (e) other feral predators, and how effective was each method.
3. What budget has been made available to the Managers of each park for the eradication of feral animals.

479. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to rivers, streams, coastal areas, and other waterways in Victoria in 2001 —whether any unsafe or dangerous levels of — (a) pesticides or pesticide components; and (b) nutrients and biostimulants have been found in each, and what action has been taken in respect of each finding.

480. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — which rivers, streams, coastal areas and other waterways in Victoria have been found to carry unsafe or dangerous levels of — (a) mercury; (b) cadmium; (c) chromium; (d) zinc; (e) copper; (f) lead; and (g) nickel.

481. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what fire retardants are used and permitted in — (a) State; and (b) National Parks.

482. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the taking of dogs onto public land which is National or State Park — (a) what circumstances provide for a dog to be taken onto such land; and (b) what special arrangements are there to permit owner of land-locked properties to take their dogs through such parks.
483. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — what was the itemised amount of locally-raised funds for specific purposes — (a) which was transferred from the old Southern Health Care Network to the new Bayside Health, effective from 1 July 2000; and (b) that Southern Health Care Network took over from the Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital upon its establishment.
484. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — whether the Minister will ensure that the electrification of the Geelong to Melbourne rail line is included as a component to be addressed by short-listed companies in the forthcoming fast rail tender process.
485. **MR PATERSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 485a. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
485b. The Honourable the Premier
- Why did the Government exempt the proposed Stonehaven Power Station from an Environment Effects Statement (EES) given the Premier's commitment that all new energy projects would be subject to an EES.
486. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — what is the reason for the delay in announcing the location and completion timetable for the proposed Barwon South ambulance station.
487. **MR PATERSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 487a. The Honourable the Minister for Health
487b. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- Whether the co-location of the Torquay Country Fire Authority fire station and the proposed ambulance facility for Barwon South has been considered and, if so what is the status of such consideration.
488. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to explain the discrepancy in the estimated expenditure for the Torquay fire station, which was referred to as \$850,000 in the Budget Papers, but as \$650,000 in recent correspondence and media reports, including page 3 of the *Geelong Advertiser* on 20 September 2001.

489. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Port Phillip Bay Environmental Study report funded by Melbourne Water between 1992–96 —
1. With reference to Recommendation 2 on page 28 — what local catchment management strategies have been implemented since the report to reduce toxic inputs into the creeks and drains leading into Port Phillip Bay.
 2. With reference to Recommendation 3 on page 28 — what investigations have been initiated to evaluate the impact of long-term chronic effects of low level toxicants on the biota of Port Phillip Bay.
 3. With reference to Recommendation 4 on page 28 — what protocols have been developed to manage the disposal of dredged spoil.
 4. With reference to Recommendation 5 on page 28 — (a) what monitoring systems have been developed to review changes in the extent of sea grass beds; and (b) what community organisations and volunteer naturalists groups have been enlisted to assist with this monitoring.
 5. With reference to Recommendation 6 on page 28 — (a) what habitat protection programs have been initiated from 1999 to date; (b) what artificial reefs have been established; and (c) which community groups have been involved in habitat restoration and artificial reef establishment.
 6. With reference to Recommendation 7 on page 28 — (a) what is the current assessment of the impact of exotic species in the ecology of Port Phillip Bay; and (b) what monitoring around port areas has been initiated and what are the results to date.
 7. With reference to Recommendation 9 on page 28 — what are the plans and methods of the Government to implement the target reduction in the overall load of 1000 tonnes of nitrogen per year.
 8. With reference to Recommendation 10 on page 28 — what steps have been taken to reduce total suspended solids and N loads to Port Phillip Bay from the Yarra River and major creeks and drains.
 9. With reference to Recommendation 11 on page 28 — what steps have been taken to improve the denitrification efficiency of the Western Treatment Plant.
 10. With reference to Recommendation 13 on page 28 — what monitoring programs have been established to review the ongoing health of Port Phillip Bay and to measure performance on a year to year basis taking into account water quality, sediment fluxes, benthic biodiversity and other indicators of Bay function.
 11. With reference to Recommendation 15 on page 28 — what changes have been recorded in N loads in Port Phillip Bay over the past four years.
 12. With reference to Recommendation 16 on page 28 — what models of Port Phillip Bay have been developed and integrated into catchment models to assist in the long-term sustainable management of the Bay.

13. With reference to Recommendation 1 on page 28 — what steps are being taken to monitor toxicants in valued ecosystem components.
490. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the State Environment Protection Policy for the Yarra River — (a) what has been the annual monitoring costs to the Environment Protection Authority for evaluating water quality in the Yarra River for — (i) 1997; (ii) 1998; (iii) 1999; (iv) 2000; and (v) 2001 to date; and (b) what have been the e-coli level readings recorded for the Yarra River noting the location and date of the readings for — (i) 1999; (ii) 2000; and (iii) 2001 to date.
491. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the State Environment Protection Policy for the Yarra River — (a) are there any properties in the metropolitan catchment area for the Yarra River which are unsewered; (b) which sewage treatment plants discharge treated sewage into the Yarra River; and (c) what are the annual volumes, if any, of treated sewage discharged into the Yarra River from sewage treatment plants.
492. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the launch by the State Government together with the Environment Protection Authority of "Clean Up Your Beach Day" on 4 February 2001, and reported in the *Herald-Sun* on 5 February 2001 — (a) what are the litter reduction targets for Victoria's beaches; (b) what was the cost of the launch; (c) how many people were involved in the clean up of the Carrum Beach; and (d) what volume of rubbish was collected.
493. **MR MAUGHAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to fire hazards on railway land in country Victoria —
1. Who is legally responsible for the removal of fire hazards, previously managed by the Public Transport Corporation and V/Line.
 2. Who is legally responsible for the removal of fire hazards where the land is managed by VicTrack and leased to Freight Australia.
 3. Whether either VicTrack or Freight Australia are regarded as public authorities as defined in the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* and if not, can either or both be served with fire protection notices for land under their control.
494. **MR MAUGHAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's policy with regard to the ongoing funding of existing state highways and bridges where either a new highway or bridge is built to bypass a town.
495. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether the Government or people acting on its behalf had discussions or negotiations with Mr Chris Sidoti, Human Rights Commissioner of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission between 25 May 2000 and 8 September 2000 on whether the Government should withdraw the term "Macedonian (Slavonic)", issuing an apology and paying costs; if so, when did the Premier become aware of these discussions or negotiations.

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496. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what is the — (a) total number of public servants in the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs who received bonuses in 2000–2001 and the amount of each bonus; and (b) criteria used in deciding whether individuals were to receive bonuses.
497. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the draft Integrated Pest Management Strategy and the Minister's Press Release of 6 October 2001 —
1. What is the date by which the Strategy will be completed.
 2. When will the Strategy be tabled in Parliament or otherwise made public.
 3. How many submissions were made, and by whom.
 4. How many submissions were made on — (a) weeds; (b) rabbits; (c) foxes; (d) wild dogs; (e) wild goats; (f) wild pigs; (g) wildlife species; and (h) feral cats.
498. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians from the postcode areas — (a) 3188; (b) 3190; (c) 3191; (d) 3192; and (e) 3193 were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment at the end of each month from August 2000 to September 2001.
499. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — when will the Minister provide an answer to — (a) Question on Notice number 223, first appearing on Notice Paper dated 30 August 2000; and (b) Question on Notice number 232, first appearing on Notice Paper dated 4 October 2000.

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500. **MR PERTON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road —

500a. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation

500b. The Honourable the Minister for Planning

500c. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

1. What advice has the Minister received on the environmental consequences of the development.
2. What flora and fauna assessments did VicRoads or any other Government agency make and — (a) what was the data collection criteria; and (b) have such flora and fauna studies been completed and have the community been advised of the results.
3. What flora and fauna will be adversely affected by the development.
4. Has the Minister considered — (a) asking VicRoads to redraw the redevelopment plans to the standards of the 'Windy Mile' roadway in Diamond Creek; (b) the request of local residents that the Road be classified as a 'Scenic Tourist Route'; and (c) the request of local residents and the Member for Yan Yean for the installation of a timber terminus/modal interchange, at either Lilydale, Coldstream or Yering for facilitating the transfer, by rail, of timber from the Yarra Valley area to Geelong, in order to remove logging trucks from the Eltham-Yarra Glen Road.

501. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning with reference to a letter to the Minister dated 8 August 2001 from the Save our Scenic Road group about VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek between Cemetery Road and Alma Road —

1. Why has the Minister not responded to the concerns of the group.
2. Will the Minister support the objections of the group.
3. Has the Minister considered the request of local residents that any road redevelopment be engineered to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour and that the whole of the road be rezoned to a maximum speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour.

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502. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road — has the Minister considered the request of local residents that any road redevelopment be engineered to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour and that the whole of the road be rezoned to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres.
503. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Tourism with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road — has the Minister considered the request of local residents that the Road be classified as a 'Scenic Tourist Route'.
504. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Somerton Power Station —
1. Whether the Minister is aware of any breaches in the Environmental Management Plan for the construction of the pipeline to the power station; if so, (a) what are the breaches and (b) what action will be taken by the Minister.
 2. Whether the Minister is aware that an excavator on the site travelled through the adjacent landfill containing asbestos, medical and industrial waste; if so, what action will be taken by the Minister.
 3. What style, type and model of turbine has been approved for the power station.
 4. How will the power station affect Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions.
 5. Does the Government have an energy plan for Victoria and how does the power station fit into this.
505. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the review of the Scientific Advisory Committee which reported to the Minister regarding the listing of grey-headed flying foxes as 'threatened'— (a) what were the reasons for the recommendations of the Committee; (b) who were the members of the Committee; (c) what was the rationale for rejecting the recommendations; and (d) what is the policy position of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the basis of submission to the Federal Review.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 11 OCTOBER 2001

506. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the advertisement in the *Weekly Times* on 10 October 2001, stating that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared for the proposed Water (Permanent Transfer of Water Rights) Regulations 2001 and that a copy of the statement and the proposed regulation would be available on the internet at www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris —
1. When will the Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed regulation be available on the internet site.
 2. Will there be an extension beyond 9 November 2001 of the time available for public comment, given that the Regulatory Impact Statement has not yet been made available.
507. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance with reference to KPMG Consulting's 'Review of Government Purchasing Arrangements' last year which recommended the Government establish the online tendering program 'EC4P e-procurement program' —
1. Why did it take the Government so long to announce the project.
 2. Why will it be two years between the recommendation and the implementation.
 3. How will small businesses register to participate.
 4. Will there be any cost of registration; if so, what will the cost be.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 OCTOBER 2001

508. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the 'First Responder' emergency medical response service provided by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board — (a) what types of medical emergencies are Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board personnel actually responding to; (b) how much longer will the emergency medical response pilot scheme continue before the program becomes a regular service of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board; and (c) what level of medical training have the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board personnel attained to date.
509. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the itemised monthly breakdown, since October 1999, of the staffing levels at the — (a) Department of Infrastructure; and (b) Rail Projects Group, and costs of employing these staff.
510. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what level of community consultation has been in place in regard to the Yarra Trams Collins Street superstops; and (b) what are the community consultation arrangements for the remainder of the Route 109 project.
511. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport were the following issues raised in negotiations with Transurban Limited regarding the changes as announced on 19 September 2001 which allowed for the expansion of tolling technology outside the single-purpose agency — (a) the issue of State access to the tolling system; (b) off-peak concession tolls; (c) lower CityLink fines; (d) a royalty payment to the State instead of a one-off fee; and (e) the Wurundjeri Way compensation; if so — (i) what are the details and (ii) why were they not incorporated into the negotiations for the expansion of tolling.
512. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what has the Government done to ensure that public transport commuters are not treated unfairly by revenue protection officers and other ticket inspectors.
513. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — with reference to tackling fare evasion on Melbourne's public transport system — (a) what are the details and outcomes of the Government initiatives; and (b) what are the costs involved.

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514. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the patronage forecasts for the Melbourne Airport Rail Link requested by the Department of Infrastructure from — (a) Maunsell McIntyre; and (b) Booz Allen and Hamilton.
515. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what impact has the — (a) September 11 terrorist attack in the United States of America; (b) collapse of Ansett; and (c) downturn in the tourism industry had on each of — (i) Melbourne Airport passenger numbers; (ii) taxi industry patronage and revenue; (iii) Tullamarine Freeway use; and (iv) airport taxi charges.
516. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — when is the construction of the Melbourne Airport Rail Link expected to — (a) commence; and (b) be completed.
517. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Airport Rail Link —
1. How much has — (a) the Government spent on the planning and development of the Airport Rail Link; and (b) how much has been committed for future works.
 2. What is the — (a) expected cost of the Airport Rail Link; and (b) how much is expected to be paid for by the Government.
518. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — given the recent downturn in the tourism industry has the Government reconsidered the Airport Rail Link.
519. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Scoresby Freeway project— what has the Government — (a) identified as potential environment issues which may delay the project; and (b) done to address these issues.
520. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to public transport improvements in the Scoresby corridor — (a) what has the Government identified as such improvements; (b) what is the estimated cost of these improvements; and (c) what timeframes have been established for these measures.
521. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Scoresby Freeway — (a) what commitments has the Government received from the Federal Opposition regarding the Scoresby Freeway; and (b) has the Government a commitment from the Federal Government to abide by the \$445 million funding package as announced on 9 October 2001.
522. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the construction starting times, in priority order, for the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo fast rail lines.

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523. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what environmental issues have been identified which may interfere with the delivery of the project; (b) are the habitats of the striped legless lizard and warty swamp frog potential problems for the project; and (c) what has the Government done to provide adequate environmental protection for sensitive areas.
524. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the total cost of the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo projects, and what is the Government contribution towards the cost of each.
525. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what financial impact will electrification of the Geelong line have; and (b) how much of these funds will be provided by the Government.
526. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what impact will land acquisition have on the delivery date of the project; and (b) whether the Government has identified areas where land acquisition will take place; if so what are the details of the identified areas.
527. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the ongoing financial subsidy for the project.
528. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what is the definition of 'defect liability period'; and (b) what has the Government allocated for the defect liability period.
529. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the practical completion of the project.
530. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what performance incentives for the project have been established to ensure — (a) value for money; (b) service delivery; and (c) quality.
531. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what are the individual milestone payments to the successful bidder for the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo fast rail lines.

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532. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what measures are being taken to ensure the integration of the project with the Metropolitan rail network.
533. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what is the financial impact of retaining the double track between Melbourne and Bendigo; and (b) whether it is Government policy to retain the double track for the fast rail between Melbourne and Bendigo.
534. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the City Link tunnels — what is the monthly summary of the number of hours for which the — (a) Burnley; and (b) Domain tunnels have been closed for either — (i) maintenance; or (ii) other closures.
535. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the employment of the Hon Mal Sandon at VicRoads —
1. What are the details of the nature of his employment for two periods totalling 28 days.
 2. What was he employed to do.
 3. What responsibilities did he have.
 4. Whether an assessment was made at the conclusion of employment that the task had been completed.
 5. What was the selection process for his position.
 6. Who was his direct supervisor
 7. Who was responsible for his selection.

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536. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the Education History Unit in the Department of Education, Employment and Training —
1. What decision has the Minister or the Department made about the continuation of the Unit.
 2. Who made the decision about the continuation of the Unit.
 3. What was the consultation process leading to the decision.
 4. With whom did the Minister and the Department consult.
 5. Has the Minister and the Department received correspondence or representations opposing the closure of the Unit.
 6. What has been the cost of funding the Unit for — (a) 1996–1997; (b) 1997–1998; (c) 1998–1999; (d) 1999–2000; and (e) 2000–2001.
 7. If the Unit is to be closed or altered, what arrangements have been made to protect and preserve the collection and records of the Unit.
537. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to the boat-based bush camping site at Bunga Arm in the Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park —
1. Whether there has been any change to the permit to camp allocation system; if so — (a) what is the change; and (b) why has it been done.
 2. Whether any toilet facility been demolished.
 3. Whether any open pit has been left unprotected; if so — (a) why was the pit or pits left unprotected; and (b) why have no warning signs been put in place.
 4. What consultation has taken place on changes to the camping ground.
 5. Whether any trees were cut down this year; if so why.

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538. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the recent hold-up of the Portarlington Community Bank — (a) what was the time taken by police to arrive on the scene; (b) how many police officers attended as a first response unit; and (c) which police station despatched the first response unit officers.
539. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — what was the actual outcome for 2000–2001 for the tourism output groups — (a) visitor nights (Domestic); (b) visitor nights (International); (c) number of visitors (International); and (d) awareness of advertising on Victoria for — (i) New South Wales; (ii) South Australia; (iii) Queensland; and (iv) Victoria.

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540. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard ticketing and fare evasion —
1. What was the level of fare evasion in mid 2001 for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) metropolitan bus operators.
 2. What “differences in survey methodology” caused the wide variation in levels of fare evasion noted by Yarra Trams as opposed to other rail and tram franchisees, as stated in the Minister’s answer to question on notice 266.
 3. What financial resources has the Government committed to pursuing a more uniform approach to conducting fare evasion surveys.
 4. How many passengers on — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams received infringement notices from the Department of Infrastructure in — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
 5. What was the total value of fines levied by infringement notices issued by the Department of Infrastructure for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams in — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
 6. What amounts of fines remain outstanding for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams.
541. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to new town sewerage schemes announced in the Minister’s press release on 18 May 2000 —
1. Which of the 60 schemes listed in the press release as not yet completed, or commenced at 20 October 1999, have now been completed, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 2. What schemes are ready to proceed, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 3. What schemes are under investigation or in consultation with the community, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 4. How many landowners, listed by Regional Water Authority, were entitled to a refund for — (a) lump sum contributions already paid exceeding \$800; and (b) installments already paid exceeding \$800.

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542. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture with reference to the National Livestock Identification Scheme video produced by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment —
1. What was the total cost of the production of the video.
 2. How many dairy farms received the video.
 3. What was the total cost of mailing out the video to dairy farms.
 4. How many dairy farms have implemented the electronic tags at the government-provided rate of \$2.50 each.
 5. What was the total cost of the electronic tags to the Government.
543. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — what processes has the Government instigated to examine the possibility of establishing government secondary schooling in Torquay.
544. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation for the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources — what are the details of departmental advice provided to the Government as to the applicability and relevance of the granting of exclusive gas franchises in Barwon Heads.
545. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the 50 km per hour default vehicle speed limit applied to Victorian roads in built-up areas from 22 January 2001 —
1. How many drivers have received traffic infringement penalty notices for breaching the 50 km per hour speed limit since its introduction.
 2. How many vehicles tested by speed measuring devices in 50 km per hour speed zones, in actual numbers and percentage terms, have breached the 50 km per hour limit since its introduction.
 3. How much revenue has been generated from traffic infringement penalty notices for breaches of the 50 km per hour speed limit since 22 January 2001.
 4. What resources are being allocated to detecting breaches of the 50 km per hour default speed limit.
 5. How many hours, in actual number and percentage terms, have been spent in the monitoring of 50 km per hour speed limit zones by traffic cameras since 22 January 2001, compared with other speed limit zones.
 6. What measures are in place to monitor and assess the performance of the 50 km per hour default speed limit in terms of the actual impact on road trauma in Victoria.

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546. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — whether there is any franchise agreement between the Department of Education, Employment and Training, and the 'Reading Recovery' program; if not — (a) what other form of agreement is there; and (b) what form does either the franchise or other agreement take.
547. **MR COOPER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources — how many recreational fisheries officers were employed in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
548. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Scientific Advisory Committee finding of March 2001 regarding the status of the grey-headed flying fox —
1. What advice did the Minister receive from the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 2. Who were the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 3. Has there been any change of membership in the Scientific Advisory Committee since March 2001; if so — (a) what change; and (b) why.
 4. Were any consultants engaged to give advice to the Scientific Advisory Committee on the endangered status of the flying foxes; if so — (a) who were the consultants; (b) what were they paid; and (c) what was their advice.
549. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources with reference to the Government's Greenhouse Strategy Discussion Paper published in 2000 —
1. When will the Government release its "Victorian Greenhouse Strategy".
 2. Why is there no operative link to the document "Public Submissions on the Victorian Greenhouse Strategy Discussion Paper — Summary Report" on the Government's greenhouse publications page at <http://www.greenhouse.vic.gov.au/pubs.htm>.
 3. How many submission were made in response to the Discussion Paper and — (a) who made the submissions; (b) what was the nature of the submissions.
550. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what advice has the Minister received as to whether the number of prosecutions for littering is sufficient to act as a deterrent.
551. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the 46 major prosecutions conducted in 2000–2001 — (a) who were the respective parties; (b) what was the respective breach of law; and (c) what was the result of the prosecution.

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552. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what audits or assessments of the community outreach program of the Environment Protection Authority have been undertaken; if so — (a) who carried out such audits or assessments; and (b) what were the results.
553. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Environment Protection Authority team audit — (a) how many staff have been appointed to the team audit; (b) what is the budget for the team audit in 2000–2001; (c) what investigations have been undertaken by the team and what were the — (i) findings; and (ii) results of the investigations.
554. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Environment Protection Authority's annual report for 2000–2001 and the statement on page 3 that Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans will be piloted this year —
1. What are the proposed piloted Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 2. Who has been consulted on the pilot Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 3. What problems have been identified in the proposed pilot Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 4. Which people have been appointed to the advisory committee on Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
555. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the names of each ministerial officer employed by the Premier and the date that each ministerial officer employed by the Premier — (a) commenced employment; and (b) signed a pecuniary interest form.

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QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 31 OCTOBER 2001

556. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes — (a) 3105; (b) 3106; (c) 3107; (d) 3108; and (e) 3109 —
1. How many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2001–2002.
 2. What is the total expected value of land tax in each postcode for 2001–2002.
557. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the Geelong Hospital — (a) what action is the Government taking to resolve the declining availability of anaesthetists; and (b) what is the number of surgery cancellations due to the declining availability of anaesthetists.
558. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the “unexpected gains” for Barwon Health referred to in the *Geelong Advertiser* on 31 October 2001 at page 1 — what are the details of the \$2.8 million of “unexpected gains”; and (b) is there an underlying deficit of \$1.5 million for Barwon Health.
559. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. Whether the ‘Smart Bus’ project along Blackburn Road is proceeding.
 2. Why did the Minister’s media release of 28 October 2001 headed ‘Historic Agreement’ refer to a ‘feasibility study’ for ‘improved bus services on Blackburn roads’.
 3. When will any improvement to Blackburn Road Ventura bus services occur and what increases in frequency will occur on each day of the week.
 4. What amount has been spent to date in 2001–2002 on the — (a) Blackburn Road; and (b) Springvale Road ‘Smart Bus’ projects and what amount is expected to be spent for each in — (i) 2001–2002; and (ii) 2002–2003.
560. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. What was the full-time equivalent staffing level at the Mount Waverley Police Station at — (a) 1 July 1999; (b) 1 July 2000; and (c) 1 July 2001.

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2. Whether there are any plans to increase the number of police based at Mount Waverley.
 3. Whether there are any plans to open Mount Waverley Police Station to the public for longer than normal business hours Monday to Friday.
 4. What were the ten most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were detected in each category, for the postcodes — (a) 3125; (b) 3128; (c) 3130; (d) 3149; (e) 3150; and (f) 3151 for — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
561. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming with reference to the responsible gaming courses —
1. What specific funding has been provided in 2001–2002 for the William Angliss Institute of TAFE or any other Victorian Institutes of TAFE for such courses.
 2. How many courses are expected to be held by 31 December 2001 at each TAFE venue.
 3. How many participants have enrolled in the course to date, at each venue.
 4. What is the charge per participant at each TAFE venue offering the course.
 5. Whether any TAFE venues offer discounts for multiple registrations; if so what are they.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
 2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
 3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.
5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

277b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit-cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998-99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999-2000.
2. What was the benefit-cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998-99; and (b) 1999-2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit-cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000-2001; and (ii) 2001-2002.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 APRIL 2001

304. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the present operation of the Eastern Treatment Plant of Melbourne Water at Carrum and the discharge of the outflow in Bass Strait —

1. What is the impact on water quality at the point of discharge.
2. What alternative measures have been considered for the use of the water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2001

312. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Scoresby Freeway.

320. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Dingley Freeway.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MAY 2001

346. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 new species targeted for listing for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* for 2000–01 as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
349. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what are the performance criteria for determining demonstrable improvements with threatened species; and (b) what are the threatened species noted for 1999, as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
350. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 30 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
351. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 20 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
352. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 52 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
353. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 7 JUNE 2001

371. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a calendar has been produced and provided to the Premier's private office staff since January 2000; and if so what are — (a) the reasons for printing the calendar; (b) the total number produced; and (c) the total costs for the production of the calendar, including — (i) design; (ii) layout; and (iii) printing costs.

 NOTICE RECEIVED ON 13 JUNE 2001

415. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$25 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget to redevelop the eight residential aged care facilities — what is the breakdown of funding to be allocated to each facility.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 21 AUGUST 2001

433. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 433d. The Honourable the Treasurer
 - 433e. The Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development
 - 433f. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government
 - 433i. The Honourable the Minister for Education
 - 433j. The Honourable the Minister for Arts
 - 433l. The Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs
 - 433q. The Honourable the Attorney-General
 - 433r. The Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry
 - 433s. The Honourable the Minister for Racing
 - 433t. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment
 - 433u. The Honourable the Minister for Finance
 - 433v. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming
 - 433w. The Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism
 - 433x. The Honourable the Minister for Housing
 - 433y. The Honourable the Minister for Aged Care
 - 433aa. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
 - 433ac. The Honourable the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Industrial Relations
 - 433ae. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment representing the Minister for Youth Affairs
 - 433af. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services representing the Minister for Small Business
 - 433ah. The Honourable the Minister for Gaming representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Whether all ministerial officers currently or previously employed by the Minister have signed a pecuniary interest form; if so, on what date — (a) was the declaration signed; and (b) did the employee commence employment .

434. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 434a. The Honourable the Premier
 - 434b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs

(a) What is the number of staff in the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Premier's Private Office who have been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation; (b) whether all staff who have been provided with remote access have all signed a remote user access application; and (c) what is the number of staff who have not

been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations but who have departmental computers at home and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation.

436. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration — what is the — (a) total advertising budget in the Minister's portfolio for — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2001–2002; and (b) what are the details of all advertising campaigns since January 2000 to date indicating the purpose and total costs of each campaign.
437. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the total expenses per month incurred for taxi cab and hire car use by the Premier's advisers, including media advisers, since January 2000.
438. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what is the — (a) role; (b) job description; and (c) responsibility of the following staff in the Office of the Premier — (i) departmental liaison officer; (ii) assistant ministerial adviser; (iii) adviser; (iv) senior policy adviser; (v) chief of staff; (vi) reps co-ordinator; (vii) infrastructure adviser; (viii) Premier's personal assistant; (ix) administration and resources officer; (x) administration assistant — correspondence; (xi) executive assistant to the chief of staff; (xii) adviser — speechwriter; (xiii) adviser — Department of State and Regional Development; (xiv) adviser — social policy; (xv) adviser — Department of Justice; (xvi) director policy; (xvii) director Parliament; (xviii) director social policy; (xix) director economic policy; (xx) director strategy; (xxi) director administration; (xxii) director media; (xxiii) media adviser; (xxiv) Premier's media adviser; (xxv) departmental media director; (xxvi) media administration assistant; and (xxvii) media assistant.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2001

442. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the allocation of school nurses —
1. What are the components of the formula determining the educational, health and social needs of school communities, other than the Special Learning Needs (SLN) Index.
 2. Why did those secondary schools in the electorate of Benambra, exhibiting the greatest education, health and social needs not qualify, if all components were considered.
443. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) when will the Secondary School Nursing (SSN) Program evaluation by Professor Gay Edgecombe be completed; and (b) when does the Government intend to implement the recommendations of the evaluation.

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445. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's trip to San Jose in the USA last year and his meeting with Leslie Coleman at Selectron —
1. What other officers of Selectron were at the meeting.
 2. Who accompanied the Minister.
 3. How long was the meeting.
 4. Was there any discussion about Selectron's plans for its Wangaratta plant.
 5. What materials were given to Selectron.
 6. When did the Minister first become aware of Selectron's plans to close the Wangaratta plant.
 7. What steps did the Minister take to prevent the closure.
 8. What was the benefit of the Minister's trip to Selectron in San Jose.
446. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision in Queensland by local governments to ban the use of arsenic-based treated pine in parks and gardens — (a) what is the attitude or policy of the Victorian Government on its use in — (i) gardens; and (ii) any other places; (b) what Departmental regulations and protocols are in place to prevent the mulching of arsenic-based treated pine as part of local government recycling processes; and (c) are there any protocols or directives in place to encourage the use of recycled plastic products.
447. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Willung South Lookout Tower in Gippsland — (a) who is the responsible agency; and (b) what is the annual budget for — (i) the maintenance of the Tower; (ii) the maintenance of the area framing the Tower car park and surrounds; and (iii) the collection and removal of rubbish in the precinct of the Tower.
448. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the importance of water conservation and the merit of onsite water collection through the use of domestic water tanks —
1. What metropolitan councils currently promote domestic water collection and storage onsite.
 2. How many metropolitan and country households currently use water tanks for domestic water usage.
 3. What domestic water tank permits, as applicable, have been issued for — (a) 1998; (b) 1999; (c) 2000; and (d) 2001 to date.
 4. What is the policy of the Government to increase the level of onsite water storage.

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5. What action has the Government taken to increase the number of households installing onsite water storage.
449. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recommendations regarding paint disposal and washing of paint brushes — (a) what is the level of compliance; (b) how many prosecutions have been instigated over the last two financial years for non-compliance; and (c) what plans do the Government and EPA have to increase the level of compliance.
450. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* — (a) how many recommendations by the Scientific Advisory Committee and its predecessors have been made to the Minister since the introduction of the Act; (b) what have been the recommendations; and (c) on what occasions has the Minister of the day not followed the advice of the Scientific Advisory Committee and for what reasons.
451. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the extensive use and success of water-permeable paving at the Sydney Olympic site to reduce outflows of stormwater — what steps are being undertaken to encourage the use of permeable surfaces in — (a) State Government projects; (b) local government projects; and (c) private development and building projects.
452. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many boating collisions and groundings in Victoria, by region, have been investigated by the Water Police for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
453. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Government's announcement of the proposed \$2 billion Melbourne Central Park development announced in *The Age* on 22 August 2001 —
1. What forms of lighting will be used throughout the public areas which utilize sustainable energy.
 2. Will the Minister be directing members of the consortium who wish to develop Central Park adhere to the Energy Smart Housing Program.
 3. What benchmarks are in place to ensure accommodation achieves the highest energy star rating.
 4. What energy star rating will the Minister stipulate for the development.
 5. What non-polluting sources of energy will be employed in the housing and commercial structures.
 6. What percentage of electricity will be drawn from renewable sources.
 7. Will the finished development qualify to be an accredited Energy Smart Estate.

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8. Will the Minister direct that the development adhere to the FirstRate Energy Efficiency Package.
 9. What disposal or recycling measures will be employed for the handling of solid waste.
 10. What type of water-quality filtering system will be employed to ensure Port Phillip Bay is protected for polluted run-off.
 11. Assuming the development will adhere to the world's best practice, how will rainwater be collected for the development of — (a) each individual dwelling; and (b) a whole of development approach.
 12. What measures will the Minister stipulate be taken with regard to the reduction of greenhouse emissions from the development.
 13. What measures will be put in train to ensure the environmentally sound disposal and recycling of waste water.
 14. Will the landscaping contain indigenous plantings to encourage native fauna to return to the area.
 15. What percentage of the 500,000 square metres will be set aside for open space and will this open space incorporate a complete ecosystem.
 16. What key initiatives will the Minister employ regarding sustainable living for the proposed 40 per cent of development devoted to social housing.
 17. Will the Minister proscribe inappropriate building materials for the commercial or residential sections of the development.
 18. Which ecological consultants have been, or will be, engaged to oversee environmental compliance.
 19. What qualifications are ecological consultants to the project required to have.
454. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the acquisition by Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board of the ski lifting infrastructure prior to the 2001 ski season —
1. What is the itemised breakdown of costs paid for by the Government or the Board for — (a) legal advice; (b) litigation; (c) purchase; and (d) maintenance.
 2. What has been the revenue received by the Board from ski lift operations for the 2001 season.
 3. What has been the net profit/loss of the Board for the 2001 season to date.
455. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) times; and (c) results of the Environment Protection Authority water quality tests in Hobson's Bay from 1 December 1997 to date.

456. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) places; and (c) annual costs of E-coli and other readings from stormwater drainage into the Yarra River for the years — (i) 1998; (ii) 1999; (iii) 2000; and (iv) 2001 to date.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2001

457. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed infestation of the centre median strip and fringes of the South Gippsland Highway near Jetty Lane, Lang Lang — (a) what agency is responsible for control of the weeds and the area; and (b) what action has the Minister's department taken to have the weed infestation controlled.
458. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what protocols exist between the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Vicroads to ensure weed infestation is controlled in areas within the responsibility of Vicroads.
459. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's media announcement on 23 June 2000 that "39 Victorian councils will share in \$1.5 million funding for e-commerce projects" and "the successful councils would each receive up to \$45,000 to increase the use of e-commerce in their local communities" —
1. How many businesses in Victoria have developed their first e-commerce capable websites as a direct result of Victorian E-Commerce Early Movers (VEEM) grants.
 2. What are the names of the businesses which have developed websites through VEEM grants.
 3. How much of the funding was spent to reproduce directory information already on the internet.
 4. What percentage of the funding has been spent on the creation of regional portals and — (a) how many regional portals have been created with these funds; and (b) what are the names of these regional portals.
 5. What analysis has been undertaken to ensure maximum value was achieved from VEEM funding and — (a) who undertook this analysis; and (b) what does the analysis show.
 6. What key performance indicators were set to measure the success of the programme, and have these indicators been met.
 7. Have the objectives of the programme been met.
 8. How many of the councils administering VEEM money had e-commerce capabilities of their own.

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9. What percentage of the successful Victorian municipalities who had not e-commerce capabilities of their own, successfully administered VEEM funding on behalf of the Government.
461. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Council of Adult Education — what are the details of all television advertising since July 2000 to date indicating — (a) the date of approval for each contract; (b) the cost of each contract; (c) the purpose of each advertisement; (d) the duration of each advertisement; (e) where each advertisement was broadcast; (f) when each advertisement was broadcast; (g) to whom each contract was awarded; (h) which individuals were paid to appear in the advertisements; and (i) the total cost paid to these individuals to appear in each advertisement.
462. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Point Lonsdale front beach seawall and groynes engineering works —
1. What was the engineering rationale to use undersized rocks in the construction which were then subject to movement in medium to heavy wave action and therefore inadequate.
 2. What engineering supervision took place on the part of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) during the course of construction.
 3. Why have no remedial steps been undertaken to stop the dispersal of the rocks forming the groynes which are now spread over an area triple the original width and design criteria.
 4. What further action does the Department now propose to undertake in relation to the reinstatement of the existing groynes and what budget has been allocated for these works.
 5. What action has been taken by the Department to complete the groynes project according to the original four groynes specification.
463. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the urgent repair works required to prevent the further collapse of the Point Lonsdale front beach promenade —
1. What assessment of a serious risk to public safety has the Government made on the promenade.
 2. What are the details of the engineers' reports concerning the risk.
 3. What remedial action has been planned.
 4. What budget has been allocated to rectify the risk.
 5. Why has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment not responded to email correspondence from Point Lonsdale resident Mr David Rowe about the matter.

6. What is the name of the contractor who was responsible for the excavator which broke through the footpath while doing remedial works along the promenade of the Point Lonsdale front beach and — (a) how much did the rectification cost; and (b) who paid the costs.
7. What consideration has been given to the possible impact on tidal and wave action on the Point Lonsdale front beach in the plans for deepening the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2001

464. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to infringements on City Link since the introduction of tolling — what is the — (a) number of infringements; (b) total revenue collected by month for the following infringement types — (i) speeding fines; (ii) absence of E-Tag; and (iii) other infringements; and (c) number and cost of outstanding infringements by month.
465. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the monthly patronage figures to date for the City Circle Tram Service since its introduction.
466. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Tram brake works —
 1. What is the breakdown of costs to date of — (a) government payments; and (b) private operator payments.
 2. Has an agreement been reached as to when the entire fleet will return.
 3. Who will pay for remaining brake works.
467. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the various concessions made to — (a) Yarra Trams; and (b) Swanston Trams in regard to their commitments to the Operational Performance Regime.
468. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the names of all consultants employed within each of the various groups within the Rail Projects Group since its establishment, indicating the various costs paid or owing to each, and any future expenses.
469. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any discussions held between the Federal Opposition and the State Government in regard to the Scoresby Freeway funding.
472. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the itemised details per tram route of proposed tram stop reductions and removals.

473. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Trams —
1. How many trams are back in service.
 2. What are the dates when each tram returned to service.
 3. What is the cost of repairs incurred by the Government for each tram returned to service.
474. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of all occurrences of “insulation” of trams since 1996.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 9 OCTOBER 2001

475. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to money spent by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on weed and pest management —
1. How much did the Department spend on weed and pest management statewide during 2000-2001.
 2. How much of this money was spent on — (a) public; and (b) private land.
 3. How much of the total expenditure was spent on — (a) department overhead or administrative costs; and (b) actual weed and pest control.
 4. What is the breakdown of this money spent on the catchment areas of — (a) Mallee; (b) Wimmera; (c) Glenelg; (d) North Central; (e) Goulburn-Broken; (f) Port Phillip; (g) North East; and (h) West Gippsland for — (i) public; and (ii) private land.
476. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the exercise of miners’ rights on public land —
1. In what land that is a national park, wilderness park or State park is such exercise permitted.
 2. What breaches of the prohibition of the — (a) use of explosives; (b) use of any equipment for excavation other than non-mechanical hand tools; (c) removal of or damage to any tree or shrub; and (d) disturbance of any Aboriginal place or object have there been since October 1999 and what prosecutions have there been for each.
 3. What working definition of “non-mechanical” handtool is used by Department of Natural Resources and Environment officers in determining the legality of prospecting on public land.

477. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to protocols and agreements to provide for Aboriginal communities to be consulted, or advise, on the management of public land —

1. Which — (a) national parks; (b) state parks; (c) state forests; and (d) other Crown land areas do the protocols and agreements apply to.
2. What are all the protocols and agreements.
3. Which of the protocols provide for veto over Department of Natural Resources and Environment actions, and what is the nature of such veto.

478. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the following parks administered by Parks Victoria —

1. Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve
2. Albert Park
3. Alfred National Park
4. Alfred Nicholas Gardens
5. Alpine National Park
6. Anderson's Mill
7. Angahook-Lorne State Park
8. Arthurs Seat State Park
9. Aura Vale Lake Park
10. Avon Wilderness Park
11. Banksia Park
12. Barmah State Park
13. Baw Baw National Park
14. Bay of Islands Coastal Park
15. Beechworth Historic Park
16. Bemm River Scenic Reserve
17. Big Desert Wilderness
18. Birrarung Park
19. Black Range State Park
20. Braeside Park
21. Brimbank Park
22. Brisbane Ranges National Park
23. Buchan Caves Reserve
24. Bunurong Marine and Coastal Park
25. Bunyip State Park
26. Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park
27. Bushy Park Wetlands
28. Candlebark Park
29. Cape Conran Coastal Park
30. Cape Liptrap Coastal Park
31. Cape Nelson State Park
32. Cape Otway Lightstation
33. Cape Schanck Lighthouse Reserve
34. Cardinia Reservoir Park
35. Carlisle State Park
36. Castlemaine-Chewton Historic Reserve
37. Cathedral Range State Park

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38. Cheetham Wetlands
 39. Chiltern Box-Ironbark National Park
 40. Churchill National Park
 41. Collins Settlement Historic Site
 42. Coolart Wetland & Homestead
 43. Coopracambra National Park
 44. Crawford River Regional Park
 45. Creswick Regional Park
 46. Croajingolong National Park
 47. Dandenong Police Paddocks Reserve
 48. Dandenong Ranges National Park
 49. Dergholm State Park
 50. Discovery Bay Coastal Park
 51. Enfield State Park
 52. Errinundra National Park
 53. French Island National Park
 54. Gabo Island
 55. George Tindale Memorial Gardens
 56. Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park
 57. Grampians National Park
 58. Greenvale Reservoir Park
 59. Hattah-Kulkyne National Park
 60. Hawkstowe Park
 61. Hepburn Regional Park
 62. Herring Island Environmental Sculpture Park
 63. Holey Plains State Park
 64. Horseshoe Bend Farm
 65. Howqua Hills Historic Area
 66. Jack Smith Lake State Game Reserve
 67. Jells Park
 68. Kalorama Park
 69. Kamarooka State Park
 70. Kara Kara State Park
 71. Karkarook Park
 72. Kinglake National Park
 73. Koomba Park
 74. Kooyoora State Park
 75. Lake Albacutya Regional Park
 76. Lake Eildon National Park
 77. Lake Hindmarsh Reserve
 78. Langi Ghiran State Park
 79. Langwarrin Flora & Fauna Reserve
 80. Leaghur State Park
 81. Lerderderg State Park
 82. Lind National Park
 83. Little Desert National Park
 84. Long Forest Flora Reserve
 85. Longridge Park Camp
 86. Lower Glenelg National Park
 87. Lysterfield Lake Park
 88. Macedon Regional Park
 89. Maldon Historic Reserve
 90. Maribyrnong River

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91. Maroondah Reservoir Park
 92. Melba Gully State Park
 93. Middle Gorge Park
 94. Mitchell River National Park
 95. Moondarra State Park
 96. Mornington Peninsula National Park
 97. Morwell National Park
 98. Mount Alexander Regional Park
 99. Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park
 100. Mount Beckworth Scenic Reserve
 101. Mount Buangor State Park
 102. Mount Buffalo National Park
 103. Mount Dandenong Arboretum
 104. Mount Eccles National Park
 105. Mount Granya State Park
 106. Mount Lawson State Park
 107. Mount Napier State Park
 108. Mount Richmond National Park
 109. Mount Samaria State Park
 110. Mount Worth State Park
 111. Murray-Kulkyne Regional Park
 112. Murray-Sunset National Park
 113. National Rhododendron Gardens
 114. Nioka Bush Camp
 115. Nooramunga and Corner Inlet Marine and Coastal Parks
 116. Nortons Park
 117. Nyerimilang Heritage Park
 118. Organ Pipes National Park
 119. Oriental Claims Historic Reserve
 120. Otway National Park
 121. Paddys Ranges State Park
 122. Patterson River
 123. Pettys Orchard
 124. Pipemakers Park
 125. Pirianda Garden
 126. Point Cook Coastal Park
 127. Port Campbell National Park
 128. Port Phillip Bay Marine Reserves
 129. Power's Lookout Reserve
 130. Reef Hills Park
 131. RJ Hamer Arboretum
 132. Rosebud Foreshore Reserve
 133. Sale Common State Game Reserve
 134. Serendip Sanctuary
 135. Shallow Inlet Marine and Coastal Park
 136. Shepherds Bush
 137. Silvan Reservoir Park
 138. Snowy River National Park
 139. State Coal Mine
 140. Steiglitz Historic Park
 141. Sugarloaf Reservoir Park
 142. Sweeneys Flat
 143. Tarago Reservoir Park

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144. Tarra Bulga National Park
 145. Terrick Terrick National Park
 146. The Lakes National Park
 147. The Mansion at Werribee Park
 148. The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve
 149. Toorourrong Reservoir Park
 150. Tower Hill State Game Reserve
 151. Tyers Park
 152. Upper Goulburn Historic Area
 153. Upper Yarra Reservoir Park
 154. Wabba Wilderness Park
 155. Warby Range State Park
 157. Warrandyte State Park
 158. Wattle Park
 159. Werribee Gorge State Park
 160. Westerfolds Park
 161. Western Port
 162. Westgate Park
 163. Whipstick State Park
 164. Whroo Historic Reserve
 165. William Ricketts Sanctuary
 166. Wilsons Promontory National Park
 167. Wilsons Promontory Marine Park
 168. Woodlands Historic Park
 169. Wyperfeld National Park
 170. Yan Yean Reservoir Park
 171. Yarra Bend Park
 172. Yarra Flats
 173. Yarra Ranges National Park
 174. Yarra River
 175. Yarrambat Park
 176. Yellow Gum Park
 177. You Yangs Regional Park

1. What were the estimated numbers at — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001 of — (i) wild dogs; (ii) feral cats; (iii) foxes; (iv) wild pigs; and (v) other feral predators.
2. What eradication methods have been used for — (a) wild dogs; (b) feral cats; (c) foxes; (d) wild pigs; and (e) other feral predators, and how effective was each method.
3. What budget has been made available to the Managers of each park for the eradication of feral animals.

479. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to rivers, streams, coastal areas, and other waterways in Victoria in 2001 —whether any unsafe or dangerous levels of — (a) pesticides or pesticide components; and (b) nutrients and biostimulants have been found in each, and what action has been taken in respect of each finding.

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480. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — which rivers, streams, coastal areas and other waterways in Victoria have been found to carry unsafe or dangerous levels of — (a) mercury; (b) cadmium; (c) chromium; (d) zinc; (e) copper; (f) lead; and (g) nickel.
481. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what fire retardants are used and permitted in — (a) State; and (b) National Parks.
482. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the taking of dogs onto public land which is National or State Park — (a) what circumstances provide for a dog to be taken onto such land; and (b) what special arrangements are there to permit owner of land-locked properties to take their dogs through such parks.
483. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — what was the itemised amount of locally-raised funds for specific purposes — (a) which was transferred from the old Southern Health Care Network to the new Bayside Health, effective from 1 July 2000; and (b) that Southern Health Care Network took over from the Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital upon its establishment.
484. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — whether the Minister will ensure that the electrification of the Geelong to Melbourne rail line is included as a component to be addressed by short-listed companies in the forthcoming fast rail tender process.
485. **MR PATERSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 485a. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
485b. The Honourable the Premier
- Why did the Government exempt the proposed Stonehaven Power Station from an Environment Effects Statement (EES) given the Premier's commitment that all new energy projects would be subject to an EES.
486. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — what is the reason for the delay in announcing the location and completion timetable for the proposed Barwon South ambulance station.
487. **MR PATERSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 487a. The Honourable the Minister for Health
487b. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Whether the co-location of the Torquay Country Fire Authority fire station and the proposed ambulance facility for Barwon South has been considered and, if so what is the status of such consideration.

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488. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to explain the discrepancy in the estimated expenditure for the Torquay fire station, which was referred to as \$850,000 in the Budget Papers, but as \$650,000 in recent correspondence and media reports, including page 3 of the *Geelong Advertiser* on 20 September 2001.
489. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Port Phillip Bay Environmental Study report funded by Melbourne Water between 1992–96 —
1. With reference to Recommendation 2 on page 28 — what local catchment management strategies have been implemented since the report to reduce toxic inputs into the creeks and drains leading into Port Phillip Bay.
 2. With reference to Recommendation 3 on page 28 — what investigations have been initiated to evaluate the impact of long-term chronic effects of low level toxicants on the biota of Port Phillip Bay.
 3. With reference to Recommendation 4 on page 28 — what protocols have been developed to manage the disposal of dredged spoil.
 4. With reference to Recommendation 5 on page 28 — (a) what monitoring systems have been developed to review changes in the extent of sea grass beds; and (b) what community organisations and volunteer naturalists groups have been enlisted to assist with this monitoring.
 5. With reference to Recommendation 6 on page 28 — (a) what habitat protection programs have been initiated from 1999 to date; (b) what artificial reefs have been established; and (c) which community groups have been involved in habitat restoration and artificial reef establishment.
 6. With reference to Recommendation 7 on page 28 — (a) what is the current assessment of the impact of exotic species in the ecology of Port Phillip Bay; and (b) what monitoring around port areas has been initiated and what are the results to date.
 7. With reference to Recommendation 9 on page 28 — what are the plans and methods of the Government to implement the target reduction in the overall load of 1000 tonnes of nitrogen per year.
 8. With reference to Recommendation 10 on page 28 — what steps have been taken to reduce total suspended solids and N loads to Port Phillip Bay from the Yarra River and major creeks and drains.
 9. With reference to Recommendation 11 on page 28 — what steps have been taken to improve the denitrification efficiency of the Western Treatment Plant.
 10. With reference to Recommendation 13 on page 28 — what monitoring programs have been established to review the ongoing health of Port Phillip Bay and to measure performance on a year to year basis taking into account water quality, sediment fluxes, benthic biodiversity and other indicators of Bay function.
 11. With reference to Recommendation 15 on page 28 — what changes have been recorded in N loads in Port Phillip Bay over the past four years.

12. With reference to Recommendation 16 on page 28 — what models of Port Phillip Bay have been developed and integrated into catchment models to assist in the long-term sustainable management of the Bay.
13. With reference to Recommendation 1 on page 28 — what steps are being taken to monitor toxicants in valued ecosystem components.
490. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the State Environment Protection Policy for the Yarra River — (a) what has been the annual monitoring costs to the Environment Protection Authority for evaluating water quality in the Yarra River for — (i) 1997; (ii) 1998; (iii) 1999; (iv) 2000; and (v) 2001 to date; and (b) what have been the e-coli level readings recorded for the Yarra River noting the location and date of the readings for — (i) 1999; (ii) 2000; and (iii) 2001 to date.
491. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the State Environment Protection Policy for the Yarra River — (a) are there any properties in the metropolitan catchment area for the Yarra River which are unsewered; (b) which sewage treatment plants discharge treated sewage into the Yarra River; and (c) what are the annual volumes, if any, of treated sewage discharged into the Yarra River from sewage treatment plants.
492. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the launch by the State Government together with the Environment Protection Authority of “Clean Up Your Beach Day” on 4 February 2001, and reported in the *Herald-Sun* on 5 February 2001 — (a) what are the litter reduction targets for Victoria’s beaches; (b) what was the cost of the launch; (c) how many people were involved in the clean up of the Carrum Beach; and (d) what volume of rubbish was collected.
493. **MR MAUGHAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to fire hazards on railway land in country Victoria —
1. Who is legally responsible for the removal of fire hazards, previously managed by the Public Transport Corporation and V/Line.
 2. Who is legally responsible for the removal of fire hazards where the land is managed by VicTrack and leased to Freight Australia.
 3. Whether either VicTrack or Freight Australia are regarded as public authorities as defined in the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* and if not, can either or both be served with fire protection notices for land under their control.
495. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether the Government or people acting on its behalf had discussions or negotiations with Mr Chris Sidoti, Human Rights Commissioner of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission between 25 May 2000 and 8 September 2000 on whether the Government should withdraw the term “Macedonian (Slavonic)”, issuing an apology and paying costs; if so, when did the Premier become aware of these discussions or negotiations.

496. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what is the — (a) total number of public servants in the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs who received bonuses in 2000–2001 and the amount of each bonus; and (b) criteria used in deciding whether individuals were to receive bonuses.
497. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the draft Integrated Pest Management Strategy and the Minister's Press Release of 6 October 2001 —
1. What is the date by which the Strategy will be completed.
 2. When will the Strategy be tabled in Parliament or otherwise made public.
 3. How many submissions were made, and by whom.
 4. How many submissions were made on — (a) weeds; (b) rabbits; (c) foxes; (d) wild dogs; (e) wild goats; (f) wild pigs; (g) wildlife species; and (h) feral cats.
498. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians from the postcode areas — (a) 3188; (b) 3190; (c) 3191; (d) 3192; and (e) 3193 were on the Royal Dental Hospital waiting list for treatment at the end of each month from August 2000 to September 2001.
499. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — when will the Minister provide an answer to — (a) Question on Notice number 223, first appearing on Notice Paper dated 30 August 2000; and (b) Question on Notice number 232, first appearing on Notice Paper dated 4 October 2000.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 10 OCTOBER 2001

500. **MR PERTON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road —
- 500a. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
 500b. The Honourable the Minister for Planning
 500c. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
1. What advice has the Minister received on the environmental consequences of the development.
 2. What flora and fauna assessments did VicRoads or any other Government agency make and — (a) what was the data collection criteria; and (b) have such flora and fauna studies been completed and have the community been advised of the results.
 3. What flora and fauna will be adversely affected by the development.

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4. Has the Minister considered — (a) asking VicRoads to redraw the redevelopment plans to the standards of the 'Windy Mile' roadway in Diamond Creek; (b) the request of local residents that the Road be classified as a 'Scenic Tourist Route'; and (c) the request of local residents and the Member for Yan Yean for the installation of a timber terminus/modal interchange, at either Lilydale, Coldstream or Yering for facilitating the transfer, by rail, of timber from the Yarra Valley area to Geelong, in order to remove logging trucks from the Eltham-Yarra Glen Road.
501. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning with reference to a letter to the Minister dated 8 August 2001 from the Save our Scenic Road group about VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek between Cemetery Road and Alma Road —
1. Why has the Minister not responded to the concerns of the group.
 2. Will the Minister support the objections of the group.
 3. Has the Minister considered the request of local residents that any road redevelopment be engineered to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour and that the whole of the road be rezoned to a maximum speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour.
502. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road — has the Minister considered the request of local residents that any road redevelopment be engineered to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour and that the whole of the road be rezoned to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres.
503. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Tourism with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road — has the Minister considered the request of local residents that the Road be classified as a 'Scenic Tourist Route'.
504. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Somerton Power Station —
1. Whether the Minister is aware of any breaches in the Environmental Management Plan for the construction of the pipeline to the power station; if so, (a) what are the breaches and (b) what action will be taken by the Minister.
 2. Whether the Minister is aware that an excavator on the site travelled through the adjacent landfill containing asbestos, medical and industrial waste; if so, what action will be taken by the Minister.
 3. What style, type and model of turbine has been approved for the power station.
 4. How will the power station affect Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions.

5. Does the Government have an energy plan for Victoria and how does the power station fit into this.

505. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the review of the Scientific Advisory Committee which reported to the Minister regarding the listing of grey-headed flying foxes as 'threatened'— (a) what were the reasons for the recommendations of the Committee; (b) who were the members of the Committee; (c) what was the rationale for rejecting the recommendations; and (d) what is the policy position of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the basis of submission to the Federal Review.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 11 OCTOBER 2001

506. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the advertisement in the *Weekly Times* on 10 October 2001, stating that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared for the proposed Water (Permanent Transfer of Water Rights) Regulations 2001 and that a copy of the statement and the proposed regulation would be available on the internet at www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris —

1. When will the Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed regulation be available on the internet site.
2. Will there be an extension beyond 9 November 2001 of the time available for public comment, given that the Regulatory Impact Statement has not yet been made available.

507. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance with reference to KPMG Consulting's 'Review of Government Purchasing Arrangements' last year which recommended the Government establish the online tendering program 'EC4P e-procurement program' —

1. Why did it take the Government so long to announce the project.
2. Why will it be two years between the recommendation and the implementation.
3. How will small businesses register to participate.
4. Will there be any cost of registration; if so, what will the cost be.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 OCTOBER 2001

508. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the 'First Responder' emergency medical response service provided by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board — (a) what types of medical emergencies are Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board personnel actually responding to; (b) how much longer will the emergency medical response pilot scheme continue before the program becomes a regular service of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board;

and (c) what level of medical training have the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board personnel attained to date.

509. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the itemised monthly breakdown, since October 1999, of the staffing levels at the — (a) Department of Infrastructure; and (b) Rail Projects Group, and costs of employing these staff.
510. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what level of community consultation has been in place in regard to the Yarra Trams Collins Street superstops; and (b) what are the community consultation arrangements for the remainder of the Route 109 project.
511. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport were the following issues raised in negotiations with Transurban Limited regarding the changes as announced on 19 September 2001 which allowed for the expansion of tolling technology outside the single-purpose agency — (a) the issue of State access to the tolling system; (b) off-peak concession tolls; (c) lower CityLink fines; (d) a royalty payment to the State instead of a one-off fee; and (e) the Wurundjeri Way compensation; if so — (i) what are the details and (ii) why were they not incorporated into the negotiations for the expansion of tolling.
512. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what has the Government done to ensure that public transport commuters are not treated unfairly by revenue protection officers and other ticket inspectors.
513. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — with reference to tackling fare evasion on Melbourne's public transport system — (a) what are the details and outcomes of the Government initiatives; and (b) what are the costs involved.
514. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the patronage forecasts for the Melbourne Airport Rail Link requested by the Department of Infrastructure from — (a) Maunsell McIntyre; and (b) Booz Allen and Hamilton.
515. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what impact has the — (a) September 11 terrorist attack in the United States of America; (b) collapse of Ansett; and (c) downturn in the tourism industry had on each of — (i) Melbourne Airport passenger numbers; (ii) taxi industry patronage and revenue; (iii) Tullamarine Freeway use; and (iv) airport taxi charges.
516. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — when is the construction of the Melbourne Airport Rail Link expected to — (a) commence; and (b) be completed.
517. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Airport Rail Link —

1. How much has — (a) the Government spent on the planning and development of the Airport Rail Link; and (b) how much has been committed for future works.
 2. What is the — (a) expected cost of the Airport Rail Link; and (b) how much is expected to be paid for by the Government.
518. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — given the recent downturn in the tourism industry has the Government reconsidered the Airport Rail Link.
519. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Scoresby Freeway project— what has the Government — (a) identified as potential environment issues which may delay the project; and (b) done to address these issues.
520. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to public transport improvements in the Scoresby corridor — (a) what has the Government identified as such improvements; (b) what is the estimated cost of these improvements; and (c) what timeframes have been established for these measures.
521. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Scoresby Freeway — (a) what commitments has the Government received from the Federal Opposition regarding the Scoresby Freeway; and (b) has the Government a commitment from the Federal Government to abide by the \$445 million funding package as announced on 9 October 2001.
522. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the construction starting times, in priority order, for the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo fast rail lines.
523. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what environmental issues have been identified which may interfere with the delivery of the project; (b) are the habitats of the striped legless lizard and warty swamp frog potential problems for the project; and (c) what has the Government done to provide adequate environmental protection for sensitive areas.
524. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the total cost of the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo projects, and what is the Government contribution towards the cost of each.
525. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what financial impact will electrification of the Geelong line have; and (b) how much of these funds will be provided by the Government.

526. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what impact will land acquisition have on the delivery date of the project; and (b) whether the Government has identified areas where land acquisition will take place; if so what are the details of the identified areas.
527. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the ongoing financial subsidy for the project.
528. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what is the definition of 'defect liability period'; and (b) what has the Government allocated for the defect liability period.
529. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the practical completion of the project.
530. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what performance incentives for the project have been established to ensure — (a) value for money; (b) service delivery; and (c) quality.
531. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what are the individual milestone payments to the successful bidder for the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo fast rail lines.
532. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what measures are being taken to ensure the integration of the project with the Metropolitan rail network.
533. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what is the financial impact of retaining the double track between Melbourne and Bendigo; and (b) whether it is Government policy to retain the double track for the fast rail between Melbourne and Bendigo.
534. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the City Link tunnels — what is the monthly summary of the number of hours for which the — (a) Burnley; and (b) Domain tunnels have been closed for either — (i) maintenance; or (ii) other closures.
535. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the employment of the Hon Mal Sandon at VicRoads —
1. What are the details of the nature of his employment for two periods totalling 28 days.

2. What was he employed to do.
3. What responsibilities did he have.
4. Whether an assessment was made at the conclusion of employment that the task had been completed.
5. What was the selection process for his position.
6. Who was his direct supervisor.
7. Who was responsible for his selection.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 17 OCTOBER 2001

536. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education with reference to the Education History Unit in the Department of Education, Employment and Training —
1. What decision has the Minister or the Department made about the continuation of the Unit.
 2. Who made the decision about the continuation of the Unit.
 3. What was the consultation process leading to the decision.
 4. With whom did the Minister and the Department consult.
 5. Has the Minister and the Department received correspondence or representations opposing the closure of the Unit.
 6. What has been the cost of funding the Unit for — (a) 1996–1997; (b) 1997–1998; (c) 1998–1999; (d) 1999–2000; and (e) 2000–2001.
 7. If the Unit is to be closed or altered, what arrangements have been made to protect and preserve the collection and records of the Unit.
537. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to the boat-based bush camping site at Bunga Arm in the Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park —
1. Whether there has been any change to the permit to camp allocation system; if so — (a) what is the change; and (b) why has it been done.
 2. Whether any toilet facility been demolished.
 3. Whether any open pit has been left unprotected; if so — (a) why was the pit or pits left unprotected; and (b) why have no warning signs been put in place.
 4. What consultation has taken place on changes to the camping ground.

5. Whether any trees were cut down this year; if so why.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 18 OCTOBER 2001

538. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the recent hold-up of the Portarlington Community Bank — (a) what was the time taken by police to arrive on the scene; (b) how many police officers attended as a first response unit; and (c) which police station dispatched the first response unit officers.
539. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — what was the actual outcome for 2000–2001 for the tourism output groups — (a) visitor nights (Domestic); (b) visitor nights (International); (c) number of visitors (International); and (d) awareness of advertising on Victoria for — (i) New South Wales; (ii) South Australia; (iii) Queensland; and (iv) Victoria.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 OCTOBER 2001

540. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard ticketing and fare evasion —
1. What was the level of fare evasion in mid 2001 for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) metropolitan bus operators.
 2. What “differences in survey methodology” caused the wide variation in levels of fare evasion noted by Yarra Trams as opposed to other rail and tram franchisees, as stated in the Minister’s answer to question on notice 266.
 3. What financial resources has the Government committed to pursuing a more uniform approach to conducting fare evasion surveys.
 4. How many passengers on — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams received infringement notices from the Department of Infrastructure in — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
 5. What was the total value of fines levied by infringement notices issued by the Department of Infrastructure for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams in — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
 6. What amounts of fines remain outstanding for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams.
541. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to new town sewerage schemes announced in the Minister’s press release on 18 May 2000 —

1. Which of the 60 schemes listed in the press release as not yet completed, or commenced at 20 October 1999, have now been completed, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 2. What schemes are ready to proceed, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 3. What schemes are under investigation or in consultation with the community, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 4. How many landowners, listed by Regional Water Authority, were entitled to a refund for — (a) lump sum contributions already paid exceeding \$800; and (b) installments already paid exceeding \$800.
542. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture with reference to the National Livestock Identification Scheme video produced by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment —
1. What was the total cost of the production of the video.
 2. How many dairy farms received the video.
 3. What was the total cost of mailing out the video to dairy farms.
 4. How many dairy farms have implemented the electronic tags at the government-provided rate of \$2.50 each.
 5. What was the total cost of the electronic tags to the Government.
543. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — what processes has the Government instigated to examine the possibility of establishing government secondary schooling in Torquay.
544. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation for the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources — what are the details of departmental advice provided to the Government as to the applicability and relevance of the granting of exclusive gas franchises in Barwon Heads.
545. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the 50 km per hour default vehicle speed limit applied to Victorian roads in built-up areas from 22 January 2001 —
1. How many drivers have received traffic infringement penalty notices for breaching the 50 km per hour speed limit since its introduction.
 2. How many vehicles tested by speed measuring devices in 50 km per hour speed zones, in actual numbers and percentage terms, have breached the 50 km per hour limit since its introduction.

3. How much revenue has been generated from traffic infringement penalty notices for breaches of the 50 km per hour speed limit since 22 January 2001.
 4. What resources are being allocated to detecting breaches of the 50 km per hour default speed limit.
 5. How many hours, in actual number and percentage terms, have been spent in the monitoring of 50 km per hour speed limit zones by traffic cameras since 22 January 2001, compared with other speed limit zones.
 6. What measures are in place to monitor and assess the performance of the 50 km per hour default speed limit in terms of the actual impact on road trauma in Victoria.
546. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — whether there is any franchise agreement between the Department of Education, Employment and Training, and the 'Reading Recovery' program; if not — (a) what other form of agreement is there; and (b) what form does either the franchise or other agreement take.
547. **MR COOPER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources — how many recreational fisheries officers were employed in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
548. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Scientific Advisory Committee finding of March 2001 regarding the status of the grey-headed flying fox —
1. What advice did the Minister receive from the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 2. Who were the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 3. Has there been any change of membership in the Scientific Advisory Committee since March 2001; if so — (a) what change; and (b) why.
 4. Were any consultants engaged to give advice to the Scientific Advisory Committee on the endangered status of the flying foxes; if so — (a) who were the consultants; (b) what were they paid; and (c) what was their advice.
549. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation representing the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources with reference to the Government's Greenhouse Strategy Discussion Paper published in 2000 —
1. When will the Government release its "Victorian Greenhouse Strategy".
 2. Why is there no operative link to the document "Public Submissions on the Victorian Greenhouse Strategy Discussion Paper — Summary Report" on the Government's greenhouse publications page at <http://www.greenhouse.vic.gov.au/pubs.htm>.
 3. How many submission were made in response to the Discussion Paper and — (a) who made the submissions; (b) what was the nature of the submissions.

550. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what advice has the Minister received as to whether the number of prosecutions for littering is sufficient to act as a deterrent.
551. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the 46 major prosecutions conducted in 2000–2001 — (a) who were the respective parties; (b) what was the respective breach of law; and (c) what was the result of the prosecution.
552. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what audits or assessments of the community outreach program of the Environment Protection Authority have been undertaken; if so — (a) who carried out such audits or assessments; and (b) what were the results.
553. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Environment Protection Authority team audit — (a) how many staff have been appointed to the team audit; (b) what is the budget for the team audit in 2000–2001; (c) what investigations have been undertaken by the team and what were the — (i) findings; and (ii) results of the investigations.
554. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Environment Protection Authority's annual report for 2000–2001 and the statement on page 3 that Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans will be piloted this year —
1. What are the proposed piloted Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 2. Who has been consulted on the pilot Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 3. What problems have been identified in the proposed pilot Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 4. Which people have been appointed to the advisory committee on Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
555. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the names of each ministerial officer employed by the Premier and the date that each ministerial officer employed by the Premier — (a) commenced employment; and (b) signed a pecuniary interest form.

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556. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes — (a) 3105; (b) 3106; (c) 3107; (d) 3108; and (e) 3109 —

1. How many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2001–2002.
 2. What is the total expected value of land tax in each postcode for 2001–2002.
557. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the Geelong Hospital — (a) what action is the Government taking to resolve the declining availability of anaesthetists; and (b) what is the number of surgery cancellations due to the declining availability of anaesthetists.
558. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the “unexpected gains” for Barwon Health referred to in the *Geelong Advertiser* on 31 October 2001 at page 1 — what are the details of the \$2.8 million of “unexpected gains”; and (b) is there an underlying deficit of \$1.5 million for Barwon Health.
559. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. Whether the ‘Smart Bus’ project along Blackburn Road is proceeding.
 2. Why did the Minister’s media release of 28 October 2001 headed ‘Historic Agreement’ refer to a ‘feasibility study’ for ‘improved bus services on Blackburn roads’.
 3. When will any improvement to Blackburn Road Ventura bus services occur and what increases in frequency will occur on each day of the week.
 4. What amount has been spent to date in 2001–2002 on the — (a) Blackburn Road; and (b) Springvale Road ‘Smart Bus’ projects and what amount is expected to be spent for each in — (i) 2001–2002; and (ii) 2002–2003.
560. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. What was the full-time equivalent staffing level at the Mount Waverley Police Station at — (a) 1 July 1999; (b) 1 July 2000; and (c) 1 July 2001.
 2. Whether there are any plans to increase the number of police based at Mount Waverley.
 3. Whether there are any plans to open Mount Waverley Police Station to the public for longer than normal business hours Monday to Friday.
 4. What were the ten most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were detected in each category, for the postcodes — (a) 3125; (b) 3128; (c) 3130; (d) 3149; (e) 3150; and (f) 3151 for — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
561. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming with reference to the responsible gaming courses —
1. What specific funding has been provided in 2001–2002 for the William Angliss Institute of TAFE or any other Victorian Institutes of TAFE for such courses.

2. How many courses are expected to be held by 31 December 2001 at each TAFE venue.
3. How many participants have enrolled in the course to date, at each venue.
4. What is the charge per participant at each TAFE venue offering the course.
5. Whether any TAFE venues offer discounts for multiple registrations; if so what are they.

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562. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to the Government's advertisement calling for expressions of interest to provide architectural services for the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (Stage 2) — (a) what process does the Government intend to establish for the selection of architectural services; (b) what are the names of those on the selection panel; and (c) will the Government appoint an independent person to the selection panel.
563. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what funds were made available under the Budget for the financial year 2000–2001 for litter trap and drainage litter minimisation schemes through local government; and what, if any, is the disparity between the budget allocated and the funds expended during the same period.
564. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — how many weed infringement notices have been issued for Paterson's Curc by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment in the North East region for the years — (a) 1999–2000; (b) 2000–2001; and (c) 2001–2002 to date.
565. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the plans of Parks Victoria for the repair or replacement of the picnic shelter roof at the beginning of the Waterfalls Nature Walk at the Mt Buangor State Park.
566. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the large population of Long Billed Corellas in and adjacent to the Mt Buangor State Park and State Forest — (a) how many Corellas have been netted in — (i) 1999; (ii) 2000; and (iii) 2001 to date; (b) what is the estimated number of Corellas in the region; and (c) what other plans does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment have to manage the population.
567. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what languages, other than English, are National Park and State Park information guides and brochures published in.

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568. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what protocols are in place to eliminate the risk of the transfer of the Northern Pacific Seastar from Port Phillip Bay to Westernport Bay, in particular the cleaning of nets by dual license Port Phillip/Westernport commercial fishing operators.

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569. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the study to identify the most appropriate location of policing facilities to best serve the local community of Sandringham — (a) when will a decision be made regarding policing facility requirements for the City of Bayside; and (b) the location of such facilities.
570. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what were the five most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were recorded in each such category, for the post codes — (a) 3188; (b) 3190; (c) 3191; (d) 3192; (e) 3193; and (f) 3194 for — (i) 1998–1999; (ii) 1999–2000; and (iii) 2000–2001.
571. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the publication by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment entitled “Discovering Mallacoota” —
1. Where is this publication available.
 2. If it is not available, what plans are there for it to be reprinted.
 3. If there are no plans for it to be re-printed, what is the rationale for this.
572. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Parks Victoria Information Centre at Mallacoota — (a) what are the current hours of operation; (b) what variation has there been for public access to the office for information over the past two years; and (c) what plans are there to expand the hours of operation for the office.
573. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 37 of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment 2001 Annual Report — (a) where is the beach location which features the photo of the truck engaged in beach renourishment works; (b) what was the total cost of that particular project; and (c) in which financial year was the work undertaken.
574. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what were the five most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were recorded in each such category, for the postcodes — (a) 3936; (b) 3939; (c) 3940; (d) 3941; and (e) 3943 for — (i) 1998–1999; (ii) 1999–2000; and (iii) 2000–2001.

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575. **MR LUPTON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes — (a) 3155; (b) 3156; (c) 3152; and (d) 3178 —
1. How many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2001–2002.
 2. What is the total expected value of land tax in each postcode for 2001–2002
576. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what were the five most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were recorded in each such category, for the postcodes — (a) 3216; (b) 3221; (c) 3227; (d) 3228; and (e) 3240 for — (i) 1998–1999; (ii) 1999–2000; and (iii) 2000–2001.
577. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to the Bunyip State Park and to a report of damage made by Stephen Dobinson over the Melbourne Cup Day weekend 2001 —
1. What damage was done to bollards and cabling at Steeges Road and what is the cost of repair.
 2. What damage was done to sign posting near Steeges Road and what is the cost of repair.
 3. What damage was done to the horse hitching rail at Mortimer Park and what is the cost of repair.
 4. What staff were on duty on Melbourne Cup Day.
 5. Were any observations of vandalism made by park staff
 6. What is the total cost of vandalism in the Park in — (a) 2000; and (b) 2001.
578. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to page 122 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Which Community Support Fund projects failed to meet the 'quality' benchmark
 2. Which electorate/s did the Community Support Fund projects that failed to meet the quality benchmark operate in.
 3. Which Community Support Fund projects were in the five per cent of failing to achieve satisfactory acquittals by 30 June 2001
 4. Which Community Support Fund projects in 2000–2001 failed to have their reporting dates meet performance agreement timelines.
 5. What action has the Government taken to remedy these deficiencies since 1 July 2001.

579. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —

1. When did financial support for the Melbourne-Sydney Countrylink passenger services commence.
2. How much is being provided by the Victorian Government in 2001–2002 to — (a) Countrylink directly; (b) the NSW Government; and (c) any other providers for these services.
3. Whether the day and overnight services receive an equal subsidy; if not, why.
4. How many passengers were carried on the northbound day and overnight services in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001 whose journeys originated at — (i) Melbourne Spencer Street; (ii) Benalla; (iii) Wangaratta; and (iv) Albury.
5. How many passengers were carried on the southbound day and overnight services in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001 whose journeys terminated at — (i) Melbourne Spencer Street; (ii) Benalla; (iii) Wangaratta; and (iv) Albury.
6. What is the lowest number of passengers recorded for the — (a) day; and (b) overnight Melbourne-Sydney services leaving from — (i) Melbourne, for northbound; and (ii) Albury, for southbound services within 2000–2001 and what date did this occur in each case.
7. What percentage of passengers departing from Melbourne on each Countrylink service used pensioner free travel vouchers.
8. What is the average revenue per interstate passenger travelling, excluding pensioner free travel and similar vouchers or passes for which Countrylink receives no farebox revenue on the — (a) day; and (b) overnight service.
9. When will the subsidy be reviewed.

580. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference the second employee satisfaction survey mentioned on page 14 of the Department of Treasury and Finance's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. What were the five most frequent areas for improvement mentioned by employees in the survey.
2. How much would implementation of each area of improvement cost over a financial year.
3. What steps is the Department taking to address each area of concern.
4. What timeframe applies to the implementation for each of these measures.
5. Who conducted this survey.
6. What was the cost to the Department.

581. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to pages 35 and 37 of the Department of Treasury and Finance's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. What steps have been taken to address the concerns expressed by Chief Financial Officers regarding — (a) increased leasing costs; and (b) the timeliness and accuracy of car fleet information.
 2. How much is being expended in 2001–2002 to improve the timeliness and accuracy of car fleet information.
 3. Whether tenders, contracts or consultancies have been called for any initiatives aimed at managing the car fleet and reducing its cost to taxpayers; if so, for each initiative— (a) on what date was the tender, contract or consultancy awarded; (b) to whom was it awarded; and (c) the amount of the tender, contract or consultancy.
582. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to pages 67 and 137 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report and the Commissioner for Public Employment's 2000–2001 annual report —
- 582a. The Honourable the Premier
- 582b. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Employment and Training
1. Which organisations — (a) failed to comply with the employment and conduct principles expressed in the **Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998**; and (b) what was the main reason given for this failure by each organisation.
 2. Why did the figure of 85 per cent compliance not meet the target of 90 per cent.
 3. How many organisations were monitored in 2000–2001.
 4. What target for compliance has been set for 2001–2002.
 5. How many organisations are expected to be monitored for compliance in 2001–2002.
 6. What were the five most common 'causal factors' why organisations did not assess themselves as A1 or A2 in 2000–2001.
 7. By what year and month will systems be put in place to monitor overall organisations' satisfaction with development programs.
 8. How much is being spent on the monitoring of overall organisations' satisfaction with development programs in 2001–2002 and what forms does this expenditure take.
583. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians were on the waiting list for treatment at the Royal Dental Hospital at the end of each month from May 2001 to October 2001 inclusive in the postcodes — (a) 3125; (b) 3128; (c) 3130; (d) 3149; and (e) 3151.

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584. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to page 35 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. When will the Community Support Fund's published guidelines be 'revised' and 'clarified'.
 2. What expenditure is the Department of Premier and Cabinet devoting to this revision and clarification in 2001–2002.
 3. What is the target number for applications in 2001–2002.
 4. What is the target for the percentage of applications approved in 2001–2002.
585. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to pages 39 and 130 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Why did 'community satisfaction' with the Victorian Multicultural Commission's process of consultations and forums with community groups fail to reach the target level of 70 per cent.
 2. Why was such a low target level set.
 3. Which ethnic groups or communities were — (a) satisfied; and (b) dissatisfied with the community consultation process in 2000–2001.
 4. Will a copy of the report of the qualitative market research conducted that arrived at the figures in the report be made available.
586. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts with reference to page 45 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. How much did Arts Victoria spend on the development of COMPASS in 2000–2001.
 2. How much will be spent in 2001–2002.
587. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts with reference to — (a) Cinemedia; (b) Geelong Performing Arts Centre; (c) Museum Victoria (Melbourne Museum); (d) Museum Victoria (Scienceworks); (e) Museum Victoria (Immigration Museum); (f) National Gallery of Victoria; (g) Public Record Office Victoria; (h) State Library of Victoria; and (i) Victorian Arts Centre, mentioned on pages 45 and 132 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. What is the target number for visitors to each agency in 2000–2001.
 2. What were the applicable targets in 2000–2001 for each agency.
 3. Why did visitor numbers for all these agencies fall more than one million below the total target set in 2000–2001.

4. How many visitors had each agency received between 1 July 2001 and 31 October 2001 and what target had been set by each agency for this period.
5. How does each agency define a 'visitor'.
6. For those agencies charging an admission fee — (a) what was the average revenue per visitor — (i) in 2000–2001; (ii) between 1 July 2001 and 31 October 2001; and (b) what is the amount budgeted overall in 2001–2002.

588. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to page 53 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report—

588a. The Honourable the Premier

588b. The Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs

1. Why was the Office of Women's Policy only consulted regarding 58 per cent of board or committee appointments in 2000–2001.
2. What percentage of board or committee appointments were the Office of Women's Policy consulted with between 1 July and 31 October 2001.
3. How many board or committee appointment has the Office of Women's Policy been made aware of — (a) in 2000–2001; (b) between 1 July 2001 and 31 October 2001; and (c) or expects to be made aware of for the remainder of 2001–2002.

589. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — when will the Minister provide an answer to question on notice — (a) number 223 from Notice Paper dated 30 August 2000; and (b) number 232 from Notice Paper dated 4 October 2001.

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This issue provides a numerical reference to Questions remaining unanswered.

The full text of Questions will be issued during the Session on a periodical basis. The last Question Notice Paper containing the full text of unanswered questions was issued on Wednesday 7 November 2001.

Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

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590. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 22 August 2001 regarding the \$52 million expansion of the high-speed broadband network VicOne managed by AAPT —
1. Whether any expansion of the network has occurred since the press release.
 2. What — (a) physical infrastructure has been constructed; (b) further services have been offered; and (c) further services have been ordered under the expansion.
 3. What benefits have been obtained by the Victorian — (a) public sector; and (b) private sector as a result of the expansion.
 4. How much commercial support for AAPT has the Government pledged in exchange for the expansion of Vic One.
 5. How much Government expenditure has been pledged towards the expansion of VicOne.
 6. Have any State funds been spent on the expansion of VicOne.
591. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the Government's Synchrotron project —
1. Why is this project being two-thirds underwritten by the State of Victoria instead of by Federal government funding.
 2. Whether the project is \$57 million short of funding.
 3. What agreements are in place with the private sector and academic institutions to provide funding.
 4. What budget is in place for recurring costs, future plant upgrades and maintenance.
 5. Whether there is a business plan for the project; if so, what are the details.
 6. Was there financial support in place at the time of announcement of the project.
 7. Whether future financial support is dependent on the project's building being ready to use.

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592. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Tri State Alliance and the involvement of New South Wales and Queensland —
1. What announcements have New South Wales and Queensland made regarding the Alliance.
 2. What resources has Multimedia Victoria applied to the Alliance.
 3. Whether the New South Wales and Queensland governments hold any documentation about the agreement to form the Alliance.
593. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Connecting Victoria statement, which states that one of the key intentions of this policy statement is to establish a Tri State Alliance on regional communications with Queensland and New South Wales —
1. What agreements have been put in place under the Alliance on regional communications.
 2. What work has been undertaken under the Alliance.
 3. Have there been any meetings of the Alliance.
 4. Whether there is a working party or committee responsible for the Alliance; if so — (a) who are the members; and (b) when has it met.
 5. How does the Alliance fit in with, detract or differentiate itself from Federal government efforts.
594. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 26 of Yarra Valley Water's 2000-2001 annual report —
1. Why did the percentage of emergency service phone enquiries handled by Yarra Valley Water that were answered within 15 seconds decline from 92 per cent in 1999-2000 to 90 per cent in 2000-2001.
 2. How many emergency service phone enquiries were handled by Yarra Valley Water in — (a) 1999-2000; and (b) 2000-2001.
 3. How many operators were available to handle emergency service phone enquiries for the — (a) day; (b) afternoon; and (c) night shifts in — (i) 1999-2000; and (ii) 2000-2001.
 4. What is the target for the time taken to answer a typical call to Yarra Valley Water's emergency services department in 2001-2002.
595. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Community Business Employment program mentioned on page 96 of the Department of Education, Employment and Training's 2000-2001 annual report —

1. Was the 13-week placement retention rate for the program 74 per cent for 2000–2001.
2. Whether a typographical or other error occurred in claiming that the 2000–2001 retention rate was 74 per cent which represented a claimed negative variation of “7.5 per cent” from the claimed 80 per cent target.
3. Why was the retention rate target not met in 2000–2001.
4. What retention rate target has been set for the program for 2001–2002.
5. What strategies have been adopted to ensure that the 2001–2002 target is met.
6. How many participants who resided in — (a) the areas comprising — (i) the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (ii) the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (b) the postcodes — (i) 3125; (ii) 3128; (iii) 3130; (iv) 3149; (v) 3150; and (vi) 3151 have been placed in the program for each month since July 2000, and how many in each region or postcode have completed the 13-week placement.

596. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to page 3 of the Plumbing Industry Commission’s 2000–2001 annual report which states that “our water resources are limited” and further “it has been estimated that, with our present resources, this demand is not sustainable far into the next decade” — how does this statement accord with Melbourne Water’s *The Source* magazine, edition 16, page 2, which states that new water sources are not required for Melbourne until 2040.

596a. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation.

596b. The Honourable the Minister for Planning.

597. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services with reference to pages 38 and 39 of the Office of the Public Advocate’s 2000–2001 annual report —

1. How many of the 79 prospective Community Visitors who were undergoing training at 30 June 2001 have been appointed as Community Visitors.
2. How many appointed Community Visitors have left the program between 1 July and 31 October 2001.
3. How many appointed Community Visitors were there at 31 October 2001.
4. Has any specific additional funding been provided to the Office of the Public Advocate for further recruitment campaigns in 2001–2002; and — (a) if so, how much; and (b) if not, what expenditure does the Office of the Public Advocate expect to commit from existing funding in this area in 2001–2002.

598. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers —

598a. The Honourable the Premier

598b. The Honourable the Minister for Community Services

1. How many volunteer organisations have registered with the Melbourne Museum for free entry for their members in conjunction with the International Year of Volunteers Festival on 2 December 2001.
 2. What details are volunteer organisations registering for free entry to the Melbourne Museum required to supply.
 3. Whether the names of volunteer organisation co-ordinators, their telephone numbers, or other details supplied to the Melbourne Museum will be used by the Government or departments and agencies for future telephone canvassing, mailouts, or similar party political promotions.
 4. Whether the Melbourne Museum is supplying the Department of Human Services, the International Year of the Volunteers secretariat or Ministers access to the list of volunteer organisations registered for free entry to the Museum.
599. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the — (a) double-sided purple brochure; (b) invitation; and (c) poster printed for the International Year of Volunteers Festival on 2 December 2001 —
- 599a. The Honourable the Premier
599b. The Honourable the Minister for Community Services
1. How many copies of each were produced.
 2. What was the cost of the printing of each.
 3. Were public tenders let for each; if not, why.
 4. Who printed each document.
600. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to the qualified audit opinion of the Auditor-General for the Emerald Tourist Railway Board and the Puffing Billy Preservation Society —
1. Whether the Society or the Board is arranging for a revaluation of their land assets as required by the *Financial Management Act 1994*.
 2. Whether the Government provides any specific financial assistance to smaller organisations like the Society or the Board to enable them to comply with the statutory obligation to revalue their land assets.
 3. How much is a revaluation of their land assets expected to cost the Society or the Board
601. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Marine and Freshwater Resources Institute Report No 33 — what — (a) procedures and programs are in place; and (b) resources have been made available to preclude the transfer of the Northern Pacific Sea Star to Westernport Bay from Port Phillip Bay.

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602. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Marine and Freshwater Resources Institute Report No 33 which comments on pages 1 and 15 that the benthic community in Port Phillip Bay is likely to be permanently altered as a consequence of the impact of the Northern Pacific Sea Star — what future programs are in place over and above existing programs to minimise the impact of the sea star on fish stocks in Port Phillip Bay.
603. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's park management services, discussed on page 41 of the Department's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. What were the five most common reasons suggested by users as to why they were only 66 per cent satisfied overall with the Department's park management services compared with the target of 70 to 75 per cent.
 2. Why did the percentage of satisfied customers decline from 69 per cent in 1999–2000.
 3. Where there any variances in the main reasons users of different regions' parks were dissatisfied; if so, what where they.
 4. Whether park users from Melbourne metropolitan areas express any concerns differently from rural-based park users; if so, how did they differ.
 5. What types of users, and how many, were surveyed.
 6. When, and by whom, was the customer satisfaction survey conducted.
 7. What areas of Victoria were users selected from to participate in any satisfaction surveys.
 8. What — (a) funding; and (b) other action is the Government taking to increase satisfaction with park services in 2001–2002.
604. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Pier and Jetty services, discussed on page 37 of the Department's 2000–2001 annual report —
- 604a. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
- 604b. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation for the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources
1. What were the five most common reasons suggested by users as to why they were only 52 per cent satisfied overall with the Department's services compared with the target of 60 to 65 per cent.
 2. What types of users, and how many, were surveyed.
 3. What areas of Victoria were users selected from to participate in any satisfaction surveys.

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4. What were any expenses over \$500,000 that were reclassified from the 'Asset Investment Program' to 'Outputs' that led to the budgeted expenditure of \$13.9 million increasing to the actual expenditure of \$25.2 million in 2000–2001.
605. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 36 of VicTrack's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Why did advertising revenue decline from \$1,641,000 in 1999–2000 to \$964,000 in 2000–2001.
 2. What steps have been taken to increase advertising revenue in 2001–2002.
606. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 11 of VicTrack's 2000–2001 annual report and the railway stations and associated infrastructure at — (a) Kangaroo Flat; (b) Malmsbury; (c) Creswick; (d) Managatang; (e) Pirron Yallock; (f) Irymple; (g) Chiltern; (h) Rosedale; and (i) Bridgewater —
1. What is the cost of 'upcoming maintenance and restoration works' planned in 2001–2002 for each area.
 2. Whether any works have been carried out at each area since 1 July 2001; if so, what is the nature of such works.
 3. What is the nature of any further works scheduled to be carried out at each area during 2001–2002.
 4. Whether tenders have been called for the leasing of any of the railway stations; if not, why.
 5. Whether all the stations are currently unattended.
 6. Whether it is possible for some of the stations to be occupied as residences, either through long term lease or sale.
 7. Whether any restoration work undertaken will be monitored to minimise vandalism; if so, how will such monitoring be undertaken.
 8. Whether vandalism at Creswick station has been a problem.
607. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 4 of VicTrack's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Was the railway line between Mildura and Yelta omitted from the map of the Victorian railway network.
 2. Whether the railway line between Strathmerton and Cobram is currently in use.
 3. When did the last train run between Strathmerton and Cobram.

4. Whether the Strathmerton to Cobram section of track is being maintained; if so what — (a) is the cost in 2001–2002; and (b) speed are freight trains authorised to run at over this section.
 5. Whether there are any plans to dismantle the track between Strathmerton and Cobram.
 6. What efforts are being made to encourage rail traffic between Strathmerton and Cobram.
 7. When did the last train run between Cranbourne and Nyora.
 8. Whether the Cranbourne to Nyora section of track is being maintained; if so what — (a) is the cost in 2001–2002; and (b) speed are freight trains authorised to run at over this section.
 9. Whether the railway line between Warrnambool and Dennington is still open.
608. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Major Projects and Tourism with reference to 2000–2001 Financial Report for the State of Victoria, page 126, — what is the itemized breakdown of the \$1.217 million allocated to the transfer of responsibility of the Office of Major Projects to the Department of State and Regional Development.
609. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to work undertaken by Fantastic Communications Pty Ltd — (a) who authorised the company to undertake work for the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs; (b) what type of work was undertaken on behalf of the Government; (c) was the Government satisfied with all the work undertaken; and (d) what was the total cost of all the work undertaken.
610. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier why all or parts of the agreement that was reached between the Macedonian Teachers Association and the Government that provided that — (a) the Premier will formally withdraw the directive made by the former Premier on 21 July 1994; (b) the State of Victoria will not oppose a determination by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission that the 1994 directive contravened section 9(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth); (c) following the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission determination the State will make a public announcement; and (d) the State will pay the sum of \$5,000 towards the Macedonian Teachers Association legal costs incurred in the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissions hearings in 1997 — was not adhered to.
611. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What were the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's WorkCover premiums relating to departmental employees involved in any fire fighting responsibilities, in actual dollar terms, for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.

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2. What was the percentage change, compared to budget, in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's WorkCover premiums relating to the departmental employees involved in any fire fighting responsibilities, for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.
612. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. What were Victoria Police's WorkCover premiums, in actual dollar terms, for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.
2. What was the percentage change, compared to budget, in Victoria Police's WorkCover premiums for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.
613. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many active Country Fire Authority volunteers were there at — (a) 18 October 1999; (b) 31 December 1999; (c) 30 June 2000; (d) 31 December 2000; (e) 30 June 2001; and (f) 31 October 2001.
2. How many County Fire Authority career firefighters were there at — (a) 18 October 1999; (b) 31 December 1999; (c) 30 June 2000; (d) 31 December 2000; (e) 30 June 2001; and (f) 31 October 2001.

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- *600. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to the qualified audit opinion of the Auditor-General in the 2000–2001 annual report of the Emerald Tourist Railway Board —
1. Whether the Board is arranging for a revaluation of its land assets as required by the *Financial Management Act 1994*.
 2. How much is a revaluation of its land assets expected to cost the Board.
 3. Whether the Government provides any specific financial assistance to smaller organisations like the Board to enable them to comply with the statutory obligation to revalue their land assets.
614. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Community Jobs Program mentioned on pages 95 and 97 of the Department of Education, Employment and Training's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. How many individuals commenced a program placement in each month from July 2000 to October 2001 from — (a) the areas — (i) across Victoria; (ii) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (iii) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and — (b) the postcodes — (i) 3125; (ii) 3128; (iii) 3130; (iv) 3149; (v) 3150; and (vi) 3151.
 2. What percentage of individuals who commenced a program placement in each month from July 2000 to June 2001— from — (a) the areas — (i) across Victoria; (ii) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (iii) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and — (b) the postcodes — (i) 3125; (ii) 3128; (iii) 3130; (iv) 3149; (v) 3150; and (vi) 3151 have — (A) completed the up to 16-week placement; (B) remained in a full-time job for at least three months; (C) remained in a part-time job for at least three months; and (D) completed further training in the three months following the placement.
615. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Youth Employment Scheme mentioned on page 96 of the Department of Education, Employment and Training's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. How many individuals have commenced in the scheme in the — (a) government sector; and (b) private sector sub-sections in each month from July 2000 to October 2001 from the areas and postcodes — (i) across Victoria; (ii) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; (iii) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; (iv) 3125; (v) 3128; (vi) 3130; (vii) 3149; (viii) 3150; and (ix) 3151.
 2. What percentage of individuals from the Schemes for the — (a) government sector; and (b) private sector for each month from July 2000 to June 2001 from the (i) areas — (A) across Victoria; (B) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; (C) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and — (ii) the postcodes — (A) 3125; (B) 3128; (C) 3130; (D) 3149; (E) 3150; and (F) 3151 have — (I) completed the scheme; (II) moved to further study within three months of completing the scheme; (III) moved to further full-time employment within three months of completing the scheme; (IV) moved to further part-time employment within three months of completing the scheme; and (V) moved to further casual employment within three months of completing the scheme.
616. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to page 3 of Tourism Victoria's 2000–2001 annual report — (a) when will the new tourism strategy for Victoria be released; and (b) will the "jigsaw" advertisements that form part of the existing tourism strategy be abandoned.
617. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 25 of VicRoads' 2000–2001 annual report — what changes to the road system will be made to support the regional fast rail projects between Melbourne and — (a) Geelong; (b) Ballarat; (c) Bendigo; and (d) Traralgon in — (i) 2000–2001; and (ii) 2002–2003.
618. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government representing the Honourable the Minister for Industrial Relations —
1. On what dates has the Industrial Relations Taskforce met since 1 July 2001.
 2. Whether the Industrial Relations Taskforce has discussed the Feltex dispute; if so, on what dates.
 3. Whether Industrial Relations Taskforce members have expressed a view, individually or collectively, as to the ramification of the Feltex dispute on investor confidence in Victoria.
 4. How many meetings of the Industrial Relations Taskforce has the Minister attended since 1 July 2001; if so, on what dates.
 5. Whether other Ministers have attended meetings of the Industrial Relations Taskforce since 1 July 2001; if so, on what dates.
 6. Which ministerial advisers have attended each meeting.
619. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry with reference to Finance Industry Consultative Committee — (a) on what dates has the committee

met between 1 July 2001 and 20 November 2001; and (b) what topics were discussed at each committee meeting.

620. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Business Skills Migration Program, mentioned on page 21 of the Department of State and Regional Development's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. Why was Victoria's share of the new 2000–2001 business migrants under the program lower than Victoria's proportion of Australia's population.
2. How many 2000–2001 business migrants to Victoria emigrated from — (a) Israel; (b) the United States of America; (c) the United Kingdom; (d) New Zealand; (e) Canada; (f) South Africa; (g) China; (h) Hong Kong Special Autonomous Region; (I) Taiwan; and (j) Singapore.
3. What steps is the Government taking to ensure that Victoria attracts at least 25 per cent of new business migrants.
4. What is the estimated typical value of assets that a new business migrant brings from overseas.
5. What is the estimated number of staff that a business migrant typically employs twelve months after arrival.

621. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry with reference to the Manufacturing Industry Consultative Committee —

1. On what dates has the committee met between 1 July 2001 and 20 November 2001.
2. Whether the committee has discussed the Feltex dispute.
3. What effect does the committee believe the Feltex dispute will have on investor confidence in Victoria.

622. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to page 14 of the Department of State and Regional Development's 2000–2001 annual report, when will the strategic audits be completed for — (a) environmental management and renewable energy; (b) transport, distribution and logic; (c) metal fabrication; (d) precision engineering; (e) information and communications; (f) professional and technical services; (g) financial services; and (h) sports and recreation sectors.

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This issue provides a numerical reference to Questions remaining unanswered.

The full text of Questions will be issued during the Session on a periodical basis. The last Question Notice Paper containing the full text of unanswered questions was issued on Wednesday 7 November 2001

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623. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the response to question 470 — (a) how much of the \$100 million investment in new 'low floor' trams for Yarra Trams is being provided by government; and (b) will other private operators be provided with similar support.
624. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the response to question 470 that several payments will be made to Yarra Trams to facilitate tram 'Superstops' projects — (a) how much will be provided to Yarra Trams for 'Superstops'; (b) how much will be provided to Yarra Trams' Route 109 Project; (c) will a similar amount be made available to other private public transport operators; and (d) what is the legal requirement as part of the franchise agreement for the private operators in terms of providing money for 'Superstops'.
625. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the response to question 471 —
1. What are the details of the traffic management proposal for — (a) Collins Street in the Melbourne central business district; (b) Victoria Street, Richmond; (c) Kew Junction; and (d) High Street and Cotham Road, Kew, being part of the Route 109 development.
 2. What impact will these traffic management proposals have on — (a) parking, (b) traffic speeds at tram stops; and (c) traffic movements at intersections.
626. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Metroplan strategy — (a) what are the costs involved in the development of the strategy; and (b) what is the breakdown which shows the total costs involved in — (i) community forums; (ii) distribution; (iii) printing; and (iv) administration.
627. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the annual financial subsidy for Victoria's rural and regional bus services broken down into payments to each private operator for — (a) 1995–1996; (b) 1996–1997; (c) 1997–1998; (d) 1998–1999; (e) 1999–2000; and (f) 2000–2001.

628. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the annual financial subsidy for Melbourne metropolitan bus services broken down into payments to each private operator for — (a) 1995–1996; (b) 1996–1997; (c) 1997–1998; (d) 1998–1999; (e) 1999–2000; and (f) 2000–2001.
629. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Government funding for the regional fast rail project —
1. What are the details for the various factors that have impacted on the value of the \$550 million in funding for the project.
 2. Given that the Government's regional fast rail tender documents indicate that the \$550 million in funding has a net present value of only \$340–\$380 million by the time construction commences, what is the breakdown of where the \$210–\$380 million has gone.
 3. What impact will this funding difference have on the funding arrangements for the regional rail project.
630. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to costs for the regional fast rail project —
1. What are the details of the additional costs which have been identified by the Rail Projects Group of the Department of Infrastructure which exceed the Government's allocation of \$340 – \$380 million towards the regional fast rail project.
 2. What are the details of the commitment by the Government to funding these additional identified costs.
631. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the maximum Government commitment to the regional fast rail project.
632. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to reduce air pollution in the metropolitan area of Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
633. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. How many consultancies have been conducted on a potential Melbourne Airport rail (or transit) link.
 2. What reports have been completed on this proposal since 1990 including — (a) title; (b) cost; (c) author; and (d) date.
 3. What are the resources that have been put into the airport rail link since September 1999 showing details of — (a) funding; (b) staffing levels; and (c) any other resources put into the project.

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4. What performance measures and other result indicators have been put on the airport rail link project.
 5. Have the performance measures been met; if not, why.
 6. What have been the rewards if these performance measures have been met.
634. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the write down of \$63 million in concession fees receivable by the Melbourne City Link Authority in 2000–2001, as described in the 2001–2002 Financial Report for the State of Victoria.
635. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the City Link project —
1. What outstanding issues remain.
 2. What are the details of the compensation which may be payable as described in the 2001–2001 Financial Report for the State of Victoria.
 3. What action is being taken by the Government in the resolution of the outstanding issues.
 4. Why have these not been resolved at various stages of the negotiation process, such as the \$10 million release from a single purpose entity.
 5. What mechanisms are in place to prevent significant losses to the State.
636. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What is the capacity of the City Loop system.
 2. What is the current volume on the City Loop system.
 3. What measures have been undertaken to endure future capacity can be met.
 4. What alternatives are being investigated for the City Loop service.
637. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing in to reduce congestion in metropolitan Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
638. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What is the Government doing in to introduce 'demand management' measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport systems as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
 2. What are the demand management measures.

3. How will the Government implement the demand management measure proposals.
 4. Whether the Government is setting an example by offering greater flexibility in working hours to public servants.
639. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads Consultancies — what are the details of the total amount and cost of consultancies employed by VicRoads and the Department of Infrastructure for — (a) 1996–1997; (b) 1997–1998; (c) 1998–1999; (d) 1999–2000; and (e) 2000–2001.
640. **MR LEIGH** — to ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. Why has the Department of Infrastructures operating expenses risen from \$838 million in 1998 to \$2.377 billion in 2001.
 2. What is the itemised breakdown of this increased expenditure and where was the money allocated in each year since 1998.
641. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the \$2.409 million increase in salaries as described in the 2001–2002 Financial Report for the State of Victoria itemised by — (a) each sector within the Department of Infrastructure; and (b) each salary classification level.
642. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What are the details as to why the Department of Infrastructure's total liabilities has risen from \$31.7 million in 1999 to \$139.4 million in 2001.
 2. What are the itemised details of the breakdown of creditors and the details of what is owing.
643. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the minister for Transport —
1. Why has the revenue of the Department of Infrastructure risen from \$513 million in 1998 to \$2.306 billion in 2001.
 2. What is the itemised breakdown of this increased revenue in each year since 1998.
644. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Transport —
1. What road services was the Department of Infrastructure responsible for in 2001 which was not the responsibility of VicRoads.
 2. What is the itemised breakdown of where \$808 million was spent on road services, as shown in the Department of Infrastructure's 2000–2001 annual report.

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645. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Department of Infrastructure —
1. What processes have been established at the Department to shift the focus from systems to outcomes, as described in the Department's 2000-2001 annual report.
 2. What restructuring has been undertaken to facilitate these changes.
 3. What measures have been developed to assess the outcomes.
 4. What arrangements are in place to reward the desired outcomes.
646. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to introduce an 'environmental cost' to Victorian and Melbourne transport users as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
647. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Footscray Station accident report — (a) what caused the delay in the release of the report; and (b) when will the report be available.
648. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What is the Government doing to introduce an 'incentive structure' to Victorian and Melbourne transport users as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
 2. What 'price signals' is the Government implementing to address the incentive systems in transport in Victoria.
649. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What is the Government doing to introduce 'integrated transport' measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport systems, as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
 2. What are 'integrated transport' measures.
 3. How will the Government implement the 'integrated transport' measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport systems.
650. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the closure of Nicholson Street, Essendon —
1. What works are being undertaken or considered for Nicholson Street.
 2. What consultative process has been established for this street closure to occur.

3. What process has been developed to allow local residents' views to be heard and incorporated in the final assessment.
 4. Whether a final decision has been made on the street closure.
651. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to reduce parking problems in metropolitan Melbourne, as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
652. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what were the levels of maintenance each month since the introduction of franchising in 1998 for — (a) V/Line; (b) M-Tram; (c) M-Train; (d) Connex; and (e) Yarra Trams.
653. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Public Transport Ombudsman — (a) what progress has been made towards the establishment of the Public Transport Ombudsman, since revealed in August 2001; and (b) what processes and avenues to appeal will be available to commuters and how will this fit into the current system.
654. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to introduce rail access to the Port of Melbourne and what assistance is being provided to these initiatives.
655. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to \$14.2 million spend resourcing major rail infrastructure projects in 2000–2001, as described in the 2001–2002 Financial Report for the State of Victoria — (a) what is the itemised breakdown of where the money has been spent; (b) whether the defined objectives of the State have been achieved; and (c) what is the criteria for these objectives.
656. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to reduce road freight and increase the rail freight in metropolitan Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
657. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's — (a) financial; (b) bureaucratic; and (c) technical contribution towards the Yarra Trams' Route 109 Project and — (i) what is the breakdown of the funding and other assistance provided; and (ii) what are the areas where these resources are being allocated.
658. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the nine vacant executive positions within the Rail Projects Group as described in the Department of Infrastructure's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. What are the positions.
 2. What is the remuneration range of these executive positions.

3. When will these positions be filled.
 4. What will the responsibility of these positions.
 5. Why haven't these positions been filled.
 6. How many executives are needed to administer the Rail Projects Group.
 7. What is the executive to staff ratio of the Rail Projects Group, on a month by month basis since the Group's establishment.
 8. How many non-executive staff does the Government need to administer the Rail Projects Group.
 9. Since the establishment of the Rail Projects Group what is the breakdown of staffing levels in each of the various divisions within the Group.
659. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the review into lower speeds near rural schools — (a) when will the review be completed; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) who is in charge of the review.
660. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to intersections treated with skid resistant materials — what intersections were treated in 2000–2001, and what intersections will be treated in 2001–2002 in the cities of — (a) Kingston; (b) Ballarat; (c) Bendigo; and (d) Geelong.
661. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to introduce a “social cost” to Victorian and Melbourne transport users as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
662. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the rail grade separation on the Lilydale/Belgrave train line and the Springvale Road intersection — (a) what action is the Government taking with regard to the intersection; (b) what funds have been allocated to this project in the 2001–2002 budget; (c) what funds have been allocated for future works on the project; and (d) when are the works expected to commence and when will they be finished.
663. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Spencer Street Station subway upgrade — (a) what are the details of the cost of the upgrade; (b) what are the details on how this project was assessed and decided upon, based on the various other competing areas for money to be spent on the Spencer Street Station project.
664. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to staffing at the Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads — (a) what are the staff numbers at the Department and VicRoads for the last five years; and (b) what is the breakdown in each division where these staff are employed.

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665. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to sustainability in transport choices —
1. What is the Government doing to introduce 'sustainability' measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport choices as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
 2. What are these 'sustainability' measures.
 3. How will the Government implement these 'sustainability' measure proposals.
666. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to three letters sent to persons registering their interest in the Scoresby Corridor project by signing up on the website www.doi.vic.gov.au —
1. What Government funds have been spent on the — (a) development; (b) printing; (c) materials; and (d) distribution of each of the three letters and their attached press releases dated 4 October 2001, 10 October 2001 and 31 October 2001 and signed by the Minister.
 2. How many people have responded to the website registering their interest in the Scoresby Corridor project.
 3. What are the statistics on where respondents to the website are in geographic direction of Melbourne and Victoria.
667. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to a letter dated 11 September 2001 and signed by the Premier and Minister, delivered to residents in the Scoresby corridor —
1. What Government funds were spent on the — (a) development; (b) printing; and (c) distribution of the letter.
 2. Why was an amended version of the Scoresby Declaration attached, and not recognised as such.
 3. Where was this letter distributed.
668. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to cater for the future transport needs of metropolitan Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
669. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Tullamarine Freeway advertising signs —
1. What is the current situation for advertising billboards on the Tullamarine Freeway.
 2. When did the current contract for advertising signs on the Tullamarine Freeway expire and — (a) whether a new contract has been signed; if not, why; (b) who are the parties

who have an interest in this contract; and (c) what has been done since the current contract expired.

3. What financial benefit has Tullamarine Freeway outdoor advertising for the State.

670. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the salary costs and number of executive officers for the Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.

671. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads — what are the — (a) salaries; (b) allowances; (c) salary on-costs; and (d) departure packages for — (i) 1997; (ii) 1998; (iii) 1999; (iv) 2000; and (v) 2001 to date.

672. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the works being undertaken to ensure the future capacity of the West Gate Bridge and any additional demands which will be placed on the bridge infrastructure.

673. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Yarra Trams and Collins Street — what is the Government doing in reference to the proposals by Yarra Trams for —

1. The Collins Street and Spring Street 'Superstop'.
2. The removal of the right hand turn from Collins Street into Spring Street.
3. The removal of two stops on the length of Collins Street.
4. The fundamental adjustment to the traditional pattern of a tram stop at every intersection.

674. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Yarra Trams' Route 109 Project —

1. What is the program of community consultation.
2. What measures have been taken to ensure concerned stakeholders have a say and their views are incorporated into the proposals.
3. What is the Government doing in reference to their commitment to community consultation.

675. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the itemised figures by month for public transport revenues for — (a) 1996-1997; (b) 1997-1998; (c) 1998-1999; (d) 1999-2000; and (e) 2001 to date.

676. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Government's financial support of railway reserve maintenance — what are the itemised expense figures by month for each individual train line for — (a) vandalism; (b) rubbish removal; and (c) weed removal for — (i) 1996–1997; (ii) 1997–1998; (iii) 1998–1999; (iv) 1999–2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
677. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the fare structure for the regional fast rail projects.
678. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What plans are in place for bus priority zones on Victoria Street between the Central Business District of Melbourne and Punt Road.
 2. What plans are in place for bus priority zones on Hoddle Street between the Eastern Freeway and the South Eastern Freeway.
679. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to construction of the Collins and Spring Streets intersection—
1. When was Yarra Trams issued an approval to start construction on the intersection.
 2. What process was put in place for — (a) community input; and (b) Melbourne City Council input and what was the result.
 3. Who gave approval for the tram 'Superstop'.
 4. What objections were raised.
 5. What is the cost of the project.
 6. Who will fund the project.
680. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the new rolling stock for Yarra Trams —
1. What is the Government's position on the introduction of the new rolling stock.
 2. Will the Government pay the estimated \$100 million for this new rolling stock; and if so, why.
 3. Will similar concessions be afforded to — (a) M-Tram; (b) V-Line; (c) Connex; and (d) M-Train.
681. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what is the progress of the Dingley Freeway; (b) what funds have been allocated to this project; and (c) when will construction of the Dingley Freeway commence.

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682. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the monthly patronage figures for public transport since January 1999.
683. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the third rail track between Blackburn and Mitcham — (a) what is the progress of the project; (b) how much has been allocated to the project; and (c) when will the project be completed.
684. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to proposed flyer trains — (a) what is the current progress on the proposed flyer trains; (b) have any flyer trains been introduced since September 1999; and (c) when will the flyer trains be in operation.
685. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed East Burwood to Knox City tram line — (a) what is the status of this proposed tram line extension; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; and (c) whether any arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.
686. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed Coolaroo to Craigieburn train line extension — (a) what is the status of the project; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; (c) when will construction commence; (d) where will the train line stop; and (e) whether arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.
687. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed Epping to South Morang train line extension — (a) what is the status of the project; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; (c) when will construction commence; (d) where will the train line stop; and (e) whether arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.
688. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed Cranbourne to East Cranbourne train line extension — (a) what is the status of the project; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; (c) when will construction commence; (d) where will the train line stop; and (e) whether arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.
689. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what was the number of applicants waiting on the list for access to public housing for the September 2001 quarter for — (a) each region; (b) the whole of Victoria; and (c) each segment within the waiting list.

690. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing with reference to redevelopment of public housing estates —
1. What is the itemised list of estates earmarked for redevelopment, including a progress report on each public housing site.
 2. Whether the redevelopment of these estates involve contributions in kind from the not-for-profit sector or private developers, including details of the type of contribution made towards each such redevelopment.
 3. What are the details of public estates where the Government has already undertaken or proposes to undertake the sub-division and sell the land for private sector development.
 4. What are the details of the type of contractual arrangement the Government proposes to negotiate with 'private developers' to encourage a mix of private and public housing developments on Government-owned sites.
 5. What are the details of private investors who have submitted a joint venture proposal for the redevelopment of public housing estates.
691. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing to provide an update on the current status of work in progress for the Ashburton public housing estate.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 28 NOVEMBER 2001

692. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what percentage of the total funds for the following projects have been, or will be, funded by the Government for the — (a) Box Hill tram extension; (b) construction of the Spencer Street/Collins Street 'Superstop'; (c) construction of the Spring Street/Collins Street 'Superstop'; and (d) introduction of 'low floor' trams for Yarra Trams.
693. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — why won't the Box Hill tram extension be going all the way to Box Hill Station and given this fact, what is the purpose of an integrated system.
694. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the total penalty which Yarra Trams have been penalised for the limited City Circle tram service.
695. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what is the status of Middle Footscray Station; (b) how will the regional fast rail project affect the Middle Footscray Station; and (c) how will the Albion route for the proposed airport rail service affect Middle Footscray Station.
696. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — whether the Government supports a freeway link between the Eastern Freeway and the Greensborough Bypass.
697. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the status of the proposed train line to Rowville.
698. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) why was the Public Transport Users Association banned from the Northern Central Corridor Study reference group; and (b) what advice was given to the Minister by the Department of Infrastructure in relation to banning the Public Transport Users Association from the Northern Central Corridor Study reference group.
699. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — how will the Government fund their \$550 million share of the construction costs for the Scoresby Freeway project.

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700. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — how much money has been spent on — (a) train signaling maintenance in — (i) the Melbourne metropolitan area; and (ii) rural Victoria; (b) new train signaling infrastructure in — (i) the Melbourne metropolitan area; and (ii) rural Victoria; and (c) all train signaling in — (i) the Melbourne metropolitan area; and (ii) rural Victoria — for — (A) 1995–1996; (B) 1996–1997; (C) 1997–1998; (D) 1998–1999; (E) 1999–2000; (F) 2000–2001.
701. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to train station staff employed on the public transport system for each month since September 1999 — (a) how many train station staff have been employed by each private operator; and (b) how much money did the Government pay for their employment.
702. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what has the Government done to bring back the W-Class tram fleet.
703. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the monthly figures for public transport industrial action between January 1995 and November 2001 for — (a) days lost; and (b) hours lost.
704. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the — (a) percentage increase; and (b) nominal price increase in public transport fare increases for all metropolitan zones, since 1985 for — (i) full fare and concession two-hour; (ii) full fare and concession daily; (iii) full fare and concession weekly; (iv) full fare and concession monthly; and (v) full fare and concession yearly tickets.
705. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to tram conductors employed on the public transport system for each month since September 1999 — (a) how many tram conductors have been employed by each private operator; and (b) how much money did the Government pay for their employment.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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NOTICE RECEIVED ON 29 AUGUST 2000

223. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department of Natural Resource and Environment's (DNRE) purchases for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victoria; (c) interstate; and (d) overseas vendors.
 2. What were the top 20 Purchasing Information System (PURIST) products or services and the dollar value of each purchased by DNRE for December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

232. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to dispute mediation — (a) what disputes has the Minister or the Department endeavoured to settle through mediation since coming to office; (b) who were the mediators appointed; (c) what has been the cost to the Department of each mediation; and (d) what have been the outcomes of the mediations.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

271. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —
- 271a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
- 271b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads
1. What amount did VicRoads pay in WorkCover premiums for — (a) 1 July to 31 December 1999; (b) 1 January to 30 June 2000; and (c) 1 July to 31 December 2000.
 2. What amount was claimed in — (a) 'standard'; and (b) 'minor' claims by VicRoads staff for each of the three half-yearly periods specified.
 3. What has been the percentage change in premiums for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000, excluding the GST VicRoads can claim back, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

4. What amount has VicRoads budgeted to pay in WorkCover premiums from 1 January to 30 June 2001.
5. What percentage change in premiums does this represent, compared with the same period 12 months ago.

277. **MR WILSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

277a. The Honourable the Minister for Transport

277b. The Honourable the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads

1. Why did the return on construction expenditure by VicRoads decline from 41 per cent of projects having a benefit-cost ratio of greater than 4 in 1998-99 to 33 per cent of projects in 1999-2000.
2. What was the benefit-cost ratio for each project of \$5 million or more that was funded in — (a) 1998-99; and (b) 1999-2000.
3. What is the — (a) expected benefit-cost ratio; and (b) projected cost for each VicRoads project of \$5 million or above that is underway or planned in — (i) 2000-2001; and (ii) 2001-2002.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 APRIL 2001

304. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the present operation of the Eastern Treatment Plant of Melbourne Water at Carrum and the discharge of the outflow in Bass Strait —
1. What is the impact on water quality at the point of discharge.
 2. What alternative measures have been considered for the use of the water.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2001

312. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Scoresby Freeway.
320. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of an anticipated commencement date for the construction of the Dingley Freeway.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 MAY 2001

346. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 new species targeted for listing for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* for 2000–01 as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
349. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what are the performance criteria for determining demonstrable improvements with threatened species; and (b) what are the threatened species noted for 1999, as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
350. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 30 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
351. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 20 'Protected species, communities and potentially threatened processes with targeted approved Action Statements under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
352. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 52 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '1999–00 Actuals' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.
353. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the 50 'New species, listed for protection under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*' under the column '2001–01 Target' as referred to on page 218 of Budget Paper No 3, Budget Estimates 2001–02.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 7 JUNE 2001

371. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a calendar has been produced and provided to the Premier's private office staff since January 2000; and if so what are — (a) the reasons for printing the calendar; (b) the total number produced; and (c) the total costs for the production of the calendar, including — (i) design; (ii) layout; and (iii) printing costs.

 NOTICE RECEIVED ON 13 JUNE 2001

415. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care with reference to the \$25 million allocated in the 2001–2002 Budget to redevelop the eight residential aged care facilities — what is the breakdown of funding to be allocated to each facility.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 21 AUGUST 2001

433. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

- 433i. The Honourable the Minister for Education
 433r. The Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry
 433s. The Honourable the Minister for Racing

Whether all ministerial officers currently or previously employed by the Minister have signed a pecuniary interest form; if so, on what date — (a) was the declaration signed; and (b) did the employee commence employment.

434. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

- 434a. The Honourable the Premier
 434b. The Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs

(a) What is the number of staff in the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Premier's Private Office who have been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation; (b) whether all staff who have been provided with remote access have all signed a remote user access application; and (c) what is the number of staff who have not been provided with remote access to the Department's network from outside locations but who have departmental computers at home and the cost of — (i) all computer equipment and software; and (ii) the installation.

437. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the total expenses per month incurred for taxi cab and hire car use by the Premier's advisers, including media advisers, since January 2000.
438. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what is the — (a) role; (b) job description; and (c) responsibility of the following staff in the Office of the Premier — (i) departmental liaison officer; (ii) assistant ministerial adviser; (iii) adviser; (iv) senior policy adviser; (v) chief of staff; (vi) reps co-ordinator; (vii) infrastructure adviser; (viii) Premier's personal assistant; (ix) administration and resources officer; (x) administration assistant — correspondence; (xi) executive assistant to the chief of staff; (xii) adviser — speechwriter; (xiii) adviser — Department of State and Regional Development; (xiv) adviser — social policy; (xv) adviser — Department of Justice; (xvi) director policy; (xvii) director Parliament; (xviii) director social policy; (xix) director economic policy; (xx) director strategy; (xxi) director administration; (xxii) director media; (xxiii) media adviser; (xxiv) Premier's

media adviser; (xxv) departmental media director; (xxvi) media administration assistant; and (xxvii) media assistant.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2001

446. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision in Queensland by local governments to ban the use of arsenic-based treated pine in parks and gardens — (a) what is the attitude or policy of the Victorian Government on its use in — (i) gardens; and (ii) any other places; (b) what Departmental regulations and protocols are in place to prevent the mulching of arsenic-based treated pine as part of local government recycling processes; and (c) are there any protocols or directives in place to encourage the use of recycled plastic products.
447. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Willung South Lookout Tower in Gippsland — (a) who is the responsible agency; and (b) what is the annual budget for — (i) the maintenance of the Tower; (ii) the maintenance of the area framing the Tower car park and surrounds; and (iii) the collection and removal of rubbish in the precinct of the Tower.
448. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the importance of water conservation and the merit of onsite water collection through the use of domestic water tanks —
1. What metropolitan councils currently promote domestic water collection and storage onsite.
 2. How many metropolitan and country households currently use water tanks for domestic water usage.
 3. What domestic water tank permits, as applicable, have been issued for — (a) 1998; (b) 1999; (c) 2000; and (d) 2001 to date.
 4. What is the policy of the Government to increase the level of onsite water storage.
 5. What action has the Government taken to increase the number of households installing onsite water storage.
449. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recommendations regarding paint disposal and washing of paint brushes — (a) what is the level of compliance; (b) how many prosecutions have been instigated over the last two financial years for non-compliance; and (c) what plans do the Government and EPA have to increase the level of compliance.

450. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* — (a) how many recommendations by the Scientific Advisory Committee and its predecessors have been made to the Minister since the introduction of the Act; (b) what have been the recommendations; and (c) on what occasions has the Minister of the day not followed the advice of the Scientific Advisory Committee and for what reasons.
451. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the extensive use and success of water-permeable paving at the Sydney Olympic site to reduce outflows of stormwater — what steps are being undertaken to encourage the use of permeable surfaces in — (a) State Government projects; (b) local government projects; and (c) private development and building projects.
452. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many boating collisions and groundings in Victoria, by region, have been investigated by the Water Police for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
453. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Government's announcement of the proposed \$2 billion Melbourne Central Park development announced in *The Age* on 22 August 2001 —
1. What forms of lighting will be used throughout the public areas which utilize sustainable energy.
 2. Will the Minister be directing members of the consortium who wish to develop Central Park adhere to the Energy Smart Housing Program.
 3. What benchmarks are in place to ensure accommodation achieves the highest energy star rating.
 4. What energy star rating will the Minister stipulate for the development.
 5. What non-polluting sources of energy will be employed in the housing and commercial structures.
 6. What percentage of electricity will be drawn from renewable sources.
 7. Will the finished development qualify to be an accredited Energy Smart Estate.
 8. Will the Minister direct that the development adhere to the FirstRate Energy Efficiency Package.
 9. What disposal or recycling measures will be employed for the handling of solid waste.
 10. What type of water-quality filtering system will be employed to ensure Port Phillip Bay is protected for polluted run-off.
 11. Assuming the development will adhere to the world's best practice, how will rainwater be collected for the development of — (a) each individual dwelling; and (b) a whole of development approach.

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12. What measures will the Minister stipulate be taken with regard to the reduction of greenhouse emissions from the development.
 13. What measures will be put in train to ensure the environmentally sound disposal and recycling of waste water.
 14. Will the landscaping contain indigenous plantings to encourage native fauna to return to the area.
 15. What percentage of the 500,000 square metres will be set aside for open space and will this open space incorporate a complete ecosystem.
 16. What key initiatives will the Minister employ regarding sustainable living for the proposed 40 per cent of development devoted to social housing.
 17. Will the Minister proscribe inappropriate building materials for the commercial or residential sections of the development.
 18. Which ecological consultants have been, or will be, engaged to oversee environmental compliance.
 19. What qualifications are ecological consultants to the project required to have.
454. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the acquisition by Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board of the ski lifting infrastructure prior to the 2001 ski season —
1. What is the itemised breakdown of costs paid for by the Government or the Board for — (a) legal advice; (b) litigation; (c) purchase; and (d) maintenance.
 2. What has been the revenue received by the Board from ski lift operations for the 2001 season.
 3. What has been the net profit/loss of the Board for the 2001 season to date.
455. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) times; and (c) results of the Environment Protection Authority water quality tests in Hobson's Bay from 1 December 1997 to date.
456. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the — (a) dates; (b) places; and (c) annual costs of E-coli and other readings from stormwater drainage into the Yarra River for the years — (i) 1998; (ii) 1999; (iii) 2000; and (iv) 2001 to date.

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457. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed infestation of the centre median strip and fringes of the South Gippsland Highway near Jetty Lane, Lang Lang — (a) what agency is responsible for control of the weeds and the area; and (b) what action has the Minister's department taken to have the weed infestation controlled.
458. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what protocols exist between the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Vicroads to ensure weed infestation is controlled in areas within the responsibility of Vicroads.
462. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Point Lonsdale front beach seawall and groyne engineering works —
1. What was the engineering rationale to use undersized rocks in the construction which were then subject to movement in medium to heavy wave action and therefore inadequate.
 2. What engineering supervision took place on the part of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) during the course of construction.
 3. Why have no remedial steps been undertaken to stop the dispersal of the rocks forming the groyne which are now spread over an area triple the original width and design criteria.
 4. What further action does the Department now propose to undertake in relation to the reinstatement of the existing groyne and what budget has been allocated for these works.
 5. What action has been taken by the Department to complete the groyne project according to the original four groyne specification.
463. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the urgent repair works required to prevent the further collapse of the Point Lonsdale front beach promenade —
1. What assessment of a serious risk to public safety has the Government made on the promenade.
 2. What are the details of the engineers' reports concerning the risk.
 3. What remedial action has been planned.
 4. What budget has been allocated to rectify the risk.
 5. Why has the Department of Natural Resources and Environment not responded to email correspondence from Point Lonsdale resident Mr David Rowe about the matter.

6. What is the name of the contractor who was responsible for the excavator which broke through the footpath while doing remedial works along the promenade of the Point Lonsdale front beach and — (a) how much did the rectification cost; and (b) who paid the costs.
7. What consideration has been given to the possible impact on tidal and wave action on the Point Lonsdale front beach in the plans for deepening the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

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464. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to infringements on City Link since the introduction of tolling — what is the — (a) number of infringements; (b) total revenue collected by month for the following infringement types — (i) speeding fines; (ii) absence of E-Tag; and (iii) other infringements; and (c) number and cost of outstanding infringements by month.
465. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the monthly patronage figures to date for the City Circle Tram Service since its introduction.
466. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Tram brake works —
1. What is the breakdown of costs to date of — (a) government payments; and (b) private operator payments.
 2. Has an agreement been reached as to when the entire fleet will return.
 3. Who will pay for remaining brake works.
468. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the names of all consultants employed within each of the various groups within the Rail Projects Group since its establishment, indicating the various costs paid or owing to each, and any future expenses.
469. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of any discussions held between the Federal Opposition and the State Government in regard to the Scoresby Freeway funding.
473. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to W Class Trams —
1. How many trams are back in service.
 2. What are the dates when each tram returned to service.

3. What is the cost of repairs incurred by the Government for each tram returned to service.
474. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of all occurrences of “insulation” of trams since 1996.

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475. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to money spent by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on weed and pest management —
1. How much did the Department spend on weed and pest management statewide during 2000-2001.
 2. How much of this money was spent on — (a) public; and (b) private land.
 3. How much of the total expenditure was spent on — (a) department overhead or administrative costs; and (b) actual weed and pest control.
 4. What is the breakdown of this money spent on the catchment areas of — (a) Mallee; (b) Wimmera; (c) Glenelg; (d) North Central; (e) Goulburn-Broken; (f) Port Phillip; (g) North East; and (h) West Gippsland for — (i) public; and (ii) private land.
476. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the exercise of miners’ rights on public land —
1. In what land that is a national park, wilderness park or State park is such exercise permitted.
 2. What breaches of the prohibition of the — (a) use of explosives; (b) use of any equipment for excavation other than non-mechanical hand tools; (c) removal of or damage to any tree or shrub; and (d) disturbance of any Aboriginal place or object have there been since October 1999 and what prosecutions have there been for each.
 3. What working definition of “non-mechanical” handtool is used by Department of Natural Resources and Environment officers in determining the legality of prospecting on public land.
477. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to protocols and agreements to provide for Aboriginal communities to be consulted, or advise, on the management of public land —
1. Which — (a) national parks; (b) state parks; (c) state forests; and (d) other Crown land areas do the protocols and agreements apply to.
 2. What are all the protocols and agreements.

3. Which of the protocols provide for veto over Department of Natural Resources and Environment actions, and what is the nature of such veto.

478. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the following parks administered by Parks Victoria —

1. Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve
2. Albert Park
3. Alfred National Park
4. Alfred Nicholas Gardens
5. Alpine National Park
6. Anderson's Mill
7. Angahook-Lorne State Park
8. Arthurs Seat State Park
9. Aura Vale Lake Park
10. Avon Wilderness Park
11. Banksia Park
12. Barmah State Park
13. Baw Baw National Park
14. Bay of Islands Coastal Park
15. Beechworth Historic Park
16. Bemm River Scenic Reserve
17. Big Desert Wilderness
18. Birrarung Park
19. Black Range State Park
20. Braeside Park
21. Brimbank Park
22. Brisbane Ranges National Park
23. Buchan Caves Reserve
24. Bunurong Marine and Coastal Park
25. Bunyip State Park
26. Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park
27. Bushy Park Wetlands
28. Candlebark Park
29. Cape Conran Coastal Park
30. Cape Liptrap Coastal Park
31. Cape Nelson State Park
32. Cape Otway Lightstation
33. Cape Schanck Lighthouse Reserve
34. Cardinia Reservoir Park
35. Carlisle State Park
36. Castlemaine-Chewton Historic Reserve
37. Cathedral Range State Park
38. Cheetham Wetlands
39. Chiltern Box-Ironbark National Park
40. Churchill National Park
41. Collins Settlement Historic Site
42. Coolart Wetland & Homestead
43. Coopracambra National Park
44. Crawford River Regional Park
45. Creswick Regional Park
46. Croajingolong National Park

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47. Dandenong Police Paddocks Reserve
 48. Dandenong Ranges National Park
 49. Dergholm State Park
 50. Discovery Bay Coastal Park
 51. Enfield State Park
 52. Errinundra National Park
 53. French Island National Park
 54. Gabo Island
 55. George Tindale Memorial Gardens
 56. Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park
 57. Grampians National Park
 58. Greenvale Reservoir Park
 59. Hattah-Kulkyne National Park
 60. Hawkstowe Park
 61. Hepburn Regional Park
 62. Herring Island Environmental Sculpture Park
 63. Holey Plains State Park
 64. Horseshoe Bend Farm
 65. Howqua Hills Historic Area
 66. Jack Smith Lake State Game Reserve
 67. Jells Park
 68. Kalorama Park
 69. Kamarooka State Park
 70. Kara Kara State Park
 71. Karkarook Park
 72. Kinglake National Park
 73. Koomba Park
 74. Kooyoora State Park
 75. Lake Albacutya Regional Park
 76. Lake Eildon National Park
 77. Lake Hindmarsh Reserve
 78. Langi Ghiran State Park
 79. Langwarrin Flora & Fauna Reserve
 80. Leaghur State Park
 81. Lerderderg State Park
 82. Lind National Park
 83. Little Desert National Park
 84. Long Forest Flora Reserve
 85. Longridge Park Camp
 86. Lower Glenelg National Park
 87. Lysterfield Lake Park
 88. Macedon Regional Park
 89. Maldon Historic Reserve
 90. Maribymong River
 91. Maroondah Reservoir Park
 92. Melba Gully State Park
 93. Middle Gorge Park
 94. Mitchell River National Park
 95. Moondarra State Park
 96. Mornington Peninsula National Park
 97. Morwell National Park
 98. Mount Alexander Regional Park
 99. Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park

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100. Mount Beckworh Scenic Reserve
 101. Mount Buangor State Park
 102. Mount Buffalo National Park
 103. Mount Dandenong Arboretum
 104. Mount Eccles National Park
 105. Mount Granya State Park
 106. Mount Lawson State Park
 107. Mount Napier State Park
 108. Mount Richmond National Park
 109. Mount Samaria State Park
 110. Mount Worth State Park
 111. Murray-Kulkyne Regional Park
 112. Murray-Sunset National Park
 113. National Rhododendron Gardens
 114. Nioka Bush Camp
 115. Nooramunga and Corner Inlet Marine and Coastal Parks
 116. Nortons Park
 117. Nyerimilang Heritage Park
 118. Organ Pipes National Park
 119. Oriental Claims Historic Reserve
 120. Otway National Park
 121. Paddys Ranges State Park
 122. Patterson River
 123. Pettys Orchard
 124. Pipemakers Park
 125. Pirianda Garden
 126. Point Cook Coastal Park
 127. Port Campbell National Park
 128. Port Phillip Bay Marine Reserves
 129. Power's Lookout Reserve
 130. Reef Hills Park
 131. RJ Hamer Arboretum
 132. Rosebud Foreshore Reserve
 133. Sale Common State Game Reserve
 134. Serendip Sanctuary
 135. Shallow Inlet Marine and Coastal Park
 136. Shepherds Bush
 137. Silvan Reservoir Park
 138. Snowy River National Park
 139. State Coal Mine
 140. Steiglitz Historic Park
 141. Sugarloaf Reservoir Park
 142. Sweeneys Flat
 143. Tarago Reservoir Park
 144. Tarra Bulga National Park
 145. Terrick Terrick National Park
 146. The Lakes National Park
 147. The Mansion at Werribee Park
 148. The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve
 149. Toorourrong Reservoir Park
 150. Tower Hill State Game Reserve
 151. Tyers Park
 152. Upper Goulburn Historic Area

153. Upper Yarra Reservoir Park
154. Wabba Wilderness Park
155. Warby Range State Park
157. Warrandyte State Park
158. Wattle Park
159. Werribee Gorge State Park
160. Westerfolds Park
161. Western Port
162. Westgate Park
163. Whipstick State Park
164. Whroo Historic Reserve
165. William Ricketts Sanctuary
166. Wilsons Promontory National Park
167. Wilsons Promontory Marine Park
168. Woodlands Historic Park
169. Wyperfeld National Park
170. Yan Yean Reservoir Park
171. Yarra Bend Park
172. Yarra Flats
173. Yarra Ranges National Park
174. Yarra River
175. Yarrambat Park
176. Yellow Gum Park
177. You Yangs Regional Park

1. What were the estimated numbers at — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001 of — (i) wild dogs; (ii) feral cats; (iii) foxes; (iv) wild pigs; and (v) other feral predators.
2. What eradication methods have been used for — (a) wild dogs; (b) feral cats; (c) foxes; (d) wild pigs; and (e) other feral predators, and how effective was each method.
3. What budget has been made available to the Managers of each park for the eradication of feral animals.

479. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to rivers, streams, coastal areas, and other waterways in Victoria in 2001 — whether any unsafe or dangerous levels of — (a) pesticides or pesticide components; and (b) nutrients and biostimulants have been found in each, and what action has been taken in respect of each finding.

480. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — which rivers, streams, coastal areas and other waterways in Victoria have been found to carry unsafe or dangerous levels of — (a) mercury; (b) cadmium; (c) chromium; (d) zinc; (e) copper; (f) lead; and (g) nickel.

481. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what fire retardants are used and permitted in — (a) State; and (b) National Parks.

482. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the taking of dogs onto public land which is National or State Park — (a) what circumstances provide for a dog to be taken onto such land; and (b) what special arrangements are there to permit owner of land-locked properties to take their dogs through such parks.

485. **MR PATERSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

485a. The Honourable the Minister for Planning

485b. The Honourable the Premier

Why did the Government exempt the proposed Stonehaven Power Station from an Environment Effects Statement (EES) given the Premier's commitment that all new energy projects would be subject to an EES.

486. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — what is the reason for the delay in announcing the location and completion timetable for the proposed Barwon South ambulance station.

487. **MR PATERSON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers —

487a. The Honourable the Minister for Health

487b. The Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Whether the co-location of the Torquay Country Fire Authority fire station and the proposed ambulance facility for Barwon South has been considered and, if so what is the status of such consideration.

489. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Port Phillip Bay Environmental Study report funded by Melbourne Water between 1992-96 —

1. With reference to Recommendation 2 on page 28 — what local catchment management strategies have been implemented since the report to reduce toxic inputs into the creeks and drains leading into Port Phillip Bay.
2. With reference to Recommendation 3 on page 28 — what investigations have been initiated to evaluate the impact of long-term chronic effects of low level toxicants on the biota of Port Phillip Bay.
3. With reference to Recommendation 4 on page 28 — what protocols have been developed to manage the disposal of dredged spoil.
4. With reference to Recommendation 5 on page 28 — (a) what monitoring systems have been developed to review changes in the extent of sea grass beds; and (b) what community organisations and volunteer naturalists groups have been enlisted to assist with this monitoring.

5. With reference to Recommendation 6 on page 28 — (a) what habitat protection programs have been initiated from 1999 to date; (b) what artificial reefs have been established; and (c) which community groups have been involved in habitat restoration and artificial reef establishment.
 6. With reference to Recommendation 7 on page 28 — (a) what is the current assessment of the impact of exotic species in the ecology of Port Phillip Bay; and (b) what monitoring around port areas has been initiated and what are the results to date.
 7. With reference to Recommendation 9 on page 28 — what are the plans and methods of the Government to implement the target reduction in the overall load of 1000 tonnes of nitrogen per year.
 8. With reference to Recommendation 10 on page 28 — what steps have been taken to reduce total suspended solids and N loads to Port Phillip Bay from the Yarra River and major creeks and drains.
 9. With reference to Recommendation 11 on page 28 — what steps have been taken to improve the denitrification efficiency of the Western Treatment Plant.
 10. With reference to Recommendation 13 on page 28 — what monitoring programs have been established to review the ongoing health of Port Phillip Bay and to measure performance on a year to year basis taking into account water quality, sediment fluxes, benthic biodiversity and other indicators of Bay function.
 11. With reference to Recommendation 15 on page 28 — what changes have been recorded in N loads in Port Phillip Bay over the past four years.
 12. With reference to Recommendation 16 on page 28 — what models of Port Phillip Bay have been developed and integrated into catchment models to assist in the long-term sustainable management of the Bay.
 13. With reference to Recommendation 1 on page 28 — what steps are being taken to monitor toxicants in valued ecosystem components.
490. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the State Environment Protection Policy for the Yarra River — (a) what has been the annual monitoring costs to the Environment Protection Authority for evaluating water quality in the Yarra River for — (i) 1997; (ii) 1998; (iii) 1999; (iv) 2000; and (v) 2001 to date; and (b) what have been the e-coli level readings recorded for the Yarra River noting the location and date of the readings for — (i) 1999; (ii) 2000; and (iii) 2001 to date.
491. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the State Environment Protection Policy for the Yarra River — (a) are there any properties in the metropolitan catchment area for the Yarra River which are unsewered; (b) which sewage treatment plants discharge treated sewage into the Yarra River; and (c) what are the annual volumes, if any, of treated sewage discharged into the Yarra River from sewage treatment plants.

492. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the launch by the State Government together with the Environment Protection Authority of "Clean Up Your Beach Day" on 4 February 2001, and reported in the *Herald-Sun* on 5 February 2001 — (a) what are the litter reduction targets for Victoria's beaches; (b) what was the cost of the launch; (c) how many people were involved in the clean up of the Carrum Beach; and (d) what volume of rubbish was collected.
495. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether the Government or people acting on its behalf had discussions or negotiations with Mr Chris Sidoti, Human Rights Commissioner of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission between 25 May 2000 and 8 September 2000 on whether the Government should withdraw the term "Macedonian (Slavonic)", issuing an apology and paying costs; if so, when did the Premier become aware of these discussions or negotiations.
497. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the draft Integrated Pest Management Strategy and the Minister's Press Release of 6 October 2001 —
1. What is the date by which the Strategy will be completed.
 2. When will the Strategy be tabled in Parliament or otherwise made public.
 3. How many submissions were made, and by whom.
 4. How many submissions were made on — (a) weeds; (b) rabbits; (c) foxes; (d) wild dogs; (e) wild goats; (f) wild pigs; (g) wildlife species; and (h) feral cats.
499. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — when will the Minister provide an answer to — (a) Question on Notice number 223, first appearing on Notice Paper dated 30 August 2000; and (b) Question on Notice number 232, first appearing on Notice Paper dated 4 October 2000.

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500. **MR PERTON** — To ask each of the undermentioned Ministers with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road —
- 500a. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
- 500c. The Honourable the Minister for Transport
1. What advice has the Minister received on the environmental consequences of the development.
 2. What flora and fauna assessments did VicRoads or any other Government agency make and — (a) what was the data collection criteria; and (b) have such flora and fauna studies been completed and have the community been advised of the results.

3. What flora and fauna will be adversely affected by the development.
 4. Has the Minister considered — (a) asking VicRoads to redraw the redevelopment plans to the standards of the 'Windy Mile' roadway in Diamond Creek; (b) the request of local residents that the Road be classified as a 'Scenic Tourist Route'; and (c) the request of local residents and the Member for Yan Yean for the installation of a timber terminus/modal interchange, at either Lilydale, Coldstream or Yering for facilitating the transfer, by rail, of timber from the Yarra Valley area to Geelong, in order to remove logging trucks from the Eltham-Yarra Glen Road.
502. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road — has the Minister considered the request of local residents that any road redevelopment be engineered to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour and that the whole of the road be rezoned to a maximum road speed limit of 70 kilometres.
503. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Tourism with reference to VicRoads' proposed redevelopment of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at Watsons Creek, between Cemetery Road and Alma Road — has the Minister considered the request of local residents that the Road be classified as a 'Scenic Tourist Route'.
504. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to Somerton Power Station —
1. Whether the Minister is aware of any breaches in the Environmental Management Plan for the construction of the pipeline to the power station; if so, (a) what are the breaches and (b) what action will be taken by the Minister.
 2. Whether the Minister is aware that an excavator on the site travelled through the adjacent landfill containing asbestos, medical and industrial waste; if so, what action will be taken by the Minister.
 3. What style, type and model of turbine has been approved for the power station.
 4. How will the power station affect Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions.
 5. Does the Government have an energy plan for Victoria and how does the power station fit into this.
505. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the review of the Scientific Advisory Committee which reported to the Minister regarding the listing of grey-headed flying foxes as 'threatened'— (a) what were the reasons for the recommendations of the Committee; (b) who were the members of the Committee; (c) what was the rationale for rejecting the recommendations; and (d) what is the policy position of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the basis of submission to the Federal Review.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 11 OCTOBER 2001

506. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the advertisement in the *Weekly Times* on 10 October 2001, stating that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared for the proposed Water (Permanent Transfer of Water Rights) Regulations 2001 and that a copy of the statement and the proposed regulation would be available on the internet at www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris —
1. When will the Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed regulation be available on the internet site.
 2. Will there be an extension beyond 9 November 2001 of the time available for public comment, given that the Regulatory Impact Statement has not yet been made available.
507. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance with reference to KPMG Consulting's 'Review of Government Purchasing Arrangements' last year which recommended the Government establish the online tendering program 'EC4P e-procurement program' —
1. Why did it take the Government so long to announce the project.
 2. Why will it be two years between the recommendation and the implementation.
 3. How will small businesses register to participate.
 4. Will there be any cost of registration; if so, what will the cost be.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 OCTOBER 2001

508. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the 'First Responder' emergency medical response service provided by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board — (a) what types of medical emergencies are Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board personnel actually responding to; (b) how much longer will the emergency medical response pilot scheme continue before the program becomes a regular service of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board; and (c) what level of medical training have the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board personnel attained to date.
509. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the itemised monthly breakdown, since October 1999, of the staffing levels at the — (a) Department of Infrastructure; and (b) Rail Projects Group, and costs of employing these staff.
510. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what level of community consultation has been in place in regard to the Yarra Trams Collins Street superstops; and (b) what are the community consultation arrangements for the remainder of the Route 109 project.

511. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport were the following issues raised in negotiations with Transurban Limited regarding the changes as announced on 19 September 2001 which allowed for the expansion of tolling technology outside the single-purpose agency — (a) the issue of State access to the tolling system; (b) off-peak concession tolls; (c) lower CityLink fines; (d) a royalty payment to the State instead of a one-off fee; and (e) the Wurundjeri Way compensation; if so — (i) what are the details and (ii) why were they not incorporated into the negotiations for the expansion of tolling.
512. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what has the Government done to ensure that public transport commuters are not treated unfairly by revenue protection officers and other ticket inspectors.
513. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — with reference to tackling fare evasion on Melbourne's public transport system — (a) what are the details and outcomes of the Government initiatives; and (b) what are the costs involved.
514. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the patronage forecasts for the Melbourne Airport Rail Link requested by the Department of Infrastructure from — (a) Maunsell McIntyre; and (b) Booz Allen and Hamilton.
516. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — when is the construction of the Melbourne Airport Rail Link expected to — (a) commence; and (b) be completed.
517. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Airport Rail Link —
1. How much has — (a) the Government spent on the planning and development of the Airport Rail Link; and (b) how much has been committed for future works.
 2. What is the — (a) expected cost of the Airport Rail Link; and (b) how much is expected to be paid for by the Government.
518. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — given the recent downturn in the tourism industry has the Government reconsidered the Airport Rail Link.
519. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Scoresby Freeway project— what has the Government — (a) identified as potential environment issues which may delay the project; and (b) done to address these issues.
520. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to public transport improvements in the Scoresby corridor — (a) what has the Government identified as such improvements; (b) what is the estimated cost of these improvements; and (c) what timeframes have been established for these measures.

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521. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Scoresby Freeway — (a) what commitments has the Government received from the Federal Opposition regarding the Scoresby Freeway; and (b) has the Government a commitment from the Federal Government to abide by the \$445 million funding package as announced on 9 October 2001.
522. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the construction starting times, in priority order, for the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo fast rail lines.
523. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what environmental issues have been identified which may interfere with the delivery of the project; (b) are the habitats of the striped legless lizard and warty swamp frog potential problems for the project; and (c) what has the Government done to provide adequate environmental protection for sensitive areas.
524. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the total cost of the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo projects, and what is the Government contribution towards the cost of each.
525. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what financial impact will electrification of the Geelong line have; and (b) how much of these funds will be provided by the Government.
526. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what impact will land acquisition have on the delivery date of the project; and (b) whether the Government has identified areas where land acquisition will take place; if so what are the details of the identified areas.
527. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the ongoing financial subsidy for the project.
528. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what is the definition of 'defect liability period'; and (b) what has the Government allocated for the defect liability period.
529. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what has the Government identified as the practical completion of the project.

530. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what performance incentives for the project have been established to ensure — (a) value for money; (b) service delivery; and (c) quality.
531. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what are the individual milestone payments to the successful bidder for the — (a) Traralgon; (b) Geelong; (c) Ballarat; and (d) Bendigo fast rail lines.
532. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — what measures are being taken to ensure the integration of the project with the Metropolitan rail network.
533. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Regional Fast Rail Project — (a) what is the financial impact of retaining the double track between Melbourne and Bendigo; and (b) whether it is Government policy to retain the double track for the fast rail between Melbourne and Bendigo.
534. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the City Link tunnels — what is the monthly summary of the number of hours for which the — (a) Burnley; and (b) Domain tunnels have been closed for either — (i) maintenance; or (ii) other closures.
535. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the employment of the Hon Mal Sandon at VicRoads —
1. What are the details of the nature of his employment for two periods totalling 28 days.
 2. What was he employed to do.
 3. What responsibilities did he have.
 4. Whether an assessment was made at the conclusion of employment that the task had been completed.
 5. What was the selection process for his position.
 6. Who was his direct supervisor.
 7. Who was responsible for his selection.

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537. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to the boat-based bush camping site at Bunga Arm in the Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park —

1. Whether there has been any change to the permit to camp allocation system; if so — (a) what is the change; and (b) why has it been done.
2. Whether any toilet facility been demolished.
3. Whether any open pit has been left unprotected; if so — (a) why was the pit or pits left unprotected; and (b) why have no warning signs been put in place.
4. What consultation has taken place on changes to the camping ground.
5. Whether any trees were cut down this year; if so why.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 18 OCTOBER 2001

539. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — what was the actual outcome for 2000–2001 for the tourism output groups — (a) visitor nights (Domestic); (b) visitor nights (International); (c) number of visitors (International); and (d) awareness of advertising on Victoria for — (i) New South Wales; (ii) South Australia; (iii) Queensland; and (iv) Victoria.

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540. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Metcard ticketing and fare evasion —
1. What was the level of fare evasion in mid 2001 for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) metropolitan bus operators.
 2. What “differences in survey methodology” caused the wide variation in levels of fare evasion noted by Yarra Trams as opposed to other rail and tram franchisees, as stated in the Minister’s answer to question on notice 266.
 3. What financial resources has the Government committed to pursuing a more uniform approach to conducting fare evasion surveys.
 4. How many passengers on — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams received infringement notices from the Department of Infrastructure in — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
 5. What was the total value of fines levied by infringement notices issued by the Department of Infrastructure for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams in — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
 6. What amounts of fines remain outstanding for — (a) Connex Melbourne; (b) Mtrain; (c) Mtram; and (d) Yarra Trams.

541. **MR McARTHUR** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to new town sewerage schemes announced in the Minister's press release on 18 May 2000 —
1. Which of the 60 schemes listed in the press release as not yet completed, or commenced at 20 October 1999, have now been completed, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 2. What schemes are ready to proceed, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 3. What schemes are under investigation or in consultation with the community, listed by Regional Water Authority.
 4. How many landowners, listed by Regional Water Authority, were entitled to a refund for — (a) lump sum contributions already paid exceeding \$800; and (b) installments already paid exceeding \$800.
543. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — what processes has the Government instigated to examine the possibility of establishing government secondary schooling in Torquay.
545. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the 50 km per hour default vehicle speed limit applied to Victorian roads in built-up areas from 22 January 2001 —
1. How many drivers have received traffic infringement penalty notices for breaching the 50 km per hour speed limit since its introduction.
 2. How many vehicles tested by speed measuring devices in 50 km per hour speed zones, in actual numbers and percentage terms, have breached the 50 km per hour limit since its introduction.
 3. How much revenue has been generated from traffic infringement penalty notices for breaches of the 50 km per hour speed limit since 22 January 2001.
 4. What resources are being allocated to detecting breaches of the 50 km per hour default speed limit.
 5. How many hours, in actual number and percentage terms, have been spent in the monitoring of 50 km per hour speed limit zones by traffic cameras since 22 January 2001, compared with other speed limit zones.
 6. What measures are in place to monitor and assess the performance of the 50 km per hour default speed limit in terms of the actual impact on road trauma in Victoria.
546. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — whether there is any franchise agreement between the Department of Education, Employment and Training, and the 'Reading Recovery' program; if not — (a) what other form of agreement is there; and (b) what form does either the franchise or other agreement take.

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548. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Scientific Advisory Committee finding of March 2001 regarding the status of the grey-headed flying fox —
1. What advice did the Minister receive from the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 2. Who were the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 3. Has there been any change of membership in the Scientific Advisory Committee since March 2001; if so — (a) what change; and (b) why.
 4. Were any consultants engaged to give advice to the Scientific Advisory Committee on the endangered status of the flying foxes; if so — (a) who were the consultants; (b) what were they paid; and (c) what was their advice.
550. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what advice has the Minister received as to whether the number of prosecutions for littering is sufficient to act as a deterrent.
551. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the 46 major prosecutions conducted in 2000–2001 — (a) who were the respective parties; (b) what was the respective breach of law; and (c) what was the result of the prosecution.
552. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what audits or assessments of the community outreach program of the Environment Protection Authority have been undertaken; if so — (a) who carried out such audits or assessments; and (b) what were the results.
553. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Environment Protection Authority team audit — (a) how many staff have been appointed to the team audit; (b) what is the budget for the team audit in 2000–2001; (c) what investigations have been undertaken by the team and what were the — (i) findings; and (ii) results of the investigations.
554. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Environment Protection Authority's annual report for 2000–2001 and the statement on page 3 that Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans will be piloted this year —
1. What are the proposed piloted Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 2. Who has been consulted on the pilot Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.
 3. What problems have been identified in the proposed pilot Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.

4. Which people have been appointed to the advisory committee on Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plans.

555. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — what are the names of each ministerial officer employed by the Premier and the date that each ministerial officer employed by the Premier — (a) commenced employment; and (b) signed a pecuniary interest form.

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556. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes — (a) 3105; (b) 3106; (c) 3107; (d) 3108; and (e) 3109 —

1. How many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2001–2002.
2. What is the total expected value of land tax in each postcode for 2001–2002.

557. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the Geelong Hospital — (a) what action is the Government taking to resolve the declining availability of anaesthetists; and (b) what is the number of surgery cancellations due to the declining availability of anaesthetists.

558. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health with reference to the “unexpected gains” for Barwon Health referred to in the *Geelong Advertiser* on 31 October 2001 at page 1 — what are the details of the \$2.8 million of “unexpected gains”; and (b) is there an underlying deficit of \$1.5 million for Barwon Health.

559. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —

1. Whether the ‘Smart Bus’ project along Blackburn Road is proceeding.
2. Why did the Minister’s media release of 28 October 2001 headed ‘Historic Agreement’ refer to a ‘feasibility study’ for ‘improved bus services on Blackburn roads’.
3. When will any improvement to Blackburn Road Ventura bus services occur and what increases in frequency will occur on each day of the week.
4. What amount has been spent to date in 2001–2002 on the — (a) Blackburn Road; and (b) Springvale Road ‘Smart Bus’ projects and what amount is expected to be spent for each in — (i) 2001–2002; and (ii) 2002–2003.

560. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

1. What was the full-time equivalent staffing level at the Mount Waverley Police Station at — (a) 1 July 1999; (b) 1 July 2000; and (c) 1 July 2001.

2. Whether there are any plans to increase the number of police based at Mount Waverley.
 3. Whether there are any plans to open Mount Waverley Police Station to the public for longer than normal business hours Monday to Friday.
 4. What were the ten most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were detected in each category, for the postcodes — (a) 3125; (b) 3128; (c) 3130; (d) 3149; (e) 3150; and (f) 3151 for — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
561. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming with reference to the responsible gaming courses —
1. What specific funding has been provided in 2001–2002 for the William Angliss Institute of TAFE or any other Victorian Institutes of TAFE for such courses.
 2. How many courses are expected to be held by 31 December 2001 at each TAFE venue.
 3. How many participants have enrolled in the course to date, at each venue.
 4. What is the charge per participant at each TAFE venue offering the course.
 5. Whether any TAFE venues offer discounts for multiple registrations; if so what are they.

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562. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to the Government's advertisement calling for expressions of interest to provide architectural services for the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (Stage 2) — (a) what process does the Government intend to establish for the selection of architectural services; (b) what are the names of those on the selection panel; and (c) will the Government appoint an independent person to the selection panel.
563. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what funds were made available under the Budget for the financial year 2000–2001 for litter trap and drainage litter minimisation schemes through local government; and what, if any, is the disparity between the budget allocated and the funds expended during the same period.
564. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — how many weed infringement notices have been issued for Paterson's Curc by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment in the North East region for the years — (a) 1999–2000; (b) 2000–2001; and (c) 2001–2002 to date.
565. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what are the plans of Parks Victoria for the repair or replacement of the picnic shelter roof at the beginning of the Waterfalls Nature Walk at the Mt Buangor State Park.

566. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the large population of Long Billed Corellas in and adjacent to the Mt Buangor State Park and State Forest — (a) how many Corellas have been netted in — (i) 1999; (ii) 2000; and (iii) 2001 to date; (b) what is the estimated number of Corellas in the region; and (c) what other plans does the Department of Natural Resources and Environment have to manage the population.
567. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what languages, other than English, are National Park and State Park information guides and brochures published in.
568. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what protocols are in place to eliminate the risk of the transfer of the Northern Pacific Seastar from Port Phillip Bay to Westernport Bay, in particular the cleaning of nets by dual license Port Phillip/Westernport commercial fishing operators.

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569. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the study to identify the most appropriate location of policing facilities to best serve the local community of Sandringham — (a) when will a decision be made regarding policing facility requirements for the City of Bayside; and (b) the location of such facilities.
570. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what were the five most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were recorded in each such category, for the post codes — (a) 3188; (b) 3190; (c) 3191; (d) 3192; (e) 3193; and (f) 3194 for — (i) 1998–1999; (ii) 1999–2000; and (iii) 2000–2001.
571. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the publication by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment entitled “Discovering Mallacoota” —
1. Where is this publication available.
 2. If it is not available, what plans are there for it to be reprinted.
 3. If there are no plans for it to be re-printed, what is the rationale for this.
572. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Parks Victoria Information Centre at Mallacoota — (a) what are the current hours of operation; (b) what variation has there been for public access to the office for information over the past two years; and (c) what plans are there to expand the hours of operation for the office.

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573. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 37 of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment 2001 Annual Report — (a) where is the beach location which features the photo of the truck engaged in beach renourishment works; (b) what was the total cost of that particular project; and (c) in which financial year was the work undertaken.
574. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what were the five most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were recorded in each such category, for the postcodes — (a) 3936; (b) 3939; (c) 3940; (d) 3941; and (e) 3943 for — (i) 1998–1999; (ii) 1999–2000; and (iii) 2000–2001.
575. **MR LUPTON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to properties located in postcodes — (a) 3155; (b) 3156; (c) 3152; and (d) 3178 —
1. How many properties are expected to have land tax levied on them in 2001–2002.
 2. What is the total expected value of land tax in each postcode for 2001–2002
576. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what were the five most frequently recorded criminal offences, and how many offences were recorded in each such category, for the postcodes — (a) 3216; (b) 3221; (c) 3227; (d) 3228; and (e) 3240 for — (i) 1998–1999; (ii) 1999–2000; and (iii) 2000–2001.
577. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to the Bunyip State Park and to a report of damage made by Stephen Dobinson over the Melbourne Cup Day weekend 2001 —
1. What damage was done to bollards and cabling at Steeges Road and what is the cost of repair.
 2. What damage was done to sign posting near Steeges Road and what is the cost of repair.
 3. What damage was done to the horse hitching rail at Mortimer Park and what is the cost of repair.
 4. What staff were on duty on Melbourne Cup Day.
 5. Were any observations of vandalism made by park staff.
 6. What is the total cost of vandalism in the Park in — (a) 2000; and (b) 2001.
578. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to page 122 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Which Community Support Fund projects failed to meet the 'quality' benchmark.

2. Which electorate/s did the Community Support Fund projects that failed to meet the quality benchmark operate in.
3. Which Community Support Fund projects were in the five per cent of failing to achieve satisfactory acquittals by 30 June 2001.
4. Which Community Support Fund projects in 2000–2001 failed to have their reporting dates meet performance agreement timelines.
5. What action has the Government taken to remedy these deficiencies since 1 July 2001.

579. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —

1. When did financial support for the Melbourne-Sydney Countrylink passenger services commence.
2. How much is being provided by the Victorian Government in 2001–2002 to — (a) Countrylink directly; (b) the NSW Government; and (c) any other providers for these services.
3. Whether the day and overnight services receive an equal subsidy; if not, why.
4. How many passengers were carried on the northbound day and overnight services in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001 whose journeys originated at — (i) Melbourne Spencer Street; (ii) Benalla; (iii) Wangaratta; and (iv) Albury.
5. How many passengers were carried on the southbound day and overnight services in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001 whose journeys terminated at — (i) Melbourne Spencer Street; (ii) Benalla; (iii) Wangaratta; and (iv) Albury.
6. What is the lowest number of passengers recorded for the — (a) day; and (b) overnight Melbourne-Sydney services leaving from — (i) Melbourne, for northbound; and (ii) Albury, for southbound services within 2000–2001 and what date did this occur in each case.
7. What percentage of passengers departing from Melbourne on each Countrylink service used pensioner free travel vouchers.
8. What is the average revenue per interstate passenger travelling, excluding pensioner free travel and similar vouchers or passes for which Countrylink receives no farebox revenue on the — (a) day; and (b) overnight service.
9. When will the subsidy be reviewed.

580. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference the second employee satisfaction survey mentioned on page 14 of the Department of Treasury and Finance's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. What were the five most frequent areas for improvement mentioned by employees in the survey.

2. How much would implementation of each area of improvement cost over a financial year.
3. What steps is the Department taking to address each area of concern.
4. What timeframe applies to the implementation for each of these measures.
5. Who conducted this survey.
6. What was the cost to the Department.

581. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to pages 35 and 37 of the Department of Treasury and Finance's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. What steps have been taken to address the concerns expressed by Chief Financial Officers regarding — (a) increased leasing costs; and (b) the timeliness and accuracy of car fleet information.
2. How much is being expended in 2001–2002 to improve the timeliness and accuracy of car fleet information.
3. Whether tenders, contracts or consultancies have been called for any initiatives aimed at managing the car fleet and reducing its cost to taxpayers; if so, for each initiative— (a) on what date was the tender, contract or consultancy awarded; (b) to whom was it awarded; and (c) the amount of the tender, contract or consultancy.

582. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to pages 67 and 137 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report and the Commissioner for Public Employment's 2000–2001 annual report —

582a. The Honourable the Premier

1. Which organisations — (a) failed to comply with the employment and conduct principles expressed in the **Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998**; and (b) what was the main reason given for this failure by each organisation.
2. Why did the figure of 85 per cent compliance not meet the target of 90 per cent.
3. How many organisations were monitored in 2000–2001.
4. What target for compliance has been set for 2001–2002.
5. How many organisations are expected to be monitored for compliance in 2001–2002.
6. What were the five most common 'causal factors' why organisations did not assess themselves as A1 or A2 in 2000–2001.
7. By what year and month will systems be put in place to monitor overall organisations' satisfaction with development programs.

8. How much is being spent on the monitoring of overall organisations' satisfaction with development programs in 2001-2002 and what forms does this expenditure take.
583. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health — how many Victorians were on the waiting list for treatment at the Royal Dental Hospital at the end of each month from May 2001 to October 2001 inclusive in the postcodes — (a) 3125; (b) 3128; (c) 3130; (d) 3149; and (e) 3151.
584. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to page 35 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000-2001 annual report —
1. When will the Community Support Fund's published guidelines be 'revised' and 'clarified'.
 2. What expenditure is the Department of Premier and Cabinet devoting to this revision and clarification in 2001-2002.
 3. What is the target number for applications in 2001-2002.
 4. What is the target for the percentage of applications approved in 2001-2002.
585. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to pages 39 and 130 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000-2001 annual report —
1. Why did 'community satisfaction' with the Victorian Multicultural Commission's process of consultations and forums with community groups fail to reach the target level of 70 per cent.
 2. Why was such a low target level set.
 3. Which ethnic groups or communities were — (a) satisfied; and (b) dissatisfied with the community consultation process in 2000-2001.
 4. Will a copy of the report of the qualitative market research conducted that arrived at the figures in the report be made available.
586. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts with reference to page 45 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000-2001 annual report —
1. How much did Arts Victoria spend on the development of COMPASS in 2000-2001.
 2. How much will be spent in 2001-2002.
587. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts with reference to — (a) Cinemedia; (b) Geelong Performing Arts Centre; (c) Museum Victoria (Melbourne Museum); (d) Museum Victoria (Scienceworks); (e) Museum Victoria (Immigration Museum); (f) National Gallery of Victoria; (g) Public Record Office Victoria; (h) State Library of Victoria;

and (i) Victorian Arts Centre, mentioned on pages 45 and 132 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. What is the target number for visitors to each agency in 2000–2001.
2. What were the applicable targets in 2000–2001 for each agency.
3. Why did visitor numbers for all these agencies fall more than one million below the total target set in 2000–2001.
4. How many visitors had each agency received between 1 July 2001 and 31 October 2001 and what target had been set by each agency for this period.
5. How does each agency define a 'visitor'.
6. For those agencies charging an admission fee — (a) what was the average revenue per visitor — (i) in 2000–2001; (ii) between 1 July 2001 and 31 October 2001; and (b) what is the amount budgeted overall in 2001–2002.

588. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to page 53 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2000–2001 annual report—

588a. The Honourable the Premier

588b. The Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs

1. Why was the Office of Women's Policy only consulted regarding 58 per cent of board or committee appointments in 2000–2001.
2. What percentage of board or committee appointments were the Office of Women's Policy consulted with between 1 July and 31 October 2001.
3. How many board or committee appointment has the Office of Women's Policy been made aware of — (a) in 2000–2001; (b) between 1 July 2001 and 31 October 2001; and (c) or expects to be made aware of for the remainder of 2001–2002.

589. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — when will the Minister provide an answer to question on notice — (a) number 223 from Notice Paper dated 30 August 2000; and (b) number 232 from Notice Paper dated 4 October 2001.

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590. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 22 August 2001 regarding the \$52 million expansion of the high-speed broadband network VicOne managed by AAPT —

1. Whether any expansion of the network has occurred since the press release.

2. What — (a) physical infrastructure has been constructed; (b) further services have been offered; and (c) further services have been ordered under the expansion.
3. What benefits have been obtained by the Victorian — (a) public sector; and (b) private sector as a result of the expansion.
4. How much commercial support for AAPT has the Government pledged in exchange for the expansion of Vic One.
5. How much Government expenditure has been pledged towards the expansion of VicOne.
6. Have any State funds been spent on the expansion of VicOne.

591. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to the Government's Synchrotron project —

1. Why is this project being two-thirds underwritten by the State of Victoria instead of by Federal government funding.
2. Whether the project is \$57 million short of funding.
3. What agreements are in place with the private sector and academic institutions to provide funding.
4. What budget is in place for recurring costs, future plant upgrades and maintenance.
5. Whether there is a business plan for the project; if so, what are the details.
6. Was there financial support in place at the time of announcement of the project.
7. Whether future financial support is dependent on the project's building being ready to use.

592. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Tri State Alliance and the involvement of New South Wales and Queensland —

1. What announcements have New South Wales and Queensland made regarding the Alliance.
2. What resources has Multimedia Victoria applied to the Alliance.
3. Whether the New South Wales and Queensland governments hold any documentation about the agreement to form the Alliance.

593. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Connecting Victoria statement, which states that one of the key intentions of this policy statement is to establish a Tri State Alliance on regional communications with Queensland and New South Wales —

1. What agreements have been put in place under the Alliance on regional communications.
 2. What work has been undertaken under the Alliance.
 3. Have there been any meetings of the Alliance.
 4. Whether there is a working party or committee responsible for the Alliance; if so — (a) who are the members; and (b) when has it met.
 5. How does the Alliance fit in with, detract or differentiate itself from Federal government efforts.
594. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to page 26 of Yarra Valley Water's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Why did the percentage of emergency service phone enquiries handled by Yarra Valley Water that were answered within 15 seconds decline from 92 per cent in 1999–2000 to 90 per cent in 2000–2001.
 2. How many emergency service phone enquiries were handled by Yarra Valley Water in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
 3. How many operators were available to handle emergency service phone enquiries for the — (a) day; (b) afternoon; and (c) night shifts in — (i) 1999–2000; and (ii) 2000–2001.
 4. What is the target for the time taken to answer a typical call to Yarra Valley Water's emergency services department in 2001–2002.
595. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Community Business Employment program mentioned on page 96 of the Department of Education, Employment and Training's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Was the 13-week placement retention rate for the program 74 per cent for 2000–2001.
 2. Whether a typographical or other error occurred in claiming that the 2000–2001 retention rate was 74 per cent which represented a claimed negative variation of "7.5 per cent" from the claimed 80 per cent target.
 3. Why was the retention rate target not met in 2000–2001.
 4. What retention rate target has been set for the program for 2001–2002.
 5. What strategies have been adopted to ensure that the 2001–2002 target is met.
 6. How many participants who resided in — (a) the areas comprising — (i) the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (ii) the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (b) the postcodes — (i) 3125; (ii) 3128; (iii) 3130; (iv) 3149; (v) 3150; and (vi) 3151 have been placed in the program for each month since July 2000, and how many in each region or postcode have completed the 13-week placement.

596. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to page 3 of the Plumbing Industry Commission's 2000–2001 annual report which states that "our water resources are limited" and further "it has been estimated that, with our present resources, this demand is not sustainable far into the next decade" — how does this statement accord with Melbourne Water's *The Source* magazine, edition 16, page 2, which states that new water sources are not required for Melbourne until 2040.

596a. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation.

596b. The Honourable the Minister for Planning.

597. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services with reference to pages 38 and 39 of the Office of the Public Advocate's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. How many of the 79 prospective Community Visitors who were undergoing training at 30 June 2001 have been appointed as Community Visitors.
2. How many appointed Community Visitors have left the program between 1 July and 31 October 2001.
3. How many appointed Community Visitors were there at 31 October 2001.
4. Has any specific additional funding been provided to the Office of the Public Advocate for further recruitment campaigns in 2001–2002; and — (a) if so, how much; and (b) if not, what expenditure does the Office of the Public Advocate expect to commit from existing funding in this area in 2001–2002.

598. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers —

598a. The Honourable the Premier

598b. The Honourable the Minister for Community Services

1. How many volunteer organisations have registered with the Melbourne Museum for free entry for their members in conjunction with the International Year of Volunteers Festival on 2 December 2001.
2. What details are volunteer organisations registering for free entry to the Melbourne Museum required to supply.
3. Whether the names of volunteer organisation co-ordinators, their telephone numbers, or other details supplied to the Melbourne Museum will be used by the Government or departments and agencies for future telephone canvassing, mailouts, or similar party political promotions.
4. Whether the Melbourne Museum is supplying the Department of Human Services, the International Year of the Volunteers secretariat or Ministers access to the list of volunteer organisations registered for free entry to the Museum.

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599. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the — (a) double-sided purple brochure; (b) invitation; and (c) poster printed for the International Year of Volunteers Festival on 2 December 2001 —
- 599a. The Honourable the Premier
- 599b. The Honourable the Minister for Community Services
1. How many copies of each were produced.
 2. What was the cost of the printing of each.
 3. Were public tenders let for each; if not, why.
 4. Who printed each document.
601. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Marine and Freshwater Resources Institute Report No 33 — what — (a) procedures and programs are in place; and (b) resources have been made available to preclude the transfer of the Northern Pacific Sea Star to Westernport Bay from Port Phillip Bay.
602. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Marine and Freshwater Resources Institute Report No 33 which comments on pages 1 and 15 that the benthic community in Port Phillip Bay is likely to be permanently altered as a consequence of the impact of the Northern Pacific Sea Star — what future programs are in place over and above existing programs to minimise the impact of the sea star on fish stocks in Port Phillip Bay.
603. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's park management services, discussed on page 41 of the Department's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. What were the five most common reasons suggested by users as to why they were only 66 per cent satisfied overall with the Department's park management services compared with the target of 70 to 75 per cent.
 2. Why did the percentage of satisfied customers decline from 69 per cent in 1999–2000.
 3. Where there any variances in the main reasons users of different regions' parks were dissatisfied; if so, what where they.
 4. Whether park users from Melbourne metropolitan areas express any concerns differently from rural-based park users; if so, how did they differ.
 5. What types of users, and how many, were surveyed.
 6. When, and by whom, was the customer satisfaction survey conducted.
 7. What areas of Victoria were users selected from to participate in any satisfaction surveys.

8. What — (a) funding; and (b) other action is the Government taking to increase satisfaction with park services in 2001–2002.
604. **MR WILSON** — To ask the undermentioned Ministers with reference to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Pier and Jetty services, discussed on page 37 of the Department's 2000–2001 annual report —
- 604a. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation
- 604b. The Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation for the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources
1. What were the five most common reasons suggested by users as to why they were only 52 per cent satisfied overall with the Department's services compared with the target of 60 to 65 per cent.
 2. What types of users, and how many, were surveyed.
 3. What areas of Victoria were users selected from to participate in any satisfaction surveys.
 4. What were any expenses over \$500,000 that were reclassified from the 'Asset Investment Program' to 'Outputs' that led to the budgeted expenditure of \$13.9 million increasing to the actual expenditure of \$25.2 million in 2000–2001.
605. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 36 of VicTrack's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Why did advertising revenue decline from \$1,641,000 in 1999–2000 to \$964,000 in 2000–2001.
 2. What steps have been taken to increase advertising revenue in 2001–2002.
606. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 11 of VicTrack's 2000–2001 annual report and the railway stations and associated infrastructure at — (a) Kangaroo Flat; (b) Malmsbury; (c) Creswick; (d) Managatang; (e) Pirron Yallock; (f) Irymple; (g) Chiltern; (h) Rosedale; and (i) Bridgewater —
1. What is the cost of 'upcoming maintenance and restoration works' planned in 2001–2002 for each area.
 2. Whether any works have been carried out at each area since 1 July 2001; if so, what is the nature of such works.
 3. What is the nature of any further works scheduled to be carried out at each area during 2001–2002.
 4. Whether tenders have been called for the leasing of any of the railway stations; if not, why.
 5. Whether all the stations are currently unattended.

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6. Whether it is possible for some of the stations to be occupied as residences, either through long term lease or sale.
 7. Whether any restoration work undertaken will be monitored to minimise vandalism; if so, how will such monitoring be undertaken.
 8. Whether vandalism at Creswick station has been a problem.
607. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 4 of VicTrack's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. Was the railway line between Mildura and Yelta omitted from the map of the Victorian railway network.
 2. Whether the railway line between Strathmerton and Cobram is currently in use.
 3. When did the last train run between Strathmerton and Cobram.
 4. Whether the Strathmerton to Cobram section of track is being maintained; if so what — (a) is the cost in 2001–2002; and (b) speed are freight trains authorised to run at over this section.
 5. Whether there are any plans to dismantle the track between Strathmerton and Cobram.
 6. What efforts are being made to encourage rail traffic between Strathmerton and Cobram.
 7. When did the last train run between Cranbourne and Nyora.
 8. Whether the Cranbourne to Nyora section of track is being maintained; if so what — (a) is the cost in 2001–2002; and (b) speed are freight trains authorised to run at over this section.
 9. Whether the railway line between Warrnambool and Dennington is still open.
608. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Major Projects and Tourism with reference to 2000–2001 Financial Report for the State of Victoria, page 126, — what is the itemized breakdown of the \$1.217 million allocated to the transfer of responsibility of the Office of Major Projects to the Department of State and Regional Development.
609. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to work undertaken by Fantastic Communications Pty Ltd — (a) who authorised the company to undertake work for the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs; (b) what type of work was undertaken on behalf of the Government; (c) was the Government satisfied with all the work undertaken; and (d) what was the total cost of all the work undertaken.

610. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier why all or parts of the agreement that was reached between the Macedonian Teachers Association and the Government that provided that — (a) the Premier will formally withdraw the directive made by the former Premier on 21 July 1994; (b) the State of Victoria will not oppose a determination by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission that the 1994 directive contravened section 9(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth); (c) following the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission determination the State will make a public announcement; and (d) the State will pay the sum of \$5,000 towards the Macedonian Teachers Association legal costs incurred in the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissions hearings in 1997 — was not adhered to.
611. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What were the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's WorkCover premiums relating to departmental employees involved in any fire fighting responsibilities, in actual dollar terms, for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.
 2. What was the percentage change, compared to budget, in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's WorkCover premiums relating to the departmental employees involved in any fire fighting responsibilities, for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.
612. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. What were Victoria Police's WorkCover premiums, in actual dollar terms, for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.
 2. What was the percentage change, compared to budget, in Victoria Police's WorkCover premiums for the financial years ended — (a) 30 June 2000; and (b) 30 June 2001.
613. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many active Country Fire Authority volunteers were there at — (a) 18 October 1999; (b) 31 December 1999; (c) 30 June 2000; (d) 31 December 2000; (e) 30 June 2001; and (f) 31 October 2001.
 2. How many County Fire Authority career firefighters were there at — (a) 18 October 1999; (b) 31 December 1999; (c) 30 June 2000; (d) 31 December 2000; (e) 30 June 2001; and (f) 31 October 2001.

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- *600. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to the qualified audit opinion of the Auditor-General in the 2000–2001 annual report of the Emerald Tourist Railway Board —
1. Whether the Board is arranging for a revaluation of its land assets as required by the *Financial Management Act 1994*.
 2. How much is a revaluation of its land assets expected to cost the Board.
 3. Whether the Government provides any specific financial assistance to smaller organisations like the Board to enable them to comply with the statutory obligation to revalue their land assets.
614. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Community Jobs Program mentioned on pages 95 and 97 of the Department of Education, Employment and Training's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. How many individuals commenced a program placement in each month from July 2000 to October 2001 from — (a) the areas — (i) across Victoria; (ii) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (iii) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and — (b) the postcodes — (i) 3125; (ii) 3128; (iii) 3130; (iv) 3149; (v) 3150; and (vi) 3151.
 2. What percentage of individuals who commenced a program placement in each month from July 2000 to June 2001— from — (a) the areas — (i) across Victoria; (ii) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; and (iii) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and — (b) the postcodes — (i) 3125; (ii) 3128; (iii) 3130; (iv) 3149; (v) 3150; and (vi) 3151 have — (A) completed the up to 16-week placement; (B) remained in a full-time job for at least three months; (C) remained in a part-time job for at least three months; and (D) completed further training in the three months following the placement.
615. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Youth Employment Scheme mentioned on page 96 of the Department of Education, Employment and Training's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. How many individuals have commenced in the scheme in the — (a) government sector; and (b) private sector sub-sections in each month from July 2000 to October 2001 from the areas and postcodes — (i) across Victoria; (ii) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; (iii) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; (iv) 3125; (v) 3128; (vi) 3130; (vii) 3149; (viii) 3150; and (ix) 3151.
 2. What percentage of individuals from the Schemes for the — (a) government sector; and (b) private sector for each month from July 2000 to June 2001 from the (i) areas —

(A) across Victoria; (B) in the inner eastern Melbourne labour force region; (C) in the outer eastern Melbourne labour force region; and — (ii) the postcodes — (A) 3125; (B) 3128; (C) 3130; (D) 3149; (E) 3150; and (F) 3151 have — (I) completed the scheme; (II) moved to further study within three months of completing the scheme; (III) moved to further full-time employment within three months of completing the scheme; (IV) moved to further part-time employment within three months of completing the scheme; and (V) moved to further casual employment within three months of completing the scheme.

616. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism with reference to page 3 of Tourism Victoria's 2000–2001 annual report — (a) when will the new tourism strategy for Victoria be released; and (b) will the "jigsaw" advertisements that form part of the existing tourism strategy be abandoned.
617. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to page 25 of VicRoads' 2000–2001 annual report — what changes to the road system will be made to support the regional fast rail projects between Melbourne and — (a) Geelong; (b) Ballarat; (c) Bendigo; and (d) Traralgon in — (i) 2001–2002; and (ii) 2002–2003.
618. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government representing the Honourable the Minister for Industrial Relations —
1. On what dates has the Industrial Relations Taskforce met since 1 July 2001.
 2. Whether the Industrial Relations Taskforce has discussed the Feltex dispute; if so, on what dates.
 3. Whether Industrial Relations Taskforce members have expressed a view, individually or collectively, as to the ramification of the Feltex dispute on investor confidence in Victoria.
 4. How many meetings of the Industrial Relations Taskforce has the Minister attended since 1 July 2001; if so, on what dates.
 5. Whether other Ministers have attended meetings of the Industrial Relations Taskforce since 1 July 2001; if so, on what dates.
 6. Which ministerial advisers have attended each meeting.
619. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry with reference to Finance Industry Consultative Committee — (a) on what dates has the committee met between 1 July 2001 and 20 November 2001; and (b) what topics were discussed at each committee meeting.
620. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Business Skills Migration Program, mentioned on page 21 of the Department of State and Regional Development's 2000–2001 annual report —

1. Why was Victoria's share of the new 2000–2001 business migrants under the program lower than Victoria's proportion of Australia's population.
 2. How many 2000–2001 business migrants to Victoria emigrated from — (a) Israel; (b) the United States of America; (c) the United Kingdom; (d) New Zealand; (e) Canada; (f) South Africa; (g) China; (h) Hong Kong Special Autonomous Region; (I) Taiwan; and (j) Singapore.
 3. What steps is the Government taking to ensure that Victoria attracts at least 25 per cent of new business migrants.
 4. What is the estimated typical value of assets that a new business migrant brings from overseas.
 5. What is the estimated number of staff that a business migrant typically employs twelve months after arrival.
621. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry with reference to the Manufacturing Industry Consultative Committee —
1. On what dates has the committee met between 1 July 2001 and 20 November 2001.
 2. Whether the committee has discussed the Feltex dispute.
 3. What effect does the committee believe the Feltex dispute will have on investor confidence in Victoria.
622. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to page 14 of the Department of State and Regional Development's 2000–2001 annual report, when will the strategic audits be completed for — (a) environmental management and renewable energy; (b) transport, distribution and logistics; (c) metal fabrication; (d) precision engineering; (e) information and communications; (f) professional and technical services; (g) financial services; and (h) sports and recreation sectors.

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623. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the response to question 470 — (a) how much of the \$100 million investment in new 'low floor' trams for Yarra Trams is being provided by government; and (b) will other private operators be provided with similar support.
624. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the response to question 470 that several payments will be made to Yarra Trams to facilitate tram 'Superstops' projects — (a) how much will be provided to Yarra Trams for 'Superstops'; (b) how much will be provided to Yarra Trams' Route 109 Project; (c) will a similar amount be made available to other private public transport operators; and (d) what is the legal requirement as part of the franchise agreement for the private operators in terms of providing money for 'Superstops'.

625. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the response to question 471 —
1. What are the details of the traffic management proposal for — (a) Collins Street in the Melbourne central business district; (b) Victoria Street, Richmond; (c) Kew Junction; and (d) High Street and Cotham Road, Kew, being part of the Route 109 development.
 2. What impact will these traffic management proposals have on — (a) parking, (b) traffic speeds at tram stops; and (c) traffic movements at intersections.
626. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Metroplan strategy — (a) what are the costs involved in the development of the strategy; and (b) what is the breakdown which shows the total costs involved in — (i) community forums; (ii) distribution; (iii) printing; and (iv) administration.
627. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the annual financial subsidy for Victoria's rural and regional bus services broken down into payments to each private operator for — (a) 1995–1996; (b) 1996–1997; (c) 1997–1998; (d) 1998–1999; (e) 1999–2000; and (f) 2000–2001.
628. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the annual financial subsidy for Melbourne metropolitan bus services broken down into payments to each private operator for — (a) 1995–1996; (b) 1996–1997; (c) 1997–1998; (d) 1998–1999; (e) 1999–2000; and (f) 2000–2001.
629. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Government funding for the regional fast rail project —
1. What are the details for the various factors that have impacted on the value of the \$550 million in funding for the project.
 2. Given that the Government's regional fast rail tender documents indicate that the \$550 million in funding has a net present value of only \$340–\$380 million by the time construction commences, what is the breakdown of where the \$210–\$380 million has gone.
 3. What impact will this funding difference have on the funding arrangements for the regional rail project.
630. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to costs for the regional fast rail project —
1. What are the details of the additional costs which have been identified by the Rail Projects Group of the Department of Infrastructure which exceed the Government's allocation of \$340 – \$380 million towards the regional fast rail project.
 2. What are the details of the commitment by the Government to funding these additional identified costs.

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631. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the maximum Government commitment to the regional fast rail project.
632. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to reduce air pollution in the metropolitan area of Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
633. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. How many consultancies have been conducted on a potential Melbourne Airport rail (or transit) link.
 2. What reports have been completed on this proposal since 1990 including — (a) title; (b) cost; (c) author; and (d) date.
 3. What are the resources that have been put into the airport rail link since September 1999 showing details of — (a) funding; (b) staffing levels; and (c) any other resources put into the project.
 4. What performance measures and other result indicators have been put on the airport rail link project.
 5. Have the performance measures been met; if not, why.
 6. What have been the rewards if these performance measures have been met.
634. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the write down of \$63 million in concession fees receivable by the Melbourne City Link Authority in 2000–2001, as described in the 2001–2002 Financial Report for the State of Victoria.
635. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the City Link project —
1. What outstanding issues remain.
 2. What are the details of the compensation which may be payable as described in the 2001–2001 Financial Report for the State of Victoria.
 3. What action is being taken by the Government in the resolution of the outstanding issues.
 4. Why have these not been resolved at various stages of the negotiation process, such as the \$10 million release from a single purpose entity.
 5. What mechanisms are in place to prevent significant losses to the State.
636. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —

1. What is the capacity of the City Loop system.
 2. What is the current volume on the City Loop system.
 3. What measures have been undertaken to ensure future capacity can be met.
 4. What alternatives are being investigated for the City Loop service.
637. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing in to reduce congestion in metropolitan Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
638. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What is the Government doing in to introduce 'demand management' measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport systems as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
 2. What are the demand management measures.
 3. How will the Government implement the demand management measure proposals.
 4. Whether the Government is setting an example by offering greater flexibility in working hours to public servants.
639. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads Consultancies — what are the details of the total amount and cost of consultancies employed by VicRoads and the Department of Infrastructure for — (a) 1996–1997; (b) 1997–1998; (c) 1998–1999; (d) 1999–2000; and (e) 2000–2001.
640. **MR LEIGH** — to ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. Why has the Department of Infrastructures operating expenses risen from \$838 million in 1998 to \$2.377 billion in 2001.
 2. What is the itemised breakdown of this increased expenditure and where was the money allocated in each year since 1998.
641. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the \$2.409 million increase in salaries as described in the 2001–2002 Financial Report for the State of Victoria itemised by — (a) each sector within the Department of Infrastructure; and (b) each salary classification level.
642. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —

1. What are the details as to why the Department of Infrastructure's total liabilities has risen from \$31.7 million in 1999 to \$139.4 million in 2001.
2. What are the itemised details of the breakdown of creditors and the details of what is owing.

643. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the minister for Transport —

1. Why has the revenue of the Department of Infrastructure risen from \$513 million in 1998 to \$2.306 billion in 2001.
2. What is the itemised breakdown of this increased revenue in each year since 1998.

644. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable Minister for Transport —

1. What road services was the Department of Infrastructure responsible for in 2001 which was not the responsibility of VicRoads.
2. What is the itemised breakdown of where \$808 million was spent on road services, as shown in the Department of Infrastructure's 2000-2001 annual report.

645. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Department of Infrastructure —

1. What processes have been established at the Department to shift the focus from systems to outcomes, as described in the Department's 2000-2001 annual report.
2. What restructuring has been undertaken to facilitate these changes.
3. What measures have been developed to assess the outcomes.
4. What arrangements are in place to reward the desired outcomes.

646. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to introduce an 'environmental cost' to Victorian and Melbourne transport users as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.

647. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Footscray Station accident report — (a) what caused the delay in the release of the report; and (b) when will the report be available.

648. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —

1. What is the Government doing to introduce an 'incentive structure' to Victorian and Melbourne transport users as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.

2. What 'price signals' is the Government implementing to address the incentive systems in transport in Victoria.
649. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What is the Government doing to introduce 'integrated transport' measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport systems, as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
 2. What are 'integrated transport' measures.
 3. How will the Government implement the 'integrated transport' measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport systems.
650. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the closure of Nicholson Street, Essendon —
1. What works are being undertaken or considered for Nicholson Street.
 2. What consultative process has been established for this street closure to occur.
 3. What process has been developed to allow local residents' views to be heard and incorporated in the final assessment.
 4. Whether a final decision has been made on the street closure.
651. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to reduce parking problems in metropolitan Melbourne, as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
652. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what were the levels of maintenance each month since the introduction of franchising in 1998 for — (a) V/Line; (b) M-Tram; (c) M-Train; (d) Connex; and (e) Yarra Trams.
653. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Public Transport Ombudsman — (a) what progress has been made towards the establishment of the Public Transport Ombudsman, since revealed in August 2001; and (b) what processes and avenues to appeal will be available to commuters and how will this fit into the current system.
654. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to introduce rail access to the Port of Melbourne and what assistance is being provided to these initiatives.
655. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to \$14.2 million spend resourcing major rail infrastructure projects in 2000–2001, as described in the 2001–2002 Financial Report for the State of Victoria — (a) what is the itemised breakdown of

where the money has been spent; (b) whether the defined objectives of the State have been achieved; and (c) what is the criteria for these objectives.

656. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to reduce road freight and increase the rail freight in metropolitan Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
657. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government's — (a) financial; (b) bureaucratic; and (c) technical contribution towards the Yarra Trams' Route 109 Project and — (i) what is the breakdown of the funding and other assistance provided; and (ii) what are the areas where these resources are being allocated.
658. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the nine vacant executive positions within the Rail Projects Group as described in the Department of Infrastructure's 2000–2001 annual report —
1. What are the positions.
 2. What is the remuneration range of these executive positions.
 3. When will these positions be filled.
 4. What will the responsibility of these positions.
 5. Why haven't these positions been filled.
 6. How many executives are needed to administer the Rail Projects Group.
 7. What is the executive to staff ratio of the Rail Projects Group, on a month by month basis since the Group's establishment.
 8. How many non-executive staff does the Government need to administer the Rail Projects Group.
 9. Since the establishment of the Rail Projects Group what is the breakdown of staffing levels in each of the various divisions within the Group.
659. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the review into lower speeds near rural schools — (a) when will the review be completed; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) who is in charge of the review.
660. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to intersections treated with skid resistant materials — what intersections were treated in 2000–2001, and what intersections will be treated in 2001–2002 in the cities of — (a) Kingston; (b) Ballarat; (c) Bendigo; and (d) Geelong.

661. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to introduce a “social cost” to Victorian and Melbourne transport users as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
662. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the rail grade separation on the Lilydale/Belgrave train line and the Springvale Road intersection — (a) what action is the Government taking with regard to the intersection; (b) what funds have been allocated to this project in the 2001–2002 budget; (c) what funds have been allocated for future works on the project; and (d) when are the works expected to commence and when will they be finished.
663. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Spencer Street Station subway upgrade — (a) what are the details of the cost of the upgrade; (b) what are the details on how this project was assessed and decided upon, based on the various other competing areas for money to be spent on the Spencer Street Station project.
664. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to staffing at the Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads — (a) what are the staff numbers at the Department and VicRoads for the last five years; and (b) what is the breakdown in each division where these staff are employed.
665. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to sustainability in transport choices —
1. What is the Government doing to introduce ‘sustainability’ measures to Victorian and Melbourne transport choices as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
 2. What are these ‘sustainability’ measures.
 3. How will the Government implement these ‘sustainability’ measure proposals.
666. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to three letters sent to persons registering their interest in the Scoresby Corridor project by signing up on the website www.doi.vic.gov.au —
1. What Government funds have been spent on the — (a) development; (b) printing; (c) materials; and (d) distribution of each of the three letters and their attached press releases dated 4 October 2001, 10 October 2001 and 31 October 2001 and signed by the Minister.
 2. How many people have responded to the website registering their interest in the Scoresby Corridor project.
 3. What are the statistics on where respondents to the website are in geographic direction of Melbourne and Victoria.

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667. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to a letter dated 11 September 2001 and signed by the Premier and Minister, delivered to residents in the Scoresby corridor —
1. What Government funds were spent on the — (a) development; (b) printing; and (c) distribution of the letter.
 2. Why was an amended version of the Scoresby Declaration attached, and not recognised as such.
 3. Where was this letter distributed.
668. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the Government doing to cater for the future transport needs of metropolitan Melbourne as described in the Infrastructure Planning Council Interim Report.
669. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Tullamarine Freeway advertising signs —
1. What is the current situation for advertising billboards on the Tullamarine Freeway.
 2. When did the current contract for advertising signs on the Tullamarine Freeway expire and — (a) whether a new contract has been signed; if not, why; (b) who are the parties who have an interest in this contract; and (c) what has been done since the current contract expired.
 3. What financial benefit has Tullamarine Freeway outdoor advertising for the State.
670. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the salary costs and number of executive officers for the Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads for — (a) 1997; (b) 1998; (c) 1999; (d) 2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
671. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Department of Infrastructure and VicRoads — what are the — (a) salaries; (b) allowances; (c) salary on-costs; and (d) departure packages for — (i) 1997; (ii) 1998; (iii) 1999; (iv) 2000; and (v) 2001 to date.
672. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the works being undertaken to ensure the future capacity of the West Gate Bridge and any additional demands which will be placed on the bridge infrastructure.
673. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Yarra Trams and Collins Street — what is the Government doing in reference to the proposals by Yarra Trams for —
1. The Collins Street and Spring Street 'Superstop'.
 2. The removal of the right hand turn from Collins Street into Spring Street.

3. The removal of two stops on the length of Collins Street.
 4. The fundamental adjustment to the traditional pattern of a tram stop at every intersection.
674. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Yarra Trams' Route 109 Project —
1. What is the program of community consultation.
 2. What measures have been taken to ensure concerned stakeholders have a say and their views are incorporated into the proposals.
 3. What is the Government doing in reference to their commitment to community consultation.
675. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the itemised figures by month for public transport revenues for — (a) 1996–1997; (b) 1997–1998; (c) 1998–1999; (d) 1999–2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
676. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Government's financial support of railway reserve maintenance — what are the itemised expense figures by month for each individual train line for — (a) vandalism; (b) rubbish removal; and (c) weed removal for — (i) 1996–1997; (ii) 1997–1998; (iii) 1998–1999; (iv) 1999–2000; and (e) 2001 to date.
677. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the details of the fare structure for the regional fast rail projects.
678. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What plans are in place for bus priority zones on Victoria Street between the Central Business District of Melbourne and Punt Road.
 2. What plans are in place for bus priority zones on Hoddle Street between the Eastern Freeway and the South Eastern Freeway.
679. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to construction of the Collins and Spring Streets intersection—
1. When was Yarra Trams issued an approval to start construction on the intersection.
 2. What process was put in place for — (a) community input; and (b) Melbourne City Council input and what was the result.
 3. Who gave approval for the tram 'Superstop'.
 4. What objections were raised.

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5. What is the cost of the project.
 6. Who will fund the project.
680. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the new rolling stock for Yarra Trams —
1. What is the Government's position on the introduction of the new rolling stock.
 2. Will the Government pay the estimated \$100 million for this new rolling stock; and if so, why.
 3. Will similar concessions be afforded to — (a) M-Tram; (b) V-Line; (c) Connex; and (d) M-Train.
681. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what is the progress of the Dingley Freeway; (b) what funds have been allocated to this project; and (c) when will construction of the Dingley Freeway commence.
682. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the monthly patronage figures for public transport since January 1999.
683. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the third rail track between Blackburn and Mitcham — (a) what is the progress of the project; (b) how much has been allocated to the project; and (c) when will the project be completed.
684. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to proposed flyer trains — (a) what is the current progress on the proposed flyer trains; (b) have any flyer trains been introduced since September 1999; and (c) when will the flyer trains be in operation.
685. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed East Burwood to Knox City tram line — (a) what is the status of this proposed tram line extension; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; and (c) whether any arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.
686. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed Coolaroo to Craigieburn train line extension — (a) what is the status of the project; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; (c) when will construction commence; (d) where will the train line stop; and (e) whether arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.

687. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed Epping to South Morang train line extension — (a) what is the status of the project; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; (c) when will construction commence; (d) where will the train line stop; and (e) whether arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.
688. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the proposed Cranbourne to East Cranbourne train line extension — (a) what is the status of the project; (b) how much money has been allocated to this project; (c) when will construction commence; (d) where will the train line stop; and (e) whether arrangements have been put in place to facilitate adequate public transport integration with the surrounding areas.
689. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing — what was the number of applicants waiting on the list for access to public housing for the September 2001 quarter for — (a) each region; (b) the whole of Victoria; and (c) each segment within the waiting list.
690. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing with reference to redevelopment of public housing estates —
1. What is the itemised list of estates earmarked for redevelopment, including a progress report on each public housing site.
 2. Whether the redevelopment of these estates involve contributions in kind from the not-for-profit sector or private developers, including details of the type of contribution made towards each such redevelopment.
 3. What are the details of public estates where the Government has already undertaken or proposes to undertake the sub-division and sell the land for private sector development.
 4. What are the details of the type of contractual arrangement the Government proposes to negotiate with 'private developers' to encourage a mix of private and public housing developments on Government-owned sites.
 5. What are the details of private investors who have submitted a joint venture proposal for the redevelopment of public housing estates.
691. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing to provide an update on the current status of work in progress for the Ashburton public housing estate.

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692. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what percentage of the total funds for the following projects have been, or will be, funded by the Government for the — (a) Box Hill tram extension; (b) construction of the Spencer Street/Collins Street 'Superstop'; (c) construction of the Spring Street/Collins Street 'Superstop'; and (d) introduction of 'low floor' trams for Yarra Trams.

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693. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — why won't the Box Hill tram extension be going all the way to Box Hill Station and given this fact, what is the purpose of an integrated system.
694. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the total penalty which Yarra Trams have been penalised for the limited City Circle tram service.
695. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what is the status of Middle Footscray Station; (b) how will the regional fast rail project affect the Middle Footscray Station; and (c) how will the Albion route for the proposed airport rail service affect Middle Footscray Station.
696. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — whether the Government supports a freeway link between the Eastern Freeway and the Greensborough Bypass.
697. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what is the status of the proposed train line to Rowville.
698. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) why was the Public Transport Users Association banned from the Northern Central Corridor Study reference group; and (b) what advice was given to the Minister by the Department of Infrastructure in relation to banning the Public Transport Users Association from the Northern Central Corridor Study reference group.
699. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — how will the Government fund their \$550 million share of the construction costs for the Scoresby Freeway project.
700. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — how much money has been spent on — (a) train signaling maintenance in — (i) the Melbourne metropolitan area; and (ii) rural Victoria; (b) new train signaling infrastructure in — (i) the Melbourne metropolitan area; and (ii) rural Victoria; and (c) all train signaling in — (i) the Melbourne metropolitan area; and (ii) rural Victoria — for — (A) 1995–1996; (B) 1996–1997; (C) 1997–1998; (D) 1998–1999; (E) 1999–2000; (F) 2000–2001.
701. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to train station staff employed on the public transport system for each month since September 1999 — (a) how many train station staff have been employed by each private operator; and (b) how much money did the Government pay for their employment.
702. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what has the Government done to bring back the W-Class tram fleet.

703. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the monthly figures for public transport industrial action between January 1995 and November 2001 for — (a) days lost; and (b) hours lost.
704. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — what are the — (a) percentage increase; and (b) nominal price increase in public transport fare increases for all metropolitan zones, since 1985 for — (i) full fare and concession two-hour; (ii) full fare and concession daily; (iii) full fare and concession weekly; (iv) full fare and concession monthly; and (v) full fare and concession yearly tickets.
705. **MR LEIGH** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to tram conductors employed on the public transport system for each month since September 1999 — (a) how many tram conductors have been employed by each private operator; and (b) how much money did the Government pay for their employment.

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706. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what is the total number of offences of crime against the person including — (a) homicide; (b) rape; (c) sex (non-rape); (d) robbery; (e) assault; and (f) abduction and kidnap — recorded in the postcodes — (i) 3105, (ii) 3106; (iii) 3107; (iv) 3108; and (v) 3109 during — (A) 1999–2000; and (B) 2000–2001.
707. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what is the total number of offences of crime against property including — (a) arson; (b) property damage; (c) aggravated burglary; (d) residential burglary; (e) other burglary; (f) deception; (g) handling stolen goods; (h) theft from motor vehicle; (i) theft (shopsteal); (j) theft of motor vehicle; and (k) theft of bike — recorded in the postcodes — (i) 3105, (ii) 3106; (iii) 3107; (iv) 3108; and (v) 3109 during — (A) 1999–2000; and (B) 2000–2001.
708. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what is the total number of drug offences including — (a) cultivation; (b) manufacturing; (c) trafficking; (d) possession; and (e) use — recorded in the postcodes — (i) 3105, (ii) 3106; (iii) 3107; (iv) 3108; and (v) 3109 during — (A) 1999–2000; and (B) 2000–2001.
709. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what is the total number of crimes in the categories — (a) going equipped to steal; (b) justice procedures; (c) regulated public order; (d) weapons and explosives; (e) harassment; and (f) behaviour in public — recorded in the postcodes — (i) 3105, (ii) 3106; (iii) 3107; (iv) 3108; and (v) 3109 during — (A) 1999–2000; and (B) 2000–2001.

