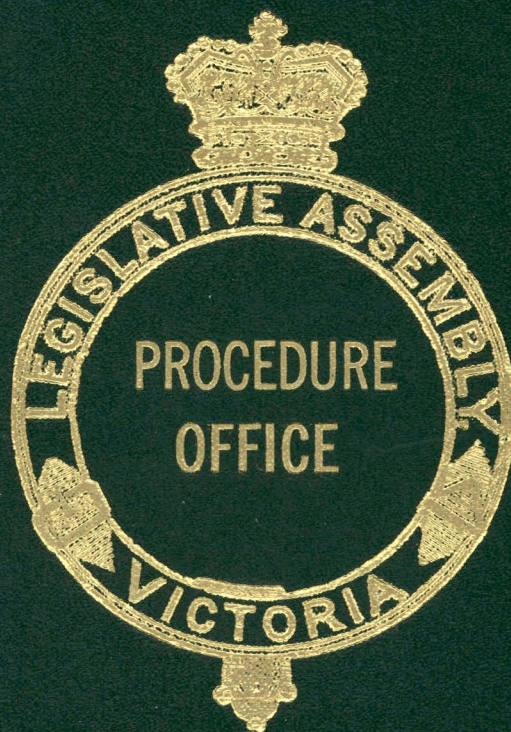


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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

1. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier, whether he intends to introduce a change to Standing Orders or other mechanisms establishing a requirement that Questions on Notice placed by Members of the Legislative Assembly be answered by Ministers and incorporated in Hansard within 30 days, as presently required in the Legislative Council; if so, when.

2. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture — (a) what will be the cost of assistance provided by the Rural Finance Corporation to egg producers for restructuring or adjustment in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and (b) how many egg producers are expected to be assisted in each year.

3. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture — (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.

4. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture — (a) what timetable applies for establishment of the Rivers and Catchment Restoration Program; (b) what total funding will be provided in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and (c) what level of funding from within the program each year will be expended on weed eradication.

5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.

6. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts, what total funding will be provided to Film Victoria in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 and what additional commitment or commitments does this represent for each year.

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7. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) how many computers were available for student education or use in Victorian Government primary schools, Catholic primary schools, other non-Government primary schools, Government secondary colleges, Catholic secondary colleges and other non-Government secondary colleges as at 1 October 1999; (b) what additional funding will be provided for new computers, infrastructure and software support in each school category in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; (c) what additional funding will be provided for appropriate professional development and technical support for teachers in each of these financial years; (d) how many computer technicians did Education Victoria employ as at 1 October 1999 on an in-house and outsourced basis; and (e) will the advertisement for 250 additional staff placed by the previous Government stand and will this initiative continue to be funded.
8. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) what timeframe has been set for the standard mode of employment for teachers in Government primary, secondary and TAFE sectors becoming 'permanent'; (b) what funding provision has been or will be made in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to introduce this initiative; and (c) what are the estimated annual costs of provision for long service leave, provision for annual leave, superannuation, and other costs in each of these sectors.
9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.
10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.
11. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
1. At 30 September 1999— (a) what percentage of Victorian public housing stock included some modifications for persons with disabilities; and (b) what percentage of Victorian households occupying public housing stock included at least one individual with a disability in receipt of a disability pension.
 2. Why will the amount of Victorian public housing stock reserved for people with a disability be reduced to five per cent.
12. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) what funding will be allocated for the introduction of police booths or shopfronts at key targeted shopping centres and major 24 hour entertainment precincts in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; (b) what benchmarks will be used to determine if a shopping centre should be enhanced in this manner; and (c) how many booths and shopfronts are scheduled to be introduced in each financial year in key targeted shopping centres and major 24 hour entertainment precincts.

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13. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) how many community safety audits are planned for 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; (b) what is the average cost expected of each audit; (c) will these audits be completed in-house by Victoria Police or will tenders be called for their provision; (d) what funding will be provided in each of these financial years for these audits; and (e) what criteria will be used to indicate if an area qualifies for a community safety audit.

 14. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — (a) what funding will be made available in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to promote permanent employment instead of contract and casual employment in the Victorian public sector; (b) how many positions in each department will be altered to full time; and (c) what additional costs in respect of annual leave, long service leave, superannuation and other costs will be incurred by this change in each of these financial years.

 15. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
 1. How many passengers use Yarra Trams' Route 75 east of Warrigal Road, Burwood each weekday, Saturday and Sunday on average.
 2. By what date is Route 75 to be extended to Springvale Road & Burwood Highway and Knox City.
 3. How many passengers per weekday, Saturday and Sunday are expected to be carried on two parts of this planned extension.
 4. What additional operating subsidiary will be payable to Yarra Trams in the first year of operation of this extension.
 5. As at 31 October 1999, what was the average daily revenue collected from a *OneLink* ticket machine installed on a B/B2 class tram based at Yarra Trams' Camberwell Depot and a Z-Z3 class tram based at Swanston Trams' Malvern Depot.
 6. What will be the total cost in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 if 100 'super' tram conductors are employed from 30 June 2000.
 7. How many conductors will be allocated to Yarra Trams and Swanston Trams and what amounts in each of those financial years will be paid to each operator as compensation or additional contract payments.
 8. What additional revenue are the conductors expected to realise for each of the two tram operators and what will this equate to per conductor per week.
 9. Whether these conductors will be obligated to issue infringement notices should fare evasion or other offences be alleged.
 10. Whether conductors will be permanently employed on a full time basis, employed part time or on casual hourly rates and how many hours per week will they individually work.
 11. What is the base rate per hour for tram conductors that will be paid and the typical earnings for conductors per week.
 12. What penalty rates apply, if any, on morning shift, afternoon shift, weeknights, overnight, weekends and public holidays.
 13. Whether tram conductors will be given the opportunity to sign Australian Workplace Agreements individually or enter into a non-union collective agreement.

14. How many conductors will be allocated to Burwood East (Route 75) in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 and will they work only in the inner city or on the whole of the route.
 15. What days of the week and hours will conductors work.
 16. What percentage of all Yarra Trams and Swanston Trams tram runs measured by tram kilometres are conductors expected to cover in each of these financial years.
 17. What percentage did fare evasion run at for each of Yarra Trams, Swanston Trams, Bayside Trains and Hillside Trains as at 31 October 1999 and what is the target for fare evasion for each in the next three years.
 18. Whether existing customer service officers will, as part of their retraining and refocussing towards tram users be obligated to sell tickets, check for fare evasion and issue penalty notices where an infringement is alleged.
16. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what funding has been or will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the development of a regional public transport plan for Melbourne’s outer eastern, outer south eastern, outer north eastern, and outer western suburbs; (b) what are the boundaries of each of these ‘outer’ suburban areas; (c) will the suburbs of Burwood, Burwood East, Blackburn South, Bennettswood, Mount Waverley and Syndal be included in a future regional transport plan; if so, when will this occur and what funding has been or will be provided; and (d) will extension services, either in hours of operation or frequency of service, by private bus operators result in additional subsidy payments by the Department of Infrastructure, Essential Services Commission, Ministry of Transport or any other Victorian Government Department or agency; if so, what is the amount by area and financial year.
17. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Hillside Trains in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the provision of additional Ringwood line ‘flier’ services in am weekday peak, pm weekday peak, daytime weekday off peak and after 7.00 pm weekdays.
 2. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Bayside Trains for each of these financial years and what will be the operational times for the provision of additional Pakenham, Cranbourne/Cranbourne East and Frankston ‘flier’ trains.
 3. Will any additional express or ‘flier’ services be introduced in any of these financial years and at what operational times on the Glen Waverley, Hurstbridge, Broadmeadows/Craigeburn, Epping/South Morang lines; if not, why.
 4. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Bayside Trains in 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the extension of electrified suburban services to Cranbourne East, South Morang and Craigeburn for additional trips that are necessary in view of longer running times to the new termini.
 5. Whether any additional capital funding will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the purchase of new rail rollingstock for the Cranbourne East, South Morang and Craigeburn extensions.

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18. **MR ROBINSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning — (a) how many neighbourhood agreements pursuant to Section 173 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** have been established in the two years prior to 18 September 1999; and (b) how many of the above agreements have been the basis of actions in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
19. **MR ROBINSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport, on how many occasions in 1999 have the railway level crossing boom gates at Springvale, Blackburn, Middleborough, Rooks, Mitcham and Heatherdale Roads malfunctioned.

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20. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. Whether each industry sector is required to develop its own program for meeting waste reduction targets; if so by what date and will these targets apply to disposal of waste to landfill, toxic waste disposal and increased energy efficiency.
 2. What waste reduction targets will apply in each of the financial years from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for the following industries within Victoria — (a) agriculture; (b) horticulture; (c) steel and ferrous products; (d) paper and pulp making; (e) retail; (f) wholesale; (g) heavy road transport; (h) rail transport; (i) coastal shipping; (j) food processing; (k) accommodation and hospitality; (l) motor vehicle manufacturing; and (m) car components manufacturing industries.
 3. What date will be regarded as the 'base day' in any measurement of increased efficiencies.
 4. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive to each of the above industry sectors to prepare such plans.
 5. Whether these targets and results for each industry sector will be published in a State of the Environment or other report and tabled in the House; if so, how often and what is the first scheduled date of tabling.
21. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. As at 30 September 1999 - (i) which railway stations in the Hillside Trains and Bayside Trains networks had bicycle lockers; (ii) how many lockers were at each of the above stations; and (iii) what percentage of the lockers were successfully rented out for the whole of 1998–99.
 2. Whether new bicycle lockers are scheduled to be provided at each of Hillside Trains' and Bayside Trains' stations in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive and what funding has or will be allocated for this purpose in each year.
 3. What is the average cost of each bicycle locker installed at a railway station.
 4. What is the expected revenue per year per bicycle locker and on what percentage locker utilisation rate is this based.

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22. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — in relation to each freeway, highway and other major arterial road — (a) what funding has or will be provided in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for the extension of free transit lanes and car pooling; and (b) whether free transit lanes will be introduced in each of these years indicating how many kilometres the planned length of each transit lane is, if any.
23. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer — (a) what proportion of the State departmental and agency motor vehicle fleet was powered by liquefied petroleum gas at 30 September 1999; (b) how many passenger motor vehicles, goods carrying vehicles of 3.5 tonnes or under or over did this represent; (c) what was the total size of the State departmental and agency motor vehicle fleet at 30 September 1999 and what is it expected to be at 30 June 2000, 30 June 2001, 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2003 for each category of vehicle stated; and (d) what targets, if any, by either percentage or 'raw' numbers have been set in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for State departmental and agency vehicles to be powered by either liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas.
24. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. Whether a State of the Environment report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly; if so, how often and what is the first scheduled date.
 2. What percentage of waste reduction for Government Departments will be required in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004 inclusive.
 3. Whether the waste reduction targets will include - (a) waste going to landfill; (b) waste going to toxic waste and; (c) increased energy efficiency.
 4. What targets will be set for each Government department in each reduction area for these financial years.
 5. Whether equivalent targets will be set for each Government agency; if not why.
 6. Whether the targets will apply to contractors or franchisees providing services partly or wholly funded by contributions from Victorian government sources; if not, why.
 7. Whether any emission reduction targets will apply to power generators, distributors or retailers in Victoria; if so, how.
 8. Whether funding has or will be provided to each Government department and agency, each contractor to the Victorian Government and each franchisee of a Victorian Government funded activity to encourage reduction in emissions in each of the financial years from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004.
 9. Whether any studies have been done on likely reductions in employment in Melbourne, the Latrobe Valley and other parts of regional and rural Victoria if emissions are reduced; if so, what are the names of the studies and whether a copy will be publicly available.

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25. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. Whether funding has or will be provided in each financial year for 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive to extend air quality monitoring by the Environment Protection Authority beyond those areas currently served; if so what new suburbs, towns, localities, freeways and industrial sites will be monitored.
 2. At 30 September 1999 - (a) what Victorian local government areas in whole or part were monitored for air quality indicating each suburb, town or locality; and (b) at what frequency.
26. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation whether she will give an assurance that in any upgrading or redevelopment of the Queenscliff Harbour precinct, the renowned Marine and Freshwater Research Institute will remain or be relocated within the boundaries of the borough of Queenscliff and thus allay the concerns and fears of the people of Queenscliff.
27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will - (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".
28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.
29. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what plans does the Government have for improving the water quality and environs of Kananook Creek; and (b) what criteria have been set for determining the success of such plans.
30. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what is the Minister's attitude to the Mount Eliza Association for Environmental Care project to seek registration of Westernport Bay and the Mornington Peninsula as an urban conservation reserve under the UNESCO International Biosphere Program; and (b) if the Minister supports the project, what support will be given to the Association.

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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.
Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Notice Paper No	Appearing on Question Notice Paper dated:—	Questions remaining unanswered
2	Tuesday 9 November 1999	Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17
3	Wednesday 10 November 1999	Nos 18 and 19
4	Thursday 11 November 1999	Nos 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30

NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 11 NOVEMBER 1999

Nil

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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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.

*Note: Question Number 3 has been redirected from the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture to the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development; Question Number 4 has been redirected from the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture to the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation; Question Number 5 has been redirected from the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry to the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development; and Question Number 26 has been redirected from the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation to the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources.

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.
36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.

4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —

1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.

40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —

1. What is a televillage.
2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.

41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —

1. How will the Government help.
2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.

42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
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.
44. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what assistance is given to animal shelters by the Department; and (b) what assistance if any, has been given to Ms Theresa Tate, wildlife shelter operator at Corinella, for her animal shelter and rescue work.
45. **MR LUPTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to concerns raised by Greening Knox Inc, what the Minister is planning to do to ensure that natural breeding areas for platypi within the Knox electorate are not threatened by development.
46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.
 2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.
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 Womens' 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.

49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and (c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.
2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.

50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —

1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive.
2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.
3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.

51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —

1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.

4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
 5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
 6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
 7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.
52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield; (b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.
 2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.

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56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.
57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.
58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.
59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.

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61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".
63. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in relation to the recent statement of Professor Barry Hart referred to in *The Age* newspaper on 23 November 1999, does the Minister agree with Professor Hart that the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority "operated outside state and federal environment protection laws and this could not be allowed to continue".
64. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What will the government do to deal with the morning traffic problems at the western end of the Eastern Freeway.
 2. Will the Government extend the Eastern Freeway westwards to meet the Tullamarine Freeway.
 3. Will the Government improve the traffic flow on Hoddle Street southwards in the morning peak period to reduce the traffic jam on the Eastern Freeway.
 4. Will the Government ensure the completion of park and ride facilities in Doncaster to enable drivers to use public transport on the Eastern Freeway.
 5. Is the Government committed to the completion of the Mitcham Road upgrade.
 6. When will the Government commit funds to upgrade — (a) Blackburn Road, north of Reynolds Road; (b) the north end of Springvale Road between Mitcham Road and Reynolds Road; (c) King Street, Templestowe; (d) Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East; and (e) Victoria Street, Templestowe, north of George Street.
65. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —
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.
 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.

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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.

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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 25 NOVEMBER 1999

66. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts in relation to the comments attributed to her by Meagan Shaw in an article from *The Age* dated 25 November 1999 entitled "Boost for Film, TV Industries" which said in part, the Minister "would look at removing possible areas of duplication between Cinemedia and Arts Victoria, such as the funding of digital media projects" —
1. What was the total funding of digital media projects by the Victorian Government in 1998-99, and what is the projected total funding for 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively.
 2. What organisations and individuals received funding (and in each case how much) from both Cinemedia and Arts Victoria in 1998-99.
 3. What areas has the Minister identified as areas "of duplication".

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67. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —
1. Whether the budget for Cinemedia for 2000-01 is to be frozen as per the Minister's statement to Cabriella Coslovich and reported in *The Age* on 24 November 1999.
 2. Whether the Minister will increase funding for film and television production by 31%; if so, which grants or multimedia programs will be cut to achieve this increase.
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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in *The Australian Financial Review* of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".
 4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.

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5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
 6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

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QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria." —
1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.
72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.
 5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.

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6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
 7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.
73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
 2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
 3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.
74. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What information has she received from Melbourne Zoo relating to the killing of healthy but surplus animals.
 2. Has she commenced a review into the guidelines on animal euthanasia at Melbourne Zoo and animal and wildlife parks; if so — (a) what are the terms of the review; (b) who is conducting the review; and (c) on what date is the review to be completed.
75. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Departmental Press Release of 16 November 1999 entitled "Tiny Natural Enemy Challenges Alpine Weed" in which it is stated that the Government has a commitment to implementing "more cost-effective approaches to weed management on public land"—
1. What are the "more cost-effective approaches to weed management on public land".
 2. What departmental resources will be applied to weed management in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
76. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts, what does she intend to do with Cinemedia Online and its continuing projects.

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QUESTIONS

NOTICES 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.
78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998–99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.
79. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. Will Parks Victoria continue with the *Monitoring Community Perceptions* survey last conducted in February 1999; if so — (a) how many Victorians will be surveyed; (b) what percentage will be from Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate; and (c) whether tenders have or will be called for this survey; if so, to whom was the tender awarded indicating — (i) the contract price; and (ii) what date or dates was or will the survey be undertaken on.

2. If the survey was conducted what percentage of those surveyed after February 1999 considered Parks Victoria to be an 'efficient' or 'very efficient manager' or rated its management of — (a) national, state and regional parks and conservation reserves; (b) Melbourne's major metropolitan parks; and (c) bays, piers and selected waterways, as 'good' or 'very good'.
80. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. How many part time, temporary or casual staff were employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1997-98 and 1998-99.
 2. How many part time, temporary or casual staff will be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999-2000.
 3. In which Parks will summer rangers be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999-2000.
 4. What skills will summer rangers be required to have.
 5. At the end of this summer, who will conduct an evaluation of the summer rangers project and what will be the criteria for the evaluation.
81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry based learning programs and have they been achieved.

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QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

1. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier, whether he intends to introduce a change to Standing Orders or other mechanisms establishing a requirement that Questions on Notice placed by Members of the Legislative Assembly be answered by Ministers and incorporated in Hansard within 30 days, as presently required in the Legislative Council; if so, when.
2. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture — (a) what will be the cost of assistance provided by the Rural Finance Corporation to egg producers for restructuring or adjustment in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and (b) how many egg producers are expected to be assisted in each year.
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.
4. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture — (a) what timetable applies for establishment of the Rivers and Catchment Restoration Program; (b) what total funding will be provided in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and (c) what level of funding from within the program each year will be expended on weed eradication.
5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.
6. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts, what total funding will be provided to Film Victoria in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 and what additional commitment or commitments does this represent for each year.

7. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) how many computers were available for student education or use in Victorian Government primary schools, Catholic primary schools, other non-Government primary schools, Government secondary colleges, Catholic secondary colleges and other non-Government secondary colleges as at 1 October 1999; (b) what additional funding will be provided for new computers, infrastructure and software support in each school category in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; (c) what additional funding will be provided for appropriate professional development and technical support for teachers in each of these financial years; (d) how many computer technicians did Education Victoria employ as at 1 October 1999 on an in-house and outsourced basis; and (e) will the advertisement for 250 additional staff placed by the previous Government stand and will this initiative continue to be funded.
8. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) what timeframe has been set for the standard mode of employment for teachers in Government primary, secondary and TAFE sectors becoming 'permanent'; (b) what funding provision has been or will be made in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to introduce this initiative; and (c) what are the estimated annual costs of provision for long service leave, provision for annual leave, superannuation, and other costs in each of these sectors.
9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.
10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.
11. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
1. At 30 September 1999— (a) what percentage of Victorian public housing stock included some modifications for persons with disabilities; and (b) what percentage of Victorian households occupying public housing stock included at least one individual with a disability in receipt of a disability pension.
 2. Why will the amount of Victorian public housing stock reserved for people with a disability be reduced to five per cent.
12. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) what funding will be allocated for the introduction of police booths or shopfronts at key targeted shopping centres and major 24 hour entertainment precincts in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; (b) what benchmarks will be used to determine if a shopping centre should be enhanced in this manner; and (c) how many booths and shopfronts are scheduled to be introduced in each financial year in key targeted shopping centres and major 24 hour entertainment precincts.

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13. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) how many community safety audits are planned for 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; (b) what is the average cost expected of each audit; (c) will these audits be completed in-house by Victoria Police or will tenders be called for their provision; (d) what funding will be provided in each of these financial years for these audits; and (e) what criteria will be used to indicate if an area qualifies for a community safety audit.
14. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — (a) what funding will be made available in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to promote permanent employment instead of contract and casual employment in the Victorian public sector; (b) how many positions in each department will be altered to full time; and (c) what additional costs in respect of annual leave, long service leave, superannuation and other costs will be incurred by this change in each of these financial years.
15. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. How many passengers use Yarra Trams' Route 75 east of Warrigal Road, Burwood each weekday, Saturday and Sunday on average.
 2. By what date is Route 75 to be extended to Springvale Road & Burwood Highway and Knox City.
 3. How many passengers per weekday, Saturday and Sunday are expected to be carried on two parts of this planned extension.
 4. What additional operating subsidiary will be payable to Yarra Trams in the first year of operation of this extension.
 5. As at 31 October 1999, what was the average daily revenue collected from a *OneLink* ticket machine installed on a B/B2 class tram based at Yarra Trams' Camberwell Depot and a Z-Z3 class tram based at Swanston Trams' Malvern Depot.
 6. What will be the total cost in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 if 100 'super' tram conductors are employed from 30 June 2000.
 7. How many conductors will be allocated to Yarra Trams and Swanston Trams and what amounts in each of those financial years will be paid to each operator as compensation or additional contract payments.
 8. What additional revenue are the conductors expected to realise for each of the two tram operators and what will this equate to per conductor per week.
 9. Whether these conductors will be obligated to issue infringement notices should fare evasion or other offences be alleged.
 10. Whether conductors will be permanently employed on a full time basis, employed part time or on casual hourly rates and how many hours per week will they individually work.
 11. What is the base rate per hour for tram conductors that will be paid and the typical earnings for conductors per week.
 12. What penalty rates apply, if any, on morning shift, afternoon shift, weeknights, overnight, weekends and public holidays.
 13. Whether tram conductors will be given the opportunity to sign Australian Workplace Agreements individually or enter into a non-union collective agreement.

14. How many conductors will be allocated to Burwood East (Route 75) in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 and will they work only in the inner city or on the whole of the route.
 15. What days of the week and hours will conductors work.
 16. What percentage of all Yarra Trams and Swanston Trams tram runs measured by tram kilometres are conductors expected to cover in each of these financial years.
 17. What percentage did fare evasion run at for each of Yarra Trams, Swanston Trams, Bayside Trains and Hillside Trains as at 31 October 1999 and what is the target for fare evasion for each in the next three years.
 18. Whether existing customer service officers will, as part of their retraining and refocussing towards tram users be obligated to sell tickets, check for fare evasion and issue penalty notices where an infringement is alleged.
16. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what funding has been or will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the development of a regional public transport plan for Melbourne’s outer eastern, outer south eastern, outer north eastern, and outer western suburbs; (b) what are the boundaries of each of these ‘outer’ suburban areas; (c) will the suburbs of Burwood, Burwood East, Blackburn South, Bennettswood, Mount Waverley and Syndal be included in a future regional transport plan; if so, when will this occur and what funding has been or will be provided; and (d) will extension services, either in hours of operation or frequency of service, by private bus operators result in additional subsidy payments by the Department of Infrastructure, Essential Services Commission, Ministry of Transport or any other Victorian Government Department or agency; if so, what is the amount by area and financial year.
17. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Hillside Trains in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the provision of additional Ringwood line ‘flier’ services in am weekday peak, pm weekday peak, daytime weekday off peak and after 7.00 pm weekdays.
 2. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Bayside Trains for each of these financial years and what will be the operational times for the provision of additional Pakenham, Cranbourne/Cranbourne East and Frankston ‘flier’ trains.
 3. Will any additional express or ‘flier’ services be introduced in any of these financial years and at what operational times on the Glen Waverley, Hurstbridge, Broadmeadows/Craigeburn, Epping/South Morang lines; if not, why.
 4. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Bayside Trains in 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the extension of electrified suburban services to Cranbourne East, South Morang and Craigeburn for additional trips that are necessary in view of longer running times to the new termini.
 5. Whether any additional capital funding will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the purchase of new rail rollingstock for the Cranbourne East, South Morang and Craigeburn extensions.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 9 NOVEMBER 1999

18. **MR ROBINSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning - (a) how many neighbourhood agreements pursuant to Section 173 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** have been established in the two years prior to 18 September 1999; and (b) how many of the above agreements have been the basis of actions in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
19. **MR ROBINSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport, on how many occasions in 1999 have the railway level crossing boom gates at Springvale, Blackburn, Middleborough, Rooks, Mitcham and Heatherdale Roads malfunctioned.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1999

20. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. Whether each industry sector is required to develop its own program for meeting waste reduction targets; if so by what date and will these targets apply to disposal of waste to landfill, toxic waste disposal and increased energy efficiency.
 2. What waste reduction targets will apply in each of the financial years from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for the following industries within Victoria — (a) agriculture; (b) horticulture; (c) steel and ferrous products; (d) paper and pulp making; (e) retail; (f) wholesale; (g) heavy road transport; (h) rail transport; (i) coastal shipping; (j) food processing; (k) accommodation and hospitality; (l) motor vehicle manufacturing; and (m) car components manufacturing industries.
 3. What date will be regarded as the 'base day' in any measurement of increased efficiencies.
 4. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive to each of the above industry sectors to prepare such plans.
 5. Whether these targets and results for each industry sector will be published in a State of the Environment or other report and tabled in the House; if so, how often and what is the first scheduled date of tabling.
21. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. As at 30 September 1999 - (i) which railway stations in the Hillside Trains and Bayside Trains networks had bicycle lockers; (ii) how many lockers were at each of the above stations; and (iii) what percentage of the lockers were successfully rented out for the whole of 1998–99.
 2. Whether new bicycle lockers are scheduled to be provided at each of Hillside Trains' and Bayside Trains' stations in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive and what funding has or will be allocated for this purpose in each year.

3. What is the average cost of each bicycle locker installed at a railway station.
 4. What is the expected revenue per year per bicycle locker and on what percentage locker utilisation rate is this based.
22. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — in relation to each freeway, highway and other major arterial road — (a) what funding has or will be provided in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for the extension of free transit lanes and car pooling; and (b) whether free transit lanes will be introduced in each of these years indicating how many kilometres the planned length of each transit lane is, if any.
23. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer — (a) what proportion of the State departmental and agency motor vehicle fleet was powered by liquefied petroleum gas at 30 September 1999; (b) how many passenger motor vehicles, goods carrying vehicles of 3.5 tonnes or under or over did this represent; (c) what was the total size of the State departmental and agency motor vehicle fleet at 30 September 1999 and what is it expected to be at 30 June 2000, 30 June 2001, 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2003 for each category of vehicle stated; and (d) what targets, if any, by either percentage or 'raw' numbers have been set in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for State departmental and agency vehicles to be powered by either liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas.
24. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. Whether a State of the Environment report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly; if so, how often and what is the first scheduled date.
 2. What percentage of waste reduction for Government Departments will be required in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004 inclusive.
 3. Whether the waste reduction targets will include - (a) waste going to landfill; (b) waste going to toxic waste and; (c) increased energy efficiency.
 4. What targets will be set for each Government department in each reduction area for these financial years.
 5. Whether equivalent targets will be set for each Government agency; if not why.
 6. Whether the targets will apply to contractors or franchisees providing services partly or wholly funded by contributions from Victorian government sources; if not, why.
 7. Whether any emission reduction targets will apply to power generators, distributors or retailers in Victoria; if so, how.
 8. Whether funding has or will be provided to each Government department and agency, each contractor to the Victorian Government and each franchisee of a Victorian Government funded activity to encourage reduction in emissions in each of the financial years from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004.

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9. Whether any studies have been done on likely reductions in employment in Melbourne, the Latrobe Valley and other parts of regional and rural Victoria if emissions are reduced; if so, what are the names of the studies and whether a copy will be publicly available.
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25. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
 1. Whether funding has or will be provided in each financial year for 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive to extend air quality monitoring by the Environment Protection Authority beyond those areas currently served; if so what new suburbs, towns, localities, freeways and industrial sites will be monitored.
 2. At 30 September 1999 - (a) what Victorian local government areas in whole or part were monitored for air quality indicating each suburb, town or locality; and (b) at what frequency.
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26. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources whether she will give an assurance that in any upgrading or redevelopment of the Queenscliff Harbour precinct, the renowned Marine and Freshwater Research Institute will remain or be relocated within the boundaries of the borough of Queenscliff and thus allay the concerns and fears of the people of Queenscliff.
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27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" - (a) what resources will - (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".
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28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.
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29. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what plans does the Government have for improving the water quality and environs of Kananook Creek; and (b) what criteria have been set for determining the success of such plans.
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30. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what is the Minister's attitude to the Mount Eliza Association for Environmental Care project to seek registration of Westport Bay and the Mornington Peninsula as an urban conservation reserve under the UNESCO International Biosphere Program; and (b) if the Minister supports the project, what support will be given to the Association.

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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
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.

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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.

 36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.

 37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

 38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
 1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.
 2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.
42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.

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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.

 44. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
(a) what assistance is given to animal shelters by the Department; and (b) what assistance if any, has been given to Ms Theresa Tate, wildlife shelter operator at Corinella, for her animal shelter and rescue work.

 45. **MR LUPTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to concerns raised by Greening Knox Inc, what the Minister is planning to do to ensure that natural breeding areas for platypi within the Knox electorate are not threatened by development.

 46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
 1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.
 2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.

 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.

49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and (c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.
 2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.
50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive.
 2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.
 3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
 4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.
51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
 3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.
 4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
 5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
 6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
 7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.

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52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield; (b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.
 2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.

57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.
58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.
59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".

63. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in relation to the recent statement of Professor Barry Hart referred to in *The Age* newspaper on 23 November 1999, does the Minister agree with Professor Hart that the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority "operated outside state and federal environment protection laws and this could not be allowed to continue".
64. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What will the government do to deal with the morning traffic problems at the western end of the Eastern Freeway.
 2. Will the Government extend the Eastern Freeway westwards to meet the Tullamarine Freeway.
 3. Will the Government improve the traffic flow on Hoddle Street southwards in the morning peak period to reduce the traffic jam on the Eastern Freeway.
 4. Will the Government ensure the completion of park and ride facilities in Doncaster to enable drivers to use public transport on the Eastern Freeway.
 5. Is the Government committed to the completion of the Mitcham Road upgrade.
 6. When will the Government commit funds to upgrade — (a) Blackburn Road, north of Reynolds Road; (b) the north end of Springvale Road between Mitcham Road and Reynolds Road; (c) King Street, Templestowe; (d) Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East; and (e) Victoria Street, Templestowe, north of George Street.
65. **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.
 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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 25 NOVEMBER 1999

66. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts in relation to the comments attributed to her by Meagan Shaw in an article from *The Age* dated 25 November 1999 entitled "Boost for Film, TV Industries" which said in part, the Minister "would look at removing possible areas of duplication between Cinemedia and Arts Victoria, such as the funding of digital media projects" —
1. What was the total funding of digital media projects by the Victorian Government in 1998–99, and what is the projected total funding for 1999–2000 and 2000–01 respectively.

2. What organisations and individuals received funding (and in each case how much) from both Cinemedia and Arts Victoria in 1998-99.
 3. What areas has the Minister identified as areas "of duplication".
67. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —
1. Whether the budget for Cinemedia for 2000-01 is to be frozen as per the Minister's statement to Cabriella Coslovich and reported in *The Age* on 24 November 1999.
 2. Whether the Minister will increase funding for film and television production by 31%; if so, which grants or multimedia programs will be cut to achieve this increase.
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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in *The Australian Financial Review* of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".

4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria." —
 1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 4. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 5. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 6. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.
72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
 1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.

5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
 6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
 7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.
73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
4. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
 2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
 3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.
74. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
6. What information has she received from Melbourne Zoo relating to the killing of healthy but surplus animals.
 7. Has she commenced a review into the guidelines on animal euthanasia at Melbourne Zoo and animal and wildlife parks; if so — (a) what are the terms of the review; (b) who is conducting the review; and (c) on what date is the review to be completed.
75. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Departmental Press Release of 16 November 1999 entitled "Tiny Natural Enemy Challenges Alpine Weed" in which it is stated that the Government has a commitment to implementing "more cost-effective approaches to weed management on public land"—
1. What are the "more cost-effective approaches to weed management on public land".
 2. What departmental resources will be applied to weed management in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
76. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts, what does she intend to do with Cinemedia Online and its continuing projects.

NOTICES 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.
78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998–99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.
79. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. Will Parks Victoria continue with the *Monitoring Community Perceptions* survey last conducted in February 1999; if so — (a) how many Victorians will be surveyed; (b) what percentage will be from Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate; and (c) whether tenders have or will be called for this survey; if so, to whom was the tender awarded indicating — (i) the contract price; and (ii) what date or dates was or will the survey be undertaken on.
 2. If the survey was conducted what percentage of those surveyed after February 1999 considered Parks Victoria to be an 'efficient' or 'very efficient manager' or rated its management of — (a) national, state and regional parks and conservation reserves; (b) Melbourne's major metropolitan parks; and (c) bays, piers and selected waterways, as 'good' or 'very good'.

80. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. How many part time, temporary or casual staff were employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1997–98 and 1998–99.
 2. How many part time, temporary or casual staff will be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999–2000.
 3. In which Parks will summer rangers be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999–2000.
 4. What skills will summer rangers be required to have.
 5. At the end of this summer, who will conduct an evaluation of the summer rangers project and what will be the criteria for the evaluation.
81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry based learning programs and have they been achieved.

NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 2 DECEMBER 1999

Nil

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QUESTION

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

84. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture, what is the total cost of the State Government's decision to introduce a plebiscite of dairy farmers on the issue of dairy deregulation indicating — (a) advertising costs; (b) notification costs; (c) costs incurred by the Victorian Electoral Commission; and (d) any other costs attributable to carrying out the plebiscite.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 8 DECEMBER 1999

85. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —
1. What additional funding from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
 2. In the Eastern Region, in relation to both sport and physical education instruction, what proportion of this additional time in the 2000 school year, in primary and secondary schools respectively, will see children receiving additional instruction from specialist physical education teachers in lieu of general class teachers.
 3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.
86. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming, Major Projects and Tourism, for the Honourable the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
1. What additional funding from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
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 3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.

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87. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many assaults and other offences were reported on the Glen Waverley rail line — (a) each year for the period 1992 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 2. How many assaults and other offences occurred at each of the Jordanville, Mount Waverley and Syndal railway stations for these specified years and months.
 3. How many assaults or other offences were reported on the Lilydale, Belgrave and Alamein lines, and at each rail station between Chatham and Ringwood inclusive, for — (a) the period 1998 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 4. What operational numbers of police did Victoria Police have in relation to officers patrolling public transport as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999 and what was the breakdown at each date by rank.
 5. For each month between June and November 1999 inclusive, how many hours did Victoria Police personnel patrol — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) V/Line Passenger Services.
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.
89. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in relation to Yarra Valley Water —
1. How many rebates were paid to customers under the Customer Charter in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 and what was the total amount paid in each month.
 2. How many sewer spill incidents were reported in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 inclusive and, of those, how many were located in the electorate of Bennettswood.
 3. How many sewer blockages per 10 kilometres of sewer main are anticipated in 1999-2000.
 4. How many emergency calls were received between — (a) 1 October and 30 November 1998; and (b) 1 October and 30 November 1999.

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5. How many kilometres of water mains and reticulation sewers respectively were replaced or relined during the period 1 July to 30 September 1999 and how many kilometres are scheduled to be replaced or relined in each of the three remaining quarters of 1999–2000.
 6. How many additional kilometres of water and sewerage mains respectively are expected to be brought into service in 1999–2000.
 7. How many water quality samples are expected to be tested in 1999–2000.
 8. What proportion of coliform and faecal coliform samples are expected to exceed minimum guide standards in 1999–2000 and what are the major locations, if any, affected.
 9. What level of cryptosporidium and giardia organisms, if any, would be the maximum allowable meeting current water test parameters in any sample taken.
 10. Have any instances been found during the period 1 July to 30 November 1999 where cryptosporidium or giardia levels exceeded test guidelines; if so, what were — (a) the dates; (b) the locations from which the samples was drawn; (c) the levels of the relevant organism; and (d) what steps were taken to inform the public of these findings.
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.
91. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. For each month of 1998 and 1999, up to and including November 1999, how many speed camera and 'On The Spot' traffic infringement notices were issued by Victoria Police in Blackburn South, Box Hill, South Burwood, Burwood East and Mount Waverley areas.
 2. If data for 'On The Spot' notices is unavailable, will the database be changed to include a description of the location where the notices were issued; if not, why.
92. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. For each month between July and November 1999, for the Burnley–East Malvern, East Malvern–Glen Waverley, Richmond–Burnley, Burnley–Camberwell, Camberwell–Box Hill, Box Hill–Ringwood, Ringwood–Belgrave, Ringwood–Lilydale and Camberwell–Alamein sections of rail-line, what amount has been spent on track, signalling and station upgrading and maintenance respectively — (a) by the Public Transport Corporation; (b) VicTrack; and (c) Hillside Trains.
 2. Has the widespread installation of concrete sleepers on broad gauge tracks in Victoria been considered; if not, why.

93. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No 4 asked by the Member for Bennettswood in which she indicates that "\$7.2 million has been allocated in 1999–2000 for the weed eradication program. Funding for future years will be determined through the normal budget process" and referring to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —
1. Does the Minister intend to implement the Victorian Weeds Strategy; if so, what changes, if any, does she propose to make.
 2. What will be the role of the Victorian Catchment Management Council and the regional Authorities/Boards.
 3. What are her targets for the compliance program of the Pest, Plants and Animals Branch of the Department.
 4. What are the 1999–2000 and 2000–2001 targets for property inspections for priority weeds.
 5. Given that there were 344 land management notices and 1,119 directions to landowners in 1998–1999, what are the targets for the issue of notices and directions in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 6. Given that there was an overall 87% compliance rate for weed control in 1998–99, what are the targets for 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 7. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have assessed by December 1999, "the potential economic and environmental impact of weeds that are not currently established in Victoria", has the Department completed this assessment and what are the results.
 8. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have established by December 1999, "priorities for action based on an understanding of the relative risk posed by established weeds and potentially invasive plants.", has the Department established such priorities; if so, what are they.
 9. What has the Department done to "increase the use of the provisions of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994** to prevent the sale of plant species that have the potential to become serious weeds in Victoria".
 10. What has the Department done to "cooperate with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) and quarantine agencies in other States to strengthen the response to new weed species to prevent introductions into Victoria".
94. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —
1. Has the Department established criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of Victorian weeds management, including policies, program implementation, research, education, training and community awareness; if so, what are the criteria.

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2. Has the Department surveyed land and water managers, landcare and industry groups, and the wider community to gauge the level of understanding of weed management and to identify ways of improving weed management in Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 3. Has the Department determined the economic, environmental and social costs of major weeds to Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 4. Has the Department developed assessment criteria to incorporate biological, environmental and economic information; if so, what are the criteria.
 5. Has the Department reviewed the noxious weeds lists; if so, what are the results of the review.
 6. Has the Department developed a system to assess the risk posed by weeds to natural systems in Victoria; if so, what is the system.
 7. What priorities have been set by the respective regional weed action plans for catchment management authority weed management programs.
95. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed control —
1. What is her Department doing to address the problem of Chilean Needle grass and other weeds in the Port Phillip region.
 2. What resources will the Minister make available for natural resource management in Port Phillip Region from 1999 to 2003.
 3. How severe is the problem of weed invasion in the Bulla area and how many prosecutions and notices have been issued in that area.

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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 all unanswered Questions was issued on Tuesday, 7 December 1999.

Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

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9	Wednesday 1 December 1999	Nos 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76
10	Thursday 2 December 1999	Nos 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 and 83
12	Wednesday 8 December 1999	No 84
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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 9 DECEMBER 1999

Nil

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 DECEMBER 1999

96. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What are the firefighting budgets of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Parks Victoria respectively for each of the financial years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 inclusive.
 2. With reference to the Minister's recent press statement that "an additional \$13.6 million in funding to boost fire fighting resources this summer", which organisations were granted additional funding and is the amount referred to over and above the announcement in the former Government's Press Release of 1 December 1998 that "The Victorian Government has committed \$13.1 million to prepare frontline firefighting teams for this year's bushfire season, Police and Emergency Services Minister, Bill McGrath, and Conservation and Land Management Minister, Marie Tehan, announced ..."
 3. In respect to the Minister's recent press statement that an "extra 800 seasonal fire fighters will be available in regional Victoria for what is predicted to be a very difficult fire season", is this "extra" component 800 more than the previous summer; if not, what did the Minister mean by this statement.
 4. What number and type of aircraft were and have been contracted for fire fighting for the summers of 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and whether a high water capacity helicopter such as the Aircrane will be available in 1999-2000.
 5. What are the budgets allocated by the Department for the training of staff for the last fire season and the current fire season.
 6. Will Parks Victoria staff who fight fires be given time off from normal Parks Victoria duties.
 7. What are the financial arrangements between Parks Victoria and the Department in the current fire season.
 8. What increased availability of equipment such as bulldozers will be made available in 2000-01 compared to 1999-2000.
 9. What upgrades of — (i) computer-based information systems; and (ii) the radio network are being introduced for the fire fighting season.
 10. When will implementation of a Statewide Incident Channel be completed.

11. What extensions of the fire detection network are being made in 1999–2000 and when will they be completed.

97. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in reference to Wilson's Promontory National Park —

1. Has the Department prepared a draft case for Wilson's Promontory to be listed under the world heritage conventions; if so, will there be public consultation on this issue and what form will the process take.
2. Has the Minister received advice on the suitability of Wilson's Promontory for world heritage listing; if so, what difference would it make to the National Park to be so listed.
3. What action does the Minister intend to take in respect to Tidal River and its status.
4. When will a new integrated management plan be developed and will the government's policy incorporate the lighthouse into the National Park; if so what are the Minister's plans for the lighthouse.
5. What are the Minister's plans for government and commercial accommodation inside and outside the National Park.

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 the Minister 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 SkillsNet for each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive.

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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.

5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.

6. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts, what total funding will be provided to Film Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 and what additional commitment or commitments does this represent for each year.

8. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education — (a) what timeframe has been set for the standard mode of employment for teachers in Government primary, secondary and TAFE sectors becoming 'permanent'; (b) what funding provision has been or will be made in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to introduce this initiative; and (c) what are the estimated annual costs of provision for long service leave, provision for annual leave, superannuation, and other costs in each of these sectors.

9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.

10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.

12. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) what funding will be allocated for the introduction of police booths or shopfronts at key targeted shopping centres and major 24 hour entertainment precincts in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; (b) what benchmarks will be used to determine if a shopping centre should be enhanced in this manner; and (c) how many booths and shopfronts are scheduled to be introduced in each financial year in key targeted shopping centres and major 24 hour entertainment precincts.
13. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — (a) how many community safety audits are planned for 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; (b) what is the average cost expected of each audit; (c) will these audits be completed in-house by Victoria Police or will tenders be called for their provision; (d) what funding will be provided in each of these financial years for these audits; and (e) what criteria will be used to indicate if an area qualifies for a community safety audit.
14. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — (a) what funding will be made available in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 to promote permanent employment instead of contract and casual employment in the Victorian public sector; (b) how many positions in each department will be altered to full time; and (c) what additional costs in respect of annual leave, long service leave, superannuation and other costs will be incurred by this change in each of these financial years.
15. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. How many passengers use Yarra Trams' Route 75 east of Warrigal Road, Burwood each weekday, Saturday and Sunday on average.
 2. By what date is Route 75 to be extended to Springvale Road & Burwood Highway and Knox City.
 3. How many passengers per weekday, Saturday and Sunday are expected to be carried on two parts of this planned extension.
 4. What additional operating subsidiary will be payable to Yarra Trams in the first year of operation of this extension.
 5. As at 31 October 1999, what was the average daily revenue collected from a OneLink ticket machine installed on a B/B2 class tram based at Yarra Trams' Camberwell Depot and a Z-Z3 class tram based at Swanston Trams' Malvern Depot.
 6. What will be the total cost in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 if 100 'super' tram conductors are employed from 30 June 2000.
 7. How many conductors will be allocated to Yarra Trams and Swanston Trams and what amounts in each of those financial years will be paid to each operator as compensation or additional contract payments.
 8. What additional revenue are the conductors expected to realise for each of the two tram operators and what will this equate to per conductor per week.

9. Whether these conductors will be obligated to issue infringement notices should fare evasion or other offences be alleged.
 10. Whether conductors will be permanently employed on a full time basis, employed part time or on casual hourly rates and how many hours per week will they individually work.
 11. What is the base rate per hour for tram conductors that will be paid and the typical earnings for conductors per week.
 12. What penalty rates apply, if any, on morning shift, afternoon shift, weeknights, overnight, weekends and public holidays.
 13. Whether tram conductors will be given the opportunity to sign Australian Workplace Agreements individually or enter into a non-union collective agreement.
 14. How many conductors will be allocated to Burwood East (Route 75) in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 and will they work only in the inner city or on the whole of the route.
 15. What days of the week and hours will conductors work.
 16. What percentage of all Yarra Trams and Swanston Trams tram runs measured by tram kilometres are conductors expected to cover in each of these financial years.
 17. What percentage did fare evasion run at for each of Yarra Trams, Swanston Trams, Bayside Trains and Hillside Trains as at 31 October 1999 and what is the target for fare evasion for each in the next three years.
 18. Whether existing customer service officers will, as part of their retraining and refocussing towards tram users be obligated to sell tickets, check for fare evasion and issue penalty notices where an infringement is alleged.
16. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — (a) what funding has been or will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the development of a regional public transport plan for Melbourne's outer eastern, outer south eastern, outer north eastern, and outer western suburbs; (b) what are the boundaries of each of these 'outer' suburban areas; (c) will the suburbs of Burwood, Burwood East, Blackburn South, Bennettwood, Mount Waverley and Syndal be included in a future regional transport plan; if so, when will this occur and what funding has been or will be provided; and (d) will extension services, either in hours of operation or frequency of service, by private bus operators result in additional subsidy payments by the Department of Infrastructure, Essential Services Commission, Ministry of Transport or any other Victorian Government Department or agency; if so, what is the amount by area and financial year.

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

1. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Hillside Trains in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the provision of additional Ringwood line 'flier' services in am weekday peak, pm weekday peak, daytime weekday off peak and after 7.00 pm weekdays.
2. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Bayside Trains for each of these financial years and what will be the operational times for the provision of additional Pakenham, Cranbourne/Cranbourne East and Frankston 'flier' trains.
3. Will any additional express or 'flier' services be introduced in any of these financial years and at what operational times on the Glen Waverley, Hurstbridge, Broadmeadows/Craigieburn, Epping/South Morang lines; if not, why.
4. What additional subsidy payments will be payable to Bayside Trains in 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the extension of electrified suburban services to Cranbourne East, South Morang and Craigieburn for additional trips that are necessary in view of longer running times to the new termini.
5. Whether any additional capital funding will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for the purchase of new rail rollingstock for the Cranbourne East, South Morang and Craigieburn extensions.

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18. **MR ROBINSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning — (a) how many neighbourhood agreements pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 have been established in the two years prior to 18 September 1999; and (b) how many of the above agreements have been the basis of actions in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
19. **MR ROBINSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport, on how many occasions in 1999 have the railway level crossing boom gates at Springvale, Blackburn, Middleborough, Rooks, Mitcham and Heatherdale Roads malfunctioned.

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20. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
 1. Whether each industry sector is required to develop its own program for meeting waste reduction targets; if so by what date and will these targets apply to disposal of waste to landfill, toxic waste disposal and increased energy efficiency.

2. What waste reduction targets will apply in each of the financial years from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for the following industries within Victoria — (a) agriculture; (b) horticulture; (c) steel and ferrous products; (d) paper and pulp making; (e) retail; (f) wholesale; (g) heavy road transport; (h) rail transport; (i) coastal shipping; (j) food processing; (k) accommodation and hospitality; (l) motor vehicle manufacturing; and (m) car components manufacturing industries.
3. What date will be regarded as the 'base day' in any measurement of increased efficiencies.
4. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive to each of the above industry sectors to prepare such plans.
5. Whether these targets and results for each industry sector will be published in a State of the Environment or other report and tabled in the House; if so, how often and what is the first scheduled date of tabling.

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

1. As at 30 September 1999 - (i) which railway stations in the Hillside Trains and Bayside Trains networks had bicycle lockers; (ii) how many lockers were at each of the above stations; and (iii) what percentage of the lockers were successfully rented out for the whole of 1998–99.
2. Whether new bicycle lockers are scheduled to be provided at each of Hillside Trains' and Bayside Trains' stations in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive and what funding has or will be allocated for this purpose in each year.
3. What is the average cost of each bicycle locker installed at a railway station.
4. What is the expected revenue per year per bicycle locker and on what percentage locker utilisation rate is this based.

22. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport — in relation to each freeway, highway and other major arterial road — (a) what funding has or will be provided in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for the extension of free transit lanes and car pooling; and (b) whether free transit lanes will be introduced in each of these years indicating how many kilometres the planned length of each transit lane is, if any.

23. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer — (a) what proportion of the State departmental and agency motor vehicle fleet was powered by liquefied petroleum gas at 30 September 1999; (b) how many passenger motor vehicles, goods carrying vehicles of 3.5 tonnes or under or over did this represent; (c) what was the total size of the State departmental and agency motor vehicle fleet at 30 September 1999 and what is it expected to be at 30 June 2000, 30 June 2001, 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2003 for each category of vehicle stated; and (d) what targets, if any, by either percentage or 'raw' numbers have been set in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive for State departmental and agency vehicles to be powered by either liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas.

24. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

1. Whether a State of the Environment report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly; if so, how often and what is the first scheduled date.
2. What percentage of waste reduction for Government Departments will be required in each financial year from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004 inclusive.
3. Whether the waste reduction targets will include - (a) waste going to landfill; (b) waste going to toxic waste and; (c) increased energy efficiency.
4. What targets will be set for each Government department in each reduction area for these financial years.
5. Whether equivalent targets will be set for each Government agency; if not why.
6. Whether the targets will apply to contractors or franchisees providing services partly or wholly funded by contributions from Victorian government sources; if not, why.
7. Whether any emission reduction targets will apply to power generators, distributors or retailers in Victoria; if so, how.
8. Whether funding has or will be provided to each Government department and agency, each contractor to the Victorian Government and each franchisee of a Victorian Government funded activity to encourage reduction in emissions in each of the financial years from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004.
9. Whether any studies have been done on likely reductions in employment in Melbourne, the Latrobe Valley and other parts of regional and rural Victoria if emissions are reduced; if so, what are the names of the studies and whether a copy will be publicly available.

25. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

1. Whether funding has or will be provided in each financial year for 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive to extend air quality monitoring by the Environment Protection Authority beyond those areas currently served; if so what new suburbs, towns, localities, freeways and industrial sites will be monitored.
2. At 30 September 1999 — (a) what Victorian local government areas in whole or part were monitored for air quality indicating each suburb, town or locality; and (b) at what frequency.

26. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Resources whether she will give an assurance that in any upgrading or redevelopment of the Queenscliff Harbour precinct, the renowned Marine and Freshwater Research Institute will remain or be relocated within the boundaries of the borough of Queenscliff and thus allay the concerns and fears of the people of Queenscliff.

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".
28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.
29. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what plans does the Government have for improving the water quality and environs of Kananook Creek; and (b) what criteria have been set for determining the success of such plans.
30. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what is the Minister's attitude to the Mount Eliza Association for Environmental Care project to seek registration of Westernport Bay and the Mornington Peninsula as an urban conservation reserve under the UNESCO International Biosphere Program; and (b) if the Minister supports the project, what support will be given to the Association.

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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.

32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
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.
36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.

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37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.
 2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".

4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.
42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
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.
44. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what assistance is given to animal shelters by the Department; and (b) what assistance if any, has been given to Ms Theresa Tate, wildlife shelter operator at Corinella, for her animal shelter and rescue work.
45. **MR LUPTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to concerns raised by Greening Knox Inc, what the Minister is planning to do to ensure that natural breeding areas for platypi within the Knox electorate are not threatened by development.
46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.

2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.
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.
49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and (c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.
 2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.
50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive.
 2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.

3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
 4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.
51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
 3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.
 4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
 5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
 6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
 7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.
52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield; (b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.
 2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.
57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.
58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.

59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".
63. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in relation to the recent statement of Professor Barry Hart referred to in The Age newspaper on 23 November 1999, does the Minister agree with Professor Hart that the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority "operated outside state and federal environment protection laws and this could not be allowed to continue".
64. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What will the government do to deal with the morning traffic problems at the western end of the Eastern Freeway.
 2. Will the Government extend the Eastern Freeway westwards to meet the Tullamarine Freeway.
 3. Will the Government improve the traffic flow on Hoddle Street southwards in the morning peak period to reduce the traffic jam on the Eastern Freeway.
 4. Will the Government ensure the completion of park and ride facilities in Doncaster to enable drivers to use public transport on the Eastern Freeway.

5. Is the Government committed to the completion of the Mitcham Road upgrade.
 6. When will the Government commit funds to upgrade — (a) Blackburn Road, north of Reynolds Road; (b) the north end of Springvale Road between Mitcham Road and Reynolds Road; (c) King Street, Templestowe; (d) Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East; and (e) Victoria Street, Templestowe, north of George Street.
65. **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.
 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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 25 NOVEMBER 1999

66. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts in relation to the comments attributed to her by Meagan Shaw in an article from *The Age* dated 25 November 1999 entitled "Boost for Film, TV Industries" which said in part, the Minister "would look at removing possible areas of duplication between Cinemedia and Arts Victoria, such as the funding of digital media projects" —
1. What was the total funding of digital media projects by the Victorian Government in 1998-99, and what is the projected total funding for 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively.
 2. What organisations and individuals received funding (and in each case how much) from both Cinemedia and Arts Victoria in 1998-99.
 3. What areas has the Minister identified as areas "of duplication".
67. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —
1. Whether the budget for Cinemedia for 2000-01 is to be frozen as per the Minister's statement to Gabriella Coslovich and reported in *The Age* on 24 November 1999.
 2. Whether the Minister will increase funding for film and television production by 31%; if so, which grants or multimedia programs will be cut to achieve this increase.
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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in The Australian Financial Review of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".
 4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
 5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
 6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —
1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.
72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.
 5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
 6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
 7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.
73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
 2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
 3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.
74. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What information has she received from Melbourne Zoo relating to the killing of healthy but surplus animals.
 2. Has she commenced a review into the guidelines on animal euthanasia at Melbourne Zoo and animal and wildlife parks; if so — (a) what are the terms of the review; (b) who is conducting the review; and (c) on what date is the review to be completed.
75. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Departmental Press Release of 16 November 1999 entitled "Tiny Natural Enemy Challenges Alpine Weed" in which it is stated that the Government has a commitment to implementing "more cost-effective approaches to weed management on public land"—
1. What are the "more cost-effective approaches to weed management on public land".
 2. What departmental resources will be applied to weed management in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
76. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts, what does she intend to do.

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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.

78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998–99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.

79. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

1. Will Parks Victoria continue with the Monitoring Community Perceptions survey last conducted in February 1999; if so — (a) how many Victorians will be surveyed; (b) what percentage will be from Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate; and (c) whether tenders have or will be called for this survey; if so, to whom was the tender awarded indicating — (i) the contract price; and (ii) what date or dates was or will the survey be undertaken on.
2. If the survey was conducted what percentage of those surveyed after February 1999 considered Parks Victoria to be an 'efficient' or 'very efficient manager' or rated its management of — (a) national, state and regional parks and conservation reserves; (b) Melbourne's major metropolitan parks; and (c) bays, piers and selected waterways, as 'good' or 'very good'.

80. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

1. How many part time, temporary or casual staff were employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1997–98 and 1998–99.
2. How many part time, temporary or casual staff will be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999–2000.
3. In which Parks will summer rangers be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999–2000.
4. What skills will summer rangers be required to have.
5. At the end of this summer, who will conduct an evaluation of the summer rangers project and what will be the criteria for the evaluation.

81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry based learning programs and have they been achieved.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

84. **MR PLOWMAN** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture, what is the total cost of the State Government's decision to introduce a plebiscite of dairy farmers on the issue of dairy deregulation indicating — (a) advertising costs; (b) notification costs; (c) costs incurred by the Victorian Electoral Commission; and (d) any other costs attributable to carrying out the plebiscite.
85. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —
1. What additional funding from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
 2. In the Eastern Region, in relation to both sport and physical education instruction, what proportion of this additional time in the 2000 school year, in primary and secondary schools respectively, will see children receiving additional instruction from specialist physical education teachers in lieu of general class teachers.
 3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.

86. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming, Major Projects and Tourism, for the Honourable the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

1. What additional funding from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
2. In the Eastern Region, in relation to both sport and physical education instruction what proportion of this additional time in the 2000 school year, in primary and secondary schools respectively will see children receiving additional instruction from specialist physical education teachers in lieu of general class teachers.
3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.

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

1. How many assaults and other offences were reported on the Glen Waverley rail line — (a) each year for the period 1992 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
2. How many assaults and other offences occurred at each of the Jordanville, Mount Waverley and Syndal railway stations for these specified years and months.
3. How many assaults or other offences were reported on the Lilydale, Belgrave and Alamein lines, and at each rail station between Chatham and Ringwood inclusive, for — (a) the period 1998 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
4. What operational numbers of police did Victoria Police have in relation to officers patrolling public transport as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999 and what was the breakdown at each date by rank.
5. For each month between June and November 1999 inclusive, how many hours did Victoria Police personnel patrol — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) V/Line Passenger Services.

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.

89. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in relation to Yarra Valley Water —
1. How many rebates were paid to customers under the Customer Charter in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 and what was the total amount paid in each month.
 2. How many sewer spill incidents were reported in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 inclusive and, of those, how many were located in the electorate of Bennettswood.
 3. How many sewer blockages per 10 kilometres of sewer main are anticipated in 1999-2000.
 4. How many emergency calls were received between — (a) 1 October and 30 November 1998; and (b) 1 October and 30 November 1999.
 5. How many kilometres of water mains and reticulation sewers respectively were replaced or relined during the period 1 July to 30 September 1999 and how many kilometres are scheduled to be replaced or relined in each of the three remaining quarters of 1999-2000.
 6. How many additional kilometres of water and sewerage mains respectively are expected to be brought into service in 1999-2000.
 7. How many water quality samples are expected to be tested in 1999-2000.
 8. What proportion of coliform and faecal coliform samples are expected to exceed minimum guide standards in 1999-2000 and what are the major locations, if any, affected.
 9. What level of cryptosporidium and giardia organisms, if any, would be the maximum allowable meeting current water test parameters in any sample taken.
 10. Have any instances been found during the period 1 July to 30 November 1999 where cryptosporidium or giardia levels exceeded test guidelines; if so, what were — (a) the dates; (b) the locations from which the samples was drawn; (c) the levels of the relevant organism; and (d) what steps were taken to inform the public of these findings.
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.
91. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. For each month of 1998 and 1999, up to and including November 1999, how many speed camera and 'On The Spot' traffic infringement notices were issued by Victoria Police in Blackburn South, Box Hill, South Burwood, Burwood East and Mount Waverley areas.

2. If data for 'On The Spot' notices is unavailable, will the database be changed to include a description of the location where the notices were issued; if not, why.

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

1. For each month between July and November 1999, for the Burnley–East Malvern, East Malvern–Glen Waverley, Richmond–Burnley, Burnley–Camberwell, Camberwell–Box Hill, Box Hill–Ringwood, Ringwood–Belgrave, Ringwood–Lilydale and Camberwell–Alamein sections of rail-line, what amount has been spent on track, signalling and station upgrading and maintenance respectively — (a) by the Public Transport Corporation; (b) VicTrack; and (c) Hillside Trains.
2. Has the widespread installation of concrete sleepers on broad gauge tracks in Victoria been considered; if not, why.

93. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No 4 asked by the Member for Bennettswood in which she indicates that "\$7.2 million has been allocated in 1999–2000 for the weed eradication program. Funding for future years will be determined through the normal budget process" and referring to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —

1. Does the Minister intend to implement the Victorian Weeds Strategy; if so, what changes, if any, does she propose to make.
2. What will be the role of the Victorian Catchment Management Council and the regional Authorities/Boards.
3. What are her targets for the compliance program of the Pest, Plants and Animals Branch of the Department.
4. What are the 1999–2000 and 2000–2001 targets for property inspections for priority weeds.
5. Given that there were 344 land management notices and 1,119 directions to landowners in 1998–1999, what are the targets for the issue of notices and directions in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
6. Given that there was an overall 87% compliance rate for weed control in 1998–99, what are the targets for 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
7. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have assessed by December 1999, "the potential economic and environmental impact of weeds that are not currently established in Victoria", has the Department completed this assessment and what are the results.
8. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have established by December 1999, "priorities for action based on an understanding of the relative risk posed by established weeds and potentially invasive plants.", has the Department established such priorities; if so, what are they.

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9. What has the Department done to "increase the use of the provisions of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994** to prevent the sale of plant species that have the potential to become serious weeds in Victoria".
10. What has the Department done to "cooperate with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) and quarantine agencies in other States to strengthen the response to new weed species to prevent introductions into Victoria".
94. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —
1. Has the Department established criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of Victorian weeds management, including policies, program implementation, research, education, training and community awareness; if so, what are the criteria.
 2. Has the Department surveyed land and water managers, landcare and industry groups, and the wider community to gauge the level of understanding of weed management and to identify ways of improving weed management in Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 3. Has the Department determined the economic, environmental and social costs of major weeds to Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 4. Has the Department developed assessment criteria to incorporate biological, environmental and economic information; if so, what are the criteria.
 5. Has the Department reviewed the noxious weeds lists; if so, what are the results of the review.
 6. Has the Department developed a system to assess the risk posed by weeds to natural systems in Victoria; if so, what is the system.
 7. What priorities have been set by the respective regional weed action plans for catchment management authority weed management programs.
95. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed control —
1. What is her Department doing to address the problem of Chilean Needle grass and other weeds in the Port Phillip region.
 2. What resources will the Minister make available for natural resource management in Port Phillip Region from 1999 to 2003.
 3. How severe is the problem of weed invasion in the Bulla area and how many prosecutions and notices have been issued in that area.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 DECEMBER 1999

16. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What was and is the firefighting budget of the Department and Parks Victoria respectively for each of the financial years 1997–98 to 1999–2000 inclusive.
 2. In reference to the Minister's statement that "an additional \$13.6 million in funding to boost fire fighting resources this summer", which organisations were granted additional funding and is the amount referred to over and above the announcement in the former Government's Press Release of 1 December 1998 that "The Victorian Government has committed \$13.1 million to prepare frontline firefighting teams for this year's bushfire season, Police and Emergency Services Minister, Bill McGrath, and Conservation and Land Management Minister, Marie Tehan, announced ..."
 3. In respect of the Minister's statement that an "extra 800 seasonal fire fighters will be available in regional Victoria for what is predicted to be a very difficult fire season", is this "extra" component 800 more than the previous summer; if not, what did the Minister mean by this statement.
 4. What number and type of aircraft were and have been contracted for fire fighting for the summers of 1998–99 and 1999–2000 and whether a high water capacity helicopter such as the Aircrane will be available in 1999–2000.
 5. What budget was and is allocated by the Department to the training of staff for last fire season and the current fire season.
 6. Will Parks Victoria staff who fight fires be given time off normal Parks Victoria duties.
 7. What are the financial arrangements between Parks Victoria and the Department in the current fire season.
 8. What increased availability of equipment such as bulldozers will be made available in 1999–2000 compared to 2000–01.
 9. What upgrade of – (i) computer-based information systems; and (ii) improvements to the radio network are being introduced for the fire fighting season.
 10. When will implementation of a Statewide Incident Channel be completed.
 11. What extensions of the fire detection network are being made in 1999–2000 and when will they be completed.

97. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in reference to Wilson's Promontory National Park —
1. Has the Department prepared a draft case for Wilson's Promontory to be listed under the world heritage conventions; if so, will there be public consultation on this issue and what will the process be.
 2. Has the Minister received advice on the suitability of Wilson's Promontory for world heritage listing; if so, what difference would it make to Wilson's Promontory to be so listed.
 3. What action does the Minister intend to take in respect to Tidal River and its status.
 4. When will a new integrated management plan be developed and will the government's policy incorporate the lighthouse into the national park; if so what are the Minister's plans for the lighthouse.
 5. What are the Minister's plans for government and commercial accommodation inside and outside the national park.
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 SkillsNet for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2001-02 inclusive.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 16 DECEMBER 1999

99. **MR BAILLIEU** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education and Training with reference to the memorandum from the Office of Tertiary and Further Education (OTFE) to Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) dated 24 November 1999 freezing "the maximum number of commencing apprentices/trainees for whom payment will be made to each eligible RTO over the next 12 months" —
1. What was the aggregate number for all eligible RTOs of maximum commencing apprenticeships and traineeships for whom payments will be made as indicated by the Apprenticeship/Traineeship Training Program internet site <http://gftp.otfe.vic.gov.au> as advised in the memorandum and as at 24 November 1999.
 2. What was the maximum number of commencing apprenticeships and traineeship shown for each eligible RTO as at 24 November 1999.
 3. After the lodgement of claims for apprentices and trainees who commenced training before 24 November 1999, what was the aggregate number for all eligible RTOs of maximum commencing apprentices/trainees for each eligible RTO as at 8 December 1999.

4. After the lodgement of claims for apprentices and trainees who commenced training before 24 November 1999, what was the maximum number of commencing apprentices/trainees for each eligible RTO as at 8 December 1999.
5. Were all claims made between 24 November and 8 December 1999 by RTOs for apprentices and trainees who commenced training before 24 November 1999 accepted by the OTFE.
6. What criteria were used to determine the validity of the claims by RTOs for additional numbers of apprentices and trainees subsequent to 24 November 1999 and by 8 December 1999.
7. What was the final aggregate number for all eligible RTOs of the maximum number of commencing apprentices and trainees for whom payments will be made as finally advised to eligible RTOs.
8. What was the final maximum number of apprentices and trainees who commenced training for whom payment would be made, for each eligible RTO, as finally advised to eligible RTOs.
9. What was the OTFE's expectations with regard to the projected growth of commencing apprentices and trainees for whom payment would be made for the year 2000 as at 18 September 1999 and as at 23 November 1999.
10. With respect to this projected growth what number of apprenticeships and traineeships were to be provided by RTOs which — (a) would be seeking to conduct apprenticeships and traineeships for which they did receive funding during 1999 and; (b) would be asking to conduct apprenticeships and traineeships for which they did not receive funding during 1999.

100. **MR BAILLIEU** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education and Training in relation to the Government's references to "similar freezes" and "previous freeze" in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania —

1. When did those "freezes" occur in each state and for how long.
2. Did those "freezes" apply to aggregate funds, aggregate numbers of commencing apprentices and trainees, individual Registered Training Organisations or commencing apprentices and trainees for each RTO.
3. Did those "freezes" apply only to private RTOs or to all training organisations to which payment was to be made.
4. Were these "freezes" shortened in duration subsequent to their announcements.
5. Were the announcements of these "freezes" preceded, or followed, by a public review or a comprehensive audit of RTOs.

101. **MR BAILLIEU** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education and Training with reference to the proposed Schofield inquiry into the quality of training in Victoria's apprenticeship and traineeship system —
1. Will there be a reference panel; if so, who will it comprise.
 2. Will the industry be surveyed; if so, to whom and when will the survey be distributed.
 3. How long is it anticipated that the inquiry will take.

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102. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether Ms Kerri Erler, the unsuccessful candidate in the seat of Bellarine, has taken up the post of regional adviser to the Premier for the Geelong region, as advised in the Geelong press on 8 February 2000; if so — (a) what will be the nature and extent of Ms Erler's duties; (b) what salary and other expenses will be paid to Ms Erler; (c) what office, vehicle and other costs will be met by the Government; and (d) what is the estimated overall annual cost of the provision of the services of Ms Erler.
103. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment in respect of the Community Business Employment (CBE) program for 2000 —
1. What minimum number of site visits will be made by Departmental officers to each successful tenderer or provider to ensure compliance with the program.
 2. In addition to the monitoring meetings flagged in the minimum performance standards booklet published by the Office of Employment, will any unscheduled visits be undertaken by Departmental staff with immediate inspection of records to minimise the occurrence of fraud.
 3. What is the maximum amount that will be provided for training subsidies for longer term unemployed job seekers under the Skills Fund in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 4. Why were the program guidelines issued in January 2000 when the administration of the Skills Fund had yet to be decided.
 5. What is the maximum payment available under the Skills Fund to a CBE provider for a training subsidy for each longer term unemployed job seeker in 2000.
 6. What safeguards exist to ensure that longer term job seekers are not placed on training merry-go-rounds that fail to lead to positive employment outcomes for the people concerned.
 7. How many persons unemployed for less than or greater than 12 months are expected to be assisted in 2000 in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151.

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104. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer —
1. How many properties in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 are expected to have land tax levied on them in 1999–2000.
 2. What is the total expected value of the land tax in each of these postcodes for 1999–2000.
 3. How many properties in each of these postcodes are attracting land tax for the first time in 1999–2000 and what is the total expected value of the land tax.
105. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier —
1. Does the Premier'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 Premier's Department; and (b) all statutory authorities and Government business enterprises responsible to the Premier's Department.
 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
106. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer —
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.

107. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural 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.
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.

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.
2. If, 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.

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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
110. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning —
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.
111. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
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.
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 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.
112. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —
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.

113. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance —

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.

114. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

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.

115. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

116. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

117. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government —

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.

118. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —

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.

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.
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.

120. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —

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.

121. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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.

122. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

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.

123. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's 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.

2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

124. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —

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.

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

126. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections —

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.

127. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Consumer 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.
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.

128. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —

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.

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.
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.

130. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable Attorney-General —

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.

131. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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.

132. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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.

133. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment —

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.

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134. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Youth 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.
 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.
135. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming —
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.
136. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
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.

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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.
137. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
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.
138. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
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.
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.

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.

140. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the 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.

141. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer —

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.

142. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs —

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.

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 —

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.

145. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning —

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.

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

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.

147. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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.

148. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance —

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.

149. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

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.

150. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads —

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.

151. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover —

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.
6. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

152. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government —

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.

153. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —

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.

154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —

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.
7. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

155. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —

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.

156. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

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157. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
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.
158. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —
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.
159. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —
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.

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160. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
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.
 6. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
161. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections —
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.
162. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs —
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.

163. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

164. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

165. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable Attorney-General —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

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166. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —
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.
167. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —
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.
168. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment —
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.

169. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Youth Affairs —

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.

170. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming —

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.

171. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

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.

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172. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
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.
173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
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.
174. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —
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.

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175. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — What was the total cost to the Victorian Government and to its agencies of the three additional public holidays gazetted for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day in December 1999 and January 2000.
176. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — What was the total cost to the Victorian Government and to its agencies of the three additional public holidays gazetted for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day in December 1999 and January 2000.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 1 MARCH 2000

177. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd in which the Department of Infrastructure has a 20 per cent shareholding —
1. How many staff did Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd have at 30 June 1999 and 31 December 1999 and what was its operating budget in 1999–2000 and the anticipated operating budget for 2000–2001.
 2. What proportion of the salaries does the Department of Infrastructure pay.
 3. What is the relationship between One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd and the Department of Infrastructure.
 4. Within how many days after receipt from customers is revenue required to be remitted to either One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd or Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd by — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; (e) Melbourne metropolitan private bus operators; and (f) One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd.
 5. Are credit card transactions originating from Bayside and Hillside Trains railway stations, using either a manual card imprinter or an EFTPOS credit linked keypad machine, and which are then processed by Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd, taking weeks to appear on Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express statements; if so, why.
 6. What revenue split has been agreed to between the private bus operators and the four rail and train metropolitan franchisees.
 7. Since 1 September 1999 have on-board public transport ridership surveys, where passengers are asked to complete trip diaries, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) Millward Brown (previously Yann Campbell Hoare Wheeler); and (b) any other companies.
 8. If so — (a) on what dates and time periods; (b) by whom; and (c) at what contracted costs to the Department of Infrastructure, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 9. How many of those trip diaries were returned for each survey period in total which included metropolitan rail, tram, bus, interurban rail or intercity rail journeys.

10. How often since 1 September 1999 have public transport ridership surveys with contractors or staff stationed at railway stations, tram or bus stops or riding trains, trams or buses, and counting 'on/off's' at each stop, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) any companies, contractors or in house by or for the Department Infrastructure; and (b) Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 11. What dates and time periods did each 'counting' survey cover and what was the contracted cost.
 12. When compared with the 12 months prior, what patronage per month/annum do the above 'diary' and 'counting' surveys indicate for — (a) metropolitan rail; (b) metropolitan tram; (c) metropolitan bus; and (d) V/Line intercity services.
 13. How many passenger journeys using the services of each rail and tram franchises are expected to be made in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
178. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — 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.
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.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES 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.

5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.

6. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts, what total funding will be provided to Film Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 and what additional commitment or commitments does this represent for each year.

9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.

10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.

14. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — (a) what funding will be made available in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to promote permanent employment instead of contract and casual employment in the Victorian public sector; (b) how many positions in each department will be altered to full time; and (c) what additional costs in respect of annual leave, long service leave, superannuation and other costs will be incurred by this change in each of these financial years.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1999

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".
28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.

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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.

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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.
36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.

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4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.
 2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.

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42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
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.
46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.
 2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.
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.

49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and (c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.
 2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.
50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-2003 inclusive.
 2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.
 3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
 4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.
51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
 3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.
 4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
 5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
 6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
 7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.

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52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield; (b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.
 2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.

57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.
58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.
59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".

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64. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
1. What will the government do to deal with the morning traffic problems at the western end of the Eastern Freeway.
 2. Will the Government extend the Eastern Freeway westwards to meet the Tullamarine Freeway.
 3. Will the Government improve the traffic flow on Hoddle Street southwards in the morning peak period to reduce the traffic jam on the Eastern Freeway.
 4. Will the Government ensure the completion of park and ride facilities in Doncaster to enable drivers to use public transport on the Eastern Freeway.
 5. Is the Government committed to the completion of the Mitcham Road upgrade.
 6. When will the Government commit funds to upgrade — (a) Blackburn Road, north of Reynolds Road; (b) the north end of Springvale Road between Mitcham Road and Reynolds Road; (c) King Street, Templestowe; (d) Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East; and (e) Victoria Street, Templestowe, north of George Street.

65. **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.
 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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 25 NOVEMBER 1999

67. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —
1. Whether the budget for Cinemedia for 2000-01 is to be frozen as per the Minister's statement to Gabriella Coslovich and reported in *The Age* on 24 November 1999.
 2. Whether the Minister will increase funding for film and television production by 31%; if so, which grants or multimedia programs will be cut to achieve this increase.
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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in The Australian Financial Review of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".
 4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
 5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
 6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —
1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.
72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.
 5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
 6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
 7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.

73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
 2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
 3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.

NOTICES 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.
78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998-99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998-99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.

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80. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. How many part time, temporary or casual staff were employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1997–98 and 1998–99.
 2. How many part time, temporary or casual staff will be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999–2000.
 3. In which Parks will summer rangers be employed by Parks Victoria between December and March in 1999–2000.
 4. What skills will summer rangers be required to have.
 5. At the end of this summer, who will conduct an evaluation of the summer rangers project and what will be the criteria for the evaluation.
81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry-based learning programs and have they been achieved.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

86. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming, Major Projects and Tourism, for the Honourable the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
1. What additional funding from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
 2. In the Eastern Region, in relation to both sport and physical education instruction what proportion of this additional time in the 2000 school year, in primary and secondary schools respectively will see children receiving additional instruction from specialist physical education teachers in lieu of general class teachers.
 3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.
87. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many assaults and other offences were reported on the Glen Waverley rail line — (a) each year for the period 1992 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 2. How many assaults and other offences occurred at each of the Jordanville, Mount Waverley and Syndal railway stations for these specified years and months.
 3. How many assaults or other offences were reported on the Lilydale, Belgrave and Alamein lines, and at each rail station between Chatham and Ringwood inclusive, for — (a) the period 1998 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 4. What operational numbers of police did Victoria Police have in relation to officers patrolling public transport as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999 and what was the breakdown at each date by rank.
 5. For each month between June and November 1999 inclusive, how many hours did Victoria Police personnel patrol — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) V/Line Passenger Services.

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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.
89. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in relation to Yarra Valley Water —
1. How many rebates were paid to customers under the Customer Charter in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 and what was the total amount paid in each month.
 2. How many sewer spill incidents were reported in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 inclusive and, of those, how many were located in the electorate of Bennettswood.
 3. How many sewer blockages per 10 kilometres of sewer main are anticipated in 1999-2000.
 4. How many emergency calls were received between — (a) 1 October and 30 November 1998; and (b) 1 October and 30 November 1999.
 5. How many kilometres of water mains and reticulation sewers respectively were replaced or relined during the period 1 July to 30 September 1999 and how many kilometres are scheduled to be replaced or relined in each of the three remaining quarters of 1999-2000.
 6. How many additional kilometres of water and sewerage mains respectively are expected to be brought into service in 1999-2000.
 7. How many water quality samples are expected to be tested in 1999-2000.
 8. What proportion of coliform and faecal coliform samples are expected to exceed minimum guide standards in 1999-2000 and what are the major locations, if any, affected.
 9. What level of cryptosporidium and giardia organisms, if any, would be the maximum allowable meeting current water test parameters in any sample taken.
 10. Have any instances been found during the period 1 July to 30 November 1999 where cryptosporidium or giardia levels exceeded test guidelines; if so, what were — (a) the dates; (b) the locations from which the samples was drawn; (c) the levels of the relevant organism; and (d) what steps were taken to inform the public of these findings.
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.

93. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No 4 asked by the Member for Bennettswood in which she indicates that "\$7.2 million has been allocated in 1999–2000 for the weed eradication program. Funding for future years will be determined through the normal budget process" and referring to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —
1. Does the Minister intend to implement the Victorian Weeds Strategy; if so, what changes, if any, does she propose to make.
 2. What will be the role of the Victorian Catchment Management Council and the regional Authorities/Boards.
 3. What are her targets for the compliance program of the Pest, Plants and Animals Branch of the Department.
 4. What are the 1999–2000 and 2000–2001 targets for property inspections for priority weeds.
 5. Given that there were 344 land management notices and 1,119 directions to landowners in 1998–1999, what are the targets for the issue of notices and directions in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 6. Given that there was an overall 87% compliance rate for weed control in 1998–99, what are the targets for 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 7. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have assessed by December 1999, "the potential economic and environmental impact of weeds that are not currently established in Victoria", has the Department completed this assessment and what are the results.
 8. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have established by December 1999, "priorities for action based on an understanding of the relative risk posed by established weeds and potentially invasive plants.", has the Department established such priorities; if so, what are they.
 9. What has the Department done to "increase the use of the provisions of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994** to prevent the sale of plant species that have the potential to become serious weeds in Victoria".
 10. What has the Department done to "cooperate with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) and quarantine agencies in other States to strengthen the response to new weed species to prevent introductions into Victoria".
94. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —
1. Has the Department established criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of Victorian weeds management, including policies, program implementation, research, education, training and community awareness; if so, what are the criteria.

2. Has the Department surveyed land and water managers, landcare and industry groups, and the wider community to gauge the level of understanding of weed management and to identify ways of improving weed management in Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 3. Has the Department determined the economic, environmental and social costs of major weeds to Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 4. Has the Department developed assessment criteria to incorporate biological, environmental and economic information; if so, what are the criteria.
 5. Has the Department reviewed the noxious weeds lists; if so, what are the results of the review.
 6. Has the Department developed a system to assess the risk posed by weeds to natural systems in Victoria; if so, what is the system.
 7. What priorities have been set by the respective regional weed action plans for catchment management authority weed management programs.
95. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed control —
1. What is her Department doing to address the problem of Chilean Needle grass and other weeds in the Port Phillip region.
 2. What resources will the Minister make available for natural resource management in Port Phillip Region from 1999 to 2003.
 3. How severe is the problem of weed invasion in the Bulla area and how many prosecutions and notices have been issued in that area.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 DECEMBER 1999

97. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in reference to Wilson's Promontory National Park —
1. Has the Department prepared a draft case for Wilson's Promontory to be listed under the world heritage conventions; if so, will there be public consultation on this issue and what will the process be.
 2. Has the Minister received advice on the suitability of Wilson's Promontory for world heritage listing; if so, what difference would it make to Wilson's Promontory to be so listed.
 3. What action does the Minister intend to take in respect to Tidal River and its status.
 4. When will a new integrated management plan be developed and will the government's policy incorporate the lighthouse into the national park; if so what are the Minister's plans for the lighthouse.

5. What are the Minister's plans for government and commercial accommodation inside and outside the national park.
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

102. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether Ms Kerri Erler, the unsuccessful candidate in the seat of Bellarine, has taken up the post of regional adviser to the Premier for the Geelong region, as advised in the Geelong press on 8 February 2000; if so — (a) what will be the nature and extent of Ms Erler's duties; (b) what salary and other expenses will be paid to Ms Erler; (c) what office, vehicle and other costs will be met by the Government; and (d) what is the estimated overall annual cost of the provision of the services of Ms Erler.
103. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment in respect of the Community Business Employment (CBE) program for 2000 —
1. What minimum number of site visits will be made by Departmental officers to each successful tenderer or provider to ensure compliance with the program.
 2. In addition to the monitoring meetings flagged in the minimum performance standards booklet published by the Office of Employment, will any unscheduled visits be undertaken by Departmental staff with immediate inspection of records to minimise the occurrence of fraud.
 3. What is the maximum amount that will be provided for training subsidies for longer term unemployed job seekers under the Skills Fund in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 4. Why were the program guidelines issued in January 2000 when the administration of the Skills Fund had yet to be decided.
 5. What is the maximum payment available under the Skills Fund to a CBE provider for a training subsidy for each longer term unemployed job seeker in 2000.
 6. What safeguards exist to ensure that longer term job seekers are not placed on training merry-go-rounds that fail to lead to positive employment outcomes for the people concerned.
 7. How many persons unemployed for less than or greater than 12 months are expected to be assisted in 2000 in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151.

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104. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer —
1. How many properties in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 are expected to have land tax levied on them in 1999–2000.
 2. What is the total expected value of the land tax in each of these postcodes for 1999–2000.
 3. How many properties in each of these postcodes are attracting land tax for the first time in 1999–2000 and what is the total expected value of the land tax.
105. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier —
1. Does the Premier'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 Premier's Department; and (b) all statutory authorities and Government business enterprises responsible to the Premier's Department.
 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
106. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer —
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.

107. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural 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.
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.

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.
2. If, 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.

110. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning —

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.

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

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.

112. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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.

113. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance —

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.

114. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

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.

115. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads —

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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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.
116. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover —
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.
117. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government —
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.

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118. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —
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.
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.
 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.
120. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —
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.

121. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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.

122. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

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.

123. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's 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.

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.
124. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —
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.
125. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency 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.
 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.

126. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections —

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.

127. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Consumer 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.
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.

128. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —

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.

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.
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.

130. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable Attorney-General —

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.

131. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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.

132. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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.

133. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment —

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.

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134. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Youth 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.
 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.
135. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming —
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.
136. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
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.

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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.
137. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
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.
138. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
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.
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.

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.

140. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the 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.

141. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer —

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.

142. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs —

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.

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 —

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.

145. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning —

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.

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

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.

147. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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.

148. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance —

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.

149. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

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.

150. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport regarding Roads —

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.

151. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover —

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.
6. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

152. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government —

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.

153. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —

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.

154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —

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.
7. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

155. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —

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.

156. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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.

157. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

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.

158. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —

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.

159. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —

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.

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160. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
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.
 6. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
161. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections —
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.
162. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs —
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.

163. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —

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.

164. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

165. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable Attorney-General —

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.

166. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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.

167. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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.

168. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment —

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.

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169. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Youth Affairs —
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.
170. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming —
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.
171. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

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172. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
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.
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173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
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.
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174. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —
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.
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175. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — What was the total cost to the Victorian Government and to its agencies of the three additional public holidays gazetted for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day in December 1999 and January 2000.
176. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — What was the total cost to the Victorian Government and to its agencies of the three additional public holidays gazetted for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day in December 1999 and January 2000.
177. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd in which the Department of Infrastructure has a 20 per cent shareholding —
1. How many staff did Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd have at 30 June 1999 and 31 December 1999 and what was its operating budget in 1999–2000 and the anticipated operating budget for 2000–2001.
 2. What proportion of the salaries does the Department of Infrastructure pay.
 3. What is the relationship between One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd and the Department of Infrastructure.
 4. Within how many days after receipt from customers is revenue required to be remitted to either One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd or Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd by — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; (e) Melbourne metropolitan private bus operators; and (f) One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd.
 5. Are credit card transactions originating from Bayside and Hillside Trains railway stations, using either a manual card imprinter or an EFTPOS credit linked keypad machine, and which are then processed by Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd, taking weeks to appear on Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express statements; if so, why.
 6. What revenue split has been agreed to between the private bus operators and the four rail and train metropolitan franchisees.
 7. Since 1 September 1999 have on-board public transport ridership surveys, where passengers are asked to complete trip diaries, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) Millward Brown (previously Yann Campbell Hoare Wheeler); and (b) any other companies.
 8. If so — (a) on what dates and time periods; (b) by whom; and (c) at what contracted costs to the Department of Infrastructure, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 9. How many of those trip diaries were returned for each survey period in total which included metropolitan rail, tram, bus, interurban rail or intercity rail journeys.

10. How often since 1 September 1999 have public transport ridership surveys with contractors or staff stationed at railway stations, tram or bus stops or riding trains, trams or buses, and counting 'on/off's' at each stop, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) any companies, contractors or in house by or for the Department Infrastructure; and (b) Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 11. What dates and time periods did each 'counting' survey cover and what was the contracted cost.
 12. When compared with the 12 months prior, what patronage per month/annum do the above 'diary' and 'counting' surveys indicate for — (a) metropolitan rail; (b) metropolitan tram; (c) metropolitan bus; and (d) V/Line intercity services.
 13. How many passenger journeys using the services of each rail and tram franchises are expected to be made in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
178. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — 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.
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.

NOTICES 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.
181. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — 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.
182. **MR BAILLIEU** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment — 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.

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QUESTION

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.

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21	Wednesday 15 March 2000	No 183

NEW QUESTIONS

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.
188. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what was the total cost of relocating from 1 Macarthur Street to 1 Treasury Place (including transport costs, storage costs, removalist costs, staff overtime and office equipment) the offices of — (a) the Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier on Multicultural Affairs; (b) the Victorian Multicultural Affairs Unit; and (c) the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

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.
190. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —
1. Will the Government continue to support and fund the — (a) Melbourne Marine Week; (b) Melbourne Furnishing Festival; (c) Victorian Wine Week; (d) Melbourne Manufacturing Expo; and (e) Australian Automotive Week.
 2. What funding will be provided to each in 2000–2001.
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.
192. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Conservation with reference to *The Age* article on Thursday 2 March 2000 entitled 'No, Minister — Not Good Enough' by Claire Miller and to issues raised by the Victorian Association of Forest Industries —
1. What steps have been taken to address the significant social and economic dislocation which will result from current Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) proposals for Gippsland and the West.
 2. Will the Minister guarantee that there will be no further reductions in sustainable yield in these or other RFA areas once these final two RFAs are signed.

3. What other steps does the Government intend to take to give industry the confidence to invest if such a guarantee is unable to be given.
4. How will the Government ensure that its proposed Timber Industry Plan addresses cross-portfolio issues and what expertise will it utilise to ensure a quality result which meets industry needs.
5. What does the Government intend to do to stop violent confrontations in the forests.
6. Will the Government be prepared to make significant additional funding available to address the situation where, in order to address environmental protection requirements, there is a negative social and economic impact on certain sections of the community.
7. Will the State Government be approaching the Commonwealth to make significant additional structural adjustment funds available, now that significant downsizing in the timber industry is a possibility, given that Tasmania and New South Wales have received substantial funding from the Commonwealth (in the vicinity of \$80M) for their RFAs.

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.

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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 22 MARCH 2000

194. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision to kill grey headed flying foxes in the Royal Botanic Gardens — whether the Minister sought or received Departmental advice; if so — (a) what was the Departmental advice which the Minister relied upon in relation to the culling; (b) what alternative approaches were considered; (c) were any non-lethal approaches examined; and (d) what were the cost estimates.
195. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what will be the future budget allocations to each of the 17 'Rail Trails'; and (b) over what time frame will they each be completed.

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QUESTION

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 4 APRIL 2000

196. **DR DEAN** — To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General — what was the total cost to the Attorney-General'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.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES 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.
198. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry —
1. Who will conduct the audit.
 2. What budget will be allocated to the audit.
 3. What instructions have or will be given to those carrying out the audit of — (a) new technologies and industries; (b) issues facing Victoria's industries; and (c) industry sectors in rural and regional Victoria.
199. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Minister's announcement of the Information Communication Technology Skills Taskforce —
1. How much is the Minister's Department spending on information technology training.
 2. What amount is spent on — (a) job support; and (b) trainee subsidies.
 3. How many employers will be included in the 'Go for IT' on-the-job training program.
 4. Will the Minister increase funding for information technology training given that she has been quoted in *The Age* newspaper on 31 March 2000 as saying the Bracks Government is 'not keeping pace with either the skills shortage or being at the cutting edge'.
200. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's announcement of the Information Communication Technology Skills Taskforce —
1. On what basis has the Minister stated that 'more than 40,000 jobs in information technology related industries will go begging in Australia over the next three years'.

2. What are the duties of the Taskforce.
3. How often will the Taskforce meet.
4. For how long has the Taskforce been established.
5. What budget will be allocated to the running of the Taskforce.
6. What fees will its Members be paid.
7. On what basis will the Taskforce's success be judged.
8. What instructions have been given to the Taskforce in respect of — (a) development of strategies to address the skills shortage; and (b) the building of mechanisms — (i) for retraining people to use new technology; (ii) to accelerate training programs; and (iii) to deal with skill migration issues.
9. Will the Government put more funding into information and communication technology education and trainee schemes.

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NEW QUESTIONS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 11 APRIL 2000

201. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to Lake Colac —
1. What are the most recent studies of — (a) water quality; and (b) the qualities of the sediment and silt, specifying in each case who conducted the study and what were the results.
 2. What plans does the Government have for — (a) improving the water quality; (b) dealing with silting problems; (c) beautifying the banks; and (d) improving the facilities surrounding the lake.
 3. What advice does the Government have in relation to water quality in the creeks and drains flowing into the lake.
202. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what is the Government's policy on the installation and usage of rainwater tanks to collect water from the roofs of domestic premises across Victoria.
203. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 1 April 2000 for a Director, Policy and Regional Access in Multimedia Victoria — (a) what is the Government's Regional Access strategy; and (b) why is it not on the Multimedia Victoria website.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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NOTICES 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.

5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.

9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.

10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1999

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".

28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.

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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
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.
36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.
 2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.

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42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
43. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to 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.
46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.
 2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.
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.

49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and (c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.
 2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.
50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive.
 2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.
 3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
 4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.
51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
 3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.
 4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
 5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
 6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
 7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.

52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield; (b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.
 2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.

57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.
58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.
59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".

65. **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.
 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.

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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in The Australian Financial Review of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".

4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —
 1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.
72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
 1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.

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5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
 6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
 7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.
73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
 2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
 3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.

NOTICES 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.
78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998–99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998-99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.
81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry-based learning programs and have they been achieved.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

86. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming, Major Projects and Tourism, for the Honourable the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
1. What additional funding from 1999-2000 to 2002-2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
 2. In the Eastern Region, in relation to both sport and physical education instruction what proportion of this additional time in the 2000 school year, in primary and secondary schools respectively will see children receiving additional instruction from specialist physical education teachers in lieu of general class teachers.
 3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.

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87. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many assaults and other offences were reported on the Glen Waverley rail line — (a) each year for the period 1992 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 2. How many assaults and other offences occurred at each of the Jordanville, Mount Waverley and Syndal railway stations for these specified years and months.
 3. How many assaults or other offences were reported on the Lilydale, Belgrave and Alamein lines, and at each rail station between Chatham and Ringwood inclusive, for — (a) the period 1998 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 4. What operational numbers of police did Victoria Police have in relation to officers patrolling public transport as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999 and what was the breakdown at each date by rank.
 5. For each month between June and November 1999 inclusive, how many hours did Victoria Police personnel patrol — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) V/Line Passenger Services.
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.
89. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in relation to Yarra Valley Water —
1. How many rebates were paid to customers under the Customer Charter in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 and what was the total amount paid in each month.
 2. How many sewer spill incidents were reported in each month from July 1998 to November 1999 inclusive and, of those, how many were located in the electorate of Bennettswood.
 3. How many sewer blockages per 10 kilometres of sewer main are anticipated in 1999-2000.
 4. How many emergency calls were received between — (a) 1 October and 30 November 1998; and (b) 1 October and 30 November 1999.

5. How many kilometres of water mains and reticulation sewers respectively were replaced or relined during the period 1 July to 30 September 1999 and how many kilometres are scheduled to be replaced or relined in each of the three remaining quarters of 1999–2000.
 6. How many additional kilometres of water and sewerage mains respectively are expected to be brought into service in 1999–2000.
 7. How many water quality samples are expected to be tested in 1999–2000.
 8. What proportion of coliform and faecal coliform samples are expected to exceed minimum guide standards in 1999–2000 and what are the major locations, if any, affected.
 9. What level of cryptosporidium and giardia organisms, if any, would be the maximum allowable meeting current water test parameters in any sample taken.
 10. Have any instances been found during the period 1 July to 30 November 1999 where cryptosporidium or giardia levels exceeded test guidelines; if so, what were — (a) the dates; (b) the locations from which the samples was drawn; (c) the levels of the relevant organism; and (d) what steps were taken to inform the public of these findings.
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.
93. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No 4 asked by the Member for Bennettswood in which she indicates that "\$7.2 million has been allocated in 1999–2000 for the weed eradication program. Funding for future years will be determined through the normal budget process" and referring to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —
1. Does the Minister intend to implement the Victorian Weeds Strategy; if so, what changes, if any, does she propose to make.
 2. What will be the role of the Victorian Catchment Management Council and the regional Authorities/Boards.
 3. What are her targets for the compliance program of the Pest, Plants and Animals Branch of the Department.
 4. What are the 1999–2000 and 2000–2001 targets for property inspections for priority weeds.
 5. Given that there were 344 land management notices and 1,119 directions to landowners in 1998–1999, what are the targets for the issue of notices and directions in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 6. Given that there was an overall 87% compliance rate for weed control in 1998–99, what are the targets for 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.

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7. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have assessed by December 1999, "the potential economic and environmental impact of weeds that are not currently established in Victoria", has the Department completed this assessment and what are the results.
 8. Given that under the strategy the Department was to have established by December 1999, "priorities for action based on an understanding of the relative risk posed by established weeds and potentially invasive plants.", has the Department established such priorities; if so, what are they.
 9. What has the Department done to "increase the use of the provisions of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994** to prevent the sale of plant species that have the potential to become serious weeds in Victoria".
 10. What has the Department done to "cooperate with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) and quarantine agencies in other States to strengthen the response to new weed species to prevent introductions into Victoria".
94. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the Victorian Weeds Strategy —
1. Has the Department established criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of Victorian weeds management, including policies, program implementation, research, education, training and community awareness; if so, what are the criteria.
 2. Has the Department surveyed land and water managers, landcare and industry groups, and the wider community to gauge the level of understanding of weed management and to identify ways of improving weed management in Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 3. Has the Department determined the economic, environmental and social costs of major weeds to Victoria; if so, what are the results.
 4. Has the Department developed assessment criteria to incorporate biological, environmental and economic information; if so, what are the criteria.
 5. Has the Department reviewed the noxious weeds lists; if so, what are the results of the review.
 6. Has the Department developed a system to assess the risk posed by weeds to natural systems in Victoria; if so, what is the system.
 7. What priorities have been set by the respective regional weed action plans for catchment management authority weed management programs.
95. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to weed control —
1. What is her Department doing to address the problem of Chilean Needle grass and other weeds in the Port Phillip region.

2. What resources will the Minister make available for natural resource management in Port Phillip Region from 1999 to 2003.
3. How severe is the problem of weed invasion in the Bulla area and how many prosecutions and notices have been issued in that area.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 15 DECEMBER 1999

97. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation in reference to Wilson's Promontory National Park —
1. Has the Department prepared a draft case for Wilson's Promontory to be listed under the world heritage conventions; if so, will there be public consultation on this issue and what will the process be.
 2. Has the Minister received advice on the suitability of Wilson's Promontory for world heritage listing; if so, what difference would it make to Wilson's Promontory to be so listed.
 3. What action does the Minister intend to take in respect to Tidal River and its status.
 4. When will a new integrated management plan be developed and will the government's policy incorporate the lighthouse into the national park; if so what are the Minister's plans for the lighthouse.
 5. What are the Minister's plans for government and commercial accommodation inside and outside the national park.
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 SkillsNet for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2001-02 inclusive.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 29 FEBRUARY 2000

102. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether Ms Kerri Erler, the unsuccessful candidate in the seat of Bellarine, has taken up the post of regional adviser to the Premier for the Geelong region, as advised in the Geelong press on 8 February 2000; if so — (a) what will be the nature and extent of Ms Erler's duties; (b) what salary and other expenses will be paid to Ms Erler; (c) what office, vehicle and other costs will be met by the Government; and (d) what is the estimated overall annual cost of the provision of the services of Ms Erler.

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103. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment in respect of the Community Business Employment (CBE) program for 2000 —
1. What minimum number of site visits will be made by Departmental officers to each successful tenderer or provider to ensure compliance with the program.
 2. In addition to the monitoring meetings flagged in the minimum performance standards booklet published by the Office of Employment, will any unscheduled visits be undertaken by Departmental staff with immediate inspection of records to minimise the occurrence of fraud.
 3. What is the maximum amount that will be provided for training subsidies for longer term unemployed job seekers under the Skills Fund in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001.
 4. Why were the program guidelines issued in January 2000 when the administration of the Skills Fund had yet to be decided.
 5. What is the maximum payment available under the Skills Fund to a CBE provider for a training subsidy for each longer term unemployed job seeker in 2000.
 6. What safeguards exist to ensure that longer term job seekers are not placed on training merry-go-rounds that fail to lead to positive employment outcomes for the people concerned.
 7. How many persons unemployed for less than or greater than 12 months are expected to be assisted in 2000 in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151.
104. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer —
1. How many properties in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 are expected to have land tax levied on them in 1999–2000.
 2. What is the total expected value of the land tax in each of these postcodes for 1999–2000.
 3. How many properties in each of these postcodes are attracting land tax for the first time in 1999–2000 and what is the total expected value of the land tax.
105. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier —
1. Does the Premier'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 Premier's Department; and (b) all statutory authorities and Government business enterprises responsible to the Premier's Department.
5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

106. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer —

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.
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(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.

107. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural 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.
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.

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.
2. If, 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.

110. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning —

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.

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

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

112. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

113. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance —

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.

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114. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
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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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
116. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover —
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.

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(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.
117. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government —
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.
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(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.
118. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —
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.
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(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.
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.

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

120. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

121. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

122. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
123. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's 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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
124. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —
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.

125. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency 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.
2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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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.

126. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

127. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Consumer 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.

2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
128. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —
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.
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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
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.
 2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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130. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable Attorney-General —

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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131. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

132. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
133. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment —
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.
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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
134. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Youth 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.
 2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
135. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming —
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.

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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

136. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

137. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

138. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

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.
2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

140. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the 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.

141. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

142. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs —

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.
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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.
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144. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Health —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
145. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning —
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.
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146. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport —
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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

147. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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.
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148. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance —

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.
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149. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

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.
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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.
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 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.
151. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover —
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.
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 4. What daily or half day sitting fees and other remuneration is expected to be paid in 1999–2000 to each such appointee.
 6. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
152. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Local Government —
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.

153. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

155. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Education —

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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
156. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
157. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
158. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —
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.

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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.

159. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —

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.

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

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.
6. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

161. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Corrections —

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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
162. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs —
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.
163. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
164. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —
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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

165. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable Attorney-General —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

166. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

167. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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.

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2. What expressions of interest and selection processes were used in each such case.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
168. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
169. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Youth Affairs —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
170. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

171. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

172. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

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173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
174. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —
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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
175. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — What was the total cost to the Victorian Government and to its agencies of the three additional public holidays gazetted for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day in December 1999 and January 2000.
176. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer — What was the total cost to the Victorian Government and to its agencies of the three additional public holidays gazetted for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day in December 1999 and January 2000.
177. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd in which the Department of Infrastructure has a 20 per cent shareholding —
1. How many staff did Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd have at 30 June 1999 and 31 December 1999 and what was its operating budget in 1999–2000 and the anticipated operating budget for 2000–2001.

2. What proportion of the salaries does the Department of Infrastructure pay.
3. What is the relationship between One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd and the Department of Infrastructure.
4. Within how many days after receipt from customers is revenue required to be remitted to either One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd or Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd by — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; (e) Melbourne metropolitan private bus operators; and (f) One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd.
5. Are credit card transactions originating from Bayside and Hillside Trains railway stations, using either a manual card imprinter or an EFTPOS credit linked keypad machine, and which are then processed by Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd, taking weeks to appear on Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express statements; if so, why.
6. What revenue split has been agreed to between the private bus operators and the four rail and tram metropolitan franchisees.
7. Since 1 September 1999 have on-board public transport ridership surveys, where passengers are asked to complete trip diaries, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) Millward Brown (previously Yarrn Campbell Hoare Wheeler); and (b) any other companies.
8. If so — (a) on what dates and time periods; (b) by whom; and (c) at what contracted costs to the Department of Infrastructure, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
9. How many of those trip diaries were returned for each survey period in total which included metropolitan rail, tram, bus, interurban rail or intercity rail journeys.
10. How often since 1 September 1999 have public transport ridership surveys with contractors or staff stationed at railway stations, tram or bus stops or riding trains, trams or buses, and counting 'on/off's' at each stop, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) any companies, contractors or in house by or for the Department Infrastructure; and (b) Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
11. What dates and time periods did each 'counting' survey cover and what was the contracted cost.
12. When compared with the 12 months prior, what patronage per month/annum do the above 'diary' and 'counting' surveys indicate for — (a) metropolitan rail; (b) metropolitan tram; (c) metropolitan bus; and (d) V/Line intercity services.
13. How many passenger journeys using the services of each rail and tram franchises are expected to be made in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.

178. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — 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.
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.
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.
181. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — 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.
182. **MR BAILLIEU** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment — 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.
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.
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.

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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.
188. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what was the total cost of relocating from 1 Macarthur Street to 1 Treasury Place (including transport costs, storage costs, removalist costs, staff overtime, stationery and office equipment) the offices of — (a) the Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier on Multicultural Affairs; (b) the Victorian Multicultural Affairs Unit; and (c) the Victorian Multicultural Commission.
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.
190. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —
1. Will the Government continue to support and fund the — (a) Melbourne Marine Week; (b) Melbourne Furnishing Festival; (c) Victorian Wine Week; (d) Melbourne Manufacturing Expo; and (e) Australian Automotive Week.
 2. What funding will be provided to each in 2000–2001.
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.

192. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Conservation with reference to *The Age* article on Thursday 2 March 2000 entitled 'No, Minister — Not Good Enough' by Claire Miller and to issues raised by the Victorian Association of Forest Industries —
1. What steps have been taken to address the significant social and economic dislocation which will result from current Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) proposals for Gippsland and the West.
 2. Will the Minister guarantee that there will be no further reductions in sustainable yield in these or other RFA areas once these final two RFAs are signed.
 3. What other steps does the Government intend to take to give industry the confidence to invest if such a guarantee is unable to be given.
 4. How will the Government ensure that its proposed Timber Industry Plan addresses cross-portfolio issues and what expertise will it utilise to ensure a quality result which meets industry needs.
 5. What does the Government intend to do to stop violent confrontations in the forests.
 6. Will the Government be prepared to make significant additional funding available to address the situation where, in order to address environmental protection requirements, there is a negative social and economic impact on certain sections of the community.
 7. Will the State Government be approaching the Commonwealth to make significant additional structural adjustment funds available, now that significant downsizing in the timber industry is a possibility, given that Tasmania and New South Wales have received substantial funding from the Commonwealth (in the vicinity of \$80M) for their RFAs.
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.
194. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision to kill grey headed flying foxes in the Royal Botanic Gardens — whether the Minister sought or received Departmental advice; if so — (a) what was the Departmental advice which the Minister relied upon in relation to the culling; (b) what alternative approaches were considered; (c) were any non-lethal approaches examined; and (d) what were the cost estimates.
195. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what will be the future budget allocations to each of the seventeen 'Rail Trails' and (b) over what time frame will they each be completed.

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196. **DR DEAN** — To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General — what was the total cost to the Attorney-General'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.
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.
198. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry —
1. Who will conduct the audit.
 2. What budget will be allocated to the audit.
 3. What instructions have or will be given to those carrying out the audit of — (a) new technologies and industries; (b) issues facing Victoria's industries; and (c) industry sectors in rural and regional Victoria.
199. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment with reference to the Minister's announcement of the Information Communication Technology Skills Taskforce —
1. How much is the Minister's Department spending on information technology training.
 2. What amount is spent on — (a) job support; and (b) trainee subsidies.
 3. How many employers will be included in the 'Go for IT' on-the-job training program.
 4. Will the Minister increase funding for information technology training given that she has been quoted in *The Age* newspaper on 31 March 2000 as saying the Bracks Government is 'not keeping pace with either the skills shortage or being at the cutting edge'.
200. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's announcement of the Information Communication Technology Skills Taskforce —
1. On what basis has the Minister stated that 'more than 40,000 jobs in information technology related industries will go begging in Australia over the next three years'.
 2. What are the duties of the Taskforce.
 3. How often will the Taskforce meet.
 4. For how long has the Taskforce been established.

5. What budget will be allocated to the running of the Taskforce.
 6. What fees will its Members be paid.
 7. On what basis will the Taskforce's success be judged.
 8. What instructions have been given to the Taskforce in respect of — (a) development of strategies to address the skills shortage; and (b) the building of mechanisms — (i) for retraining people to use new technology; (ii) to accelerate training programs; and (iii) to deal with skill migration issues.
 9. Will the Government put more funding into information and communication technology education and trainee schemes.
201. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to Lake Colac —
1. What are the most recent studies of — (a) water quality; and (b) the qualities of the sediment and silt, specifying in each case who conducted the study and what were the results.
 2. What plans does the Government have for — (a) improving the water quality; (b) dealing with silting problems; (c) beautifying the banks; and (d) improving the facilities surrounding the lake.
 3. What advice does the Government have in relation to water quality in the creeks and drains flowing into the lake.
202. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what is the Government's policy on the installation and usage of rainwater tanks to collect water from the roofs of domestic premises across Victoria.
203. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 1 April 2000 for a Director, Policy and Regional Access in Multimedia Victoria — (a) what is the Government's Regional Access strategy; and (b) why is it not on the Multimedia Victoria website.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 APRIL 2000

204. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to his press release of Friday 7 April 2000 in which he claimed to have launched the world's first government internet service that delivers a single entry access point for a record number of government on-line services —
1. When was the Multi-service Express conceived and is it a rebadging of the existing Victorian Government Electronic Service Delivery.

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2. What is the difference between the Electronic Service Delivery system and Multi-service Express.
 3. What is the role of Maxi Multimedia in Multi-service Express.
 4. When were ordering facilities for court transcripts placed on the Electronic Service Delivery system.
 5. From what date has it been possible via the Electronic Service Delivery system to — (a) arrange electricity disconnection or new connection from United Energy; (b) order videos or film from Cinemedia; and (c) search for VCE results, birth or death certificates.
 6. From what dates was access to the rest of the 92 government services available.
205. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the survey of the effectiveness of the Victorian Interpreter Card — (a) what was its total cost of the survey; (b) what were its findings; and (c) what were its recommendations.

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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.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTION

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 2 MAY 2000

207. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs whether the Victorian Government has provided financial assistance or any other kind of support or advice to — (a) the Macedonian Teachers Association; (b) any person or group acting on behalf of the Macedonian Teachers Association; (c) any other organisation associated with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; or (d) any other person or group of people or organisations in relation to the appeal to the High Court of Australia of the decision of the Full Federal Court regarding the use of the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)'.

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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 Tuesday 2 May 2000.

Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED 4 MAY 2000

Nil

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES 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.

5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.

9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.

10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1999

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".

28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.

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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
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.
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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.
 36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
 37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
 1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.
 2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.

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42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
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.
46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.
 2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.
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.

49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and (c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.
2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.

50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —

1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive.
2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.
3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.

51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —

1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.
4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.

52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield; (b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.
 2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.

57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.
58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.
59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".

65. **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.
 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.

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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in The Australian Financial Review of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".

4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —
 1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.

72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
 1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.

5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.

73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.

NOTICES 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.

78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998–99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.

81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.

82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.

83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
 1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry-based learning programs and have they been achieved.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

86. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming, Major Projects and Tourism, for the Honourable the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
 1. What additional funding from 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
 2. In the Eastern Region, in relation to both sport and physical education instruction what proportion of this additional time in the 2000 school year, in primary and secondary schools respectively will see children receiving additional instruction from specialist physical education teachers in lieu of general class teachers.
 3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.

87. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many assaults and other offences were reported on the Glen Waverley rail line — (a) each year for the period 1992 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 2. How many assaults and other offences occurred at each of the Jordanville, Mount Waverley and Syndal railway stations for these specified years and months.
 3. How many assaults or other offences were reported on the Lilydale, Belgrave and Alamein lines, and at each rail station between Chatham and Ringwood inclusive, for — (a) the period 1998 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 4. What operational numbers of police did Victoria Police have in relation to officers patrolling public transport as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999 and what was the breakdown at each date by rank.
 5. For each month between June and November 1999 inclusive, how many hours did Victoria Police personnel patrol — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) V/Line Passenger Services.
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

102. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether Ms Kerri Erler, the unsuccessful candidate in the seat of Bellarine, has taken up the post of regional adviser to the Premier for the Geelong region, as advised in the Geelong press on 8 February 2000; if so — (a) what will be the nature and extent of Ms Erler's duties; (b) what salary and other expenses will be paid to Ms Erler; (c) what office, vehicle and other costs will be met by the Government; and (d) what is the estimated overall annual cost of the provision of the services of Ms Erler.
105. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Premier —
1. Does the Premier'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 Premier's Department; and (b) all statutory authorities and Government business enterprises responsible to the Premier's Department.
 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
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.
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 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.
2. If, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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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.

112. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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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114. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

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.

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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
118. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
121. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —
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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

122. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

124. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —

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.
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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.

128. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —

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.
 5. 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.
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.
 2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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131. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

132. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

136. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

137. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

138. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

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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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 —

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

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.
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147. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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149. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
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.
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153. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —
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.
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154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —
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.
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156. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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.
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158. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —

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.
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164. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —

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.
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166. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

167. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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.
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171. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

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.
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172. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
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.
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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.
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174. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —
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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
177. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd in which the Department of Infrastructure has a 20 per cent shareholding —
1. How many staff did Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd have at 30 June 1999 and 31 December 1999 and what was its operating budget in 1999–2000 and the anticipated operating budget for 2000–2001.
 2. What proportion of the salaries does the Department of Infrastructure pay.
 3. What is the relationship between One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd and the Department of Infrastructure.
 4. Within how many days after receipt from customers is revenue required to be remitted to either One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd or Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd by — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; (e) Melbourne metropolitan private bus operators; and (f) One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd.
 5. Are credit card transactions originating from Bayside and Hillside Trains railway stations, using either a manual card imprinter or an EFTPOS credit linked keypad machine, and which are then processed by Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd, taking weeks to appear on Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express statements; if so, why.
 6. What revenue split has been agreed to between the private bus operators and the four rail and tram metropolitan franchisees.
 7. Since 1 September 1999 have on-board public transport ridership surveys, where passengers are asked to complete trip diaries, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) Millward Brown (previously Yann Campbell Hoare Wheeler); and (b) any other companies.
 8. If so — (a) on what dates and time periods; (b) by whom; and (c) at what contracted costs to the Department of Infrastructure, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 9. How many of those trip diaries were returned for each survey period in total which included metropolitan rail, tram, bus, interurban rail or intercity rail journeys.
 10. How often since 1 September 1999 have public transport ridership surveys with contractors or staff stationed at railway stations, tram or bus stops or riding trains, trams or buses, and counting 'on/off's' at each stop, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) any companies, contractors or in house by or for the Department Infrastructure; and (b) Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 11. What dates and time periods did each 'counting' survey cover and what was the contracted cost.

12. When compared with the 12 months prior, what patronage per month/annum do the above 'diary' and 'counting' surveys indicate for — (a) metropolitan rail; (b) metropolitan tram; (c) metropolitan bus; and (d) V/Line intercity services.
13. How many passenger journeys using the services of each rail and tram franchises are expected to be made in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
178. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — 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.
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.

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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.
181. **MRS SHARDEY** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — 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.

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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.

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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.
188. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — what was the total cost of relocating from 1 Macarthur Street to 1 Treasury Place (including transport costs, storage costs, removalist costs, staff overtime, stationery and office equipment) the offices of — (a) the Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier on Multicultural Affairs; (b) the Victorian Multicultural Affairs Unit; and (c) the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

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.

190. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —
1. Will the Government continue to support and fund the — (a) Melbourne Marine Week; (b) Melbourne Furnishing Festival; (c) Victorian Wine Week; (d) Melbourne Manufacturing Expo; and (e) Australian Automotive Week.
 2. What funding will be provided to each in 2000–2001.
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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 22 MARCH 2000

194. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision to kill grey headed flying foxes in the Royal Botanic Gardens — whether the Minister sought or received Departmental advice; if so — (a) what was the Departmental advice which the Minister relied upon in relation to the culling; (b) what alternative approaches were considered; (c) were any non-lethal approaches examined; and (d) what were the cost estimates.
195. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what will be the future budget allocations to each of the 17 'Rail Trails'; and (b) over what time frame will they each be completed.

NOTICES 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.

198. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry —
1. Who will conduct the audit.
 2. What budget will be allocated to the audit.
 3. What instructions have or will be given to those carrying out the audit of — (a) new technologies and industries; (b) issues facing Victoria's industries; and (c) industry sectors in rural and regional Victoria.
200. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's announcement of the Information Communication Technology Skills Taskforce —
1. On what basis has the Minister stated that 'more than 40,000 jobs in information technology related industries will go begging in Australia over the next three years'.
 2. What are the duties of the Taskforce.
 3. How often will the Taskforce meet.
 4. For how long has the Taskforce been established.
 5. What budget will be allocated to the running of the Taskforce.
 6. What fees will its Members be paid.
 7. On what basis will the Taskforce's success be judged.
 8. What instructions have been given to the Taskforce in respect of — (a) development of strategies to address the skills shortage; and (b) the building of mechanisms — (i) for retraining people to use new technology; (ii) to accelerate training programs; and (iii) to deal with skill migration issues.
 9. Will the Government put more funding into information and communication technology education and trainee schemes.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 11 APRIL 2000

201. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to Lake Colac —
1. What are the most recent studies of — (a) water quality; and (b) the qualities of the sediment and silt, specifying in each case who conducted the study and what were the results.

2. What plans does the Government have for — (a) improving the water quality; (b) dealing with silting problems; (c) beautifying the banks; and (d) improving the facilities surrounding the lake.
 3. What advice does the Government have in relation to water quality in the creeks and drains flowing into the lake.
202. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what is the Government's policy on the installation and usage of rainwater tanks to collect water from the roofs of domestic premises across Victoria.
203. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 1 April 2000 for a Director, Policy and Regional Access in Multimedia Victoria — (a) what is the Government's Regional Access strategy; and (b) why is it not on the Multimedia Victoria website.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 APRIL 2000

204. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to his press release of Friday 7 April 2000 in which he claimed to have launched the world's first government internet service that delivers a single entry access point for a record number of government on-line services —
1. When was the Multi-service Express conceived and is it a rebadging of the existing Victorian Government Electronic Service Delivery.
 2. What is the difference between the Electronic Service Delivery system and Multi-service Express.
 3. What is the role of Maxi Multimedia in Multi-service Express.
 4. When were ordering facilities for court transcripts placed on the Electronic Service Delivery system.
 5. From what date has it been possible via the Electronic Service Delivery system to — (a) arrange electricity disconnection or new connection from United Energy; (b) order videos or film from Cinemedia; and (c) search for VCE results, birth or death certificates.
 6. From what dates was access to the rest of the 92 government services available.
205. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the survey of the effectiveness of the Victorian Interpreter Card — (a) what was its total cost of the survey; (b) what were its findings; and (c) what were its recommendations.

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.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 MAY 2000

207. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs whether the Victorian Government has provided financial assistance or any other kind of support or advice to — (a) the Macedonian Teachers Association; (b) any person or group acting on behalf of the Macedonian Teachers Association; (c) any other organisation associated with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; or (d) any other person or group of people or organisations in relation to the appeal to the High Court of Australia of the decision of the Full Federal Court regarding the use of the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)'.

NEW QUESTION**NOTICE RECEIVED 11 MAY 2000**

208. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a review of the Premier's Private Office has been instigated and if so — (a) what are the terms of reference; (b) who is undertaking the review; (c) what is the total cost of the review; (d) whether the review has been completed and if so what were the recommendations; and (e) whether the review is going to be made public.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTION

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 24 MAY 2000

209. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Park and Ride project which has been proposed for the corner of Doncaster Road and Hender Street, Doncaster —

1. What is the timing for the development of the project.
2. How many car parking spaces does it intend to provide.
3. What is the catchment area that it will cater for.
4. What other facilities does it intend to provide on the site.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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 Tuesday 23 May 2000.

Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED 26 MAY 2000

Nil

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 31 MAY 2000

210. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation, what has been the level of government expenditure or projected expenditure on beach renourishment in Victoria for the years 1996–1997 to 2000–2001 inclusive.
211. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. How many of the 344 management notices and the 1,119 directions to landowners in 1998–1999 were issued to land managers in the Port Phillip East Conservation and Land Protection (CALP) region, in respect of weed infestation and control.
 2. What action has the Minister taken or will be taking in relation to the control and eradication of weeds on railway land and reserves.
 3. How many management notices and directions to landowners have been issued to the managers or occupiers of railway reserves in Victoria in the current financial year to date.
 4. What action will the Minister be taking to consult with community groups, other organisations and individuals in relation to the development of Regional Weed Action Plans.
 5. Whether contributors to the report of the Parliamentary Environment and Natural Resources Committee entitled *Report on Weeds in Victoria* of May 1998 will have the opportunity to contribute advice on the formation of Regional Weed Action Plans; and if so whether the Minister will be placing advertisements in metropolitan and regional newspapers calling for submissions.
 6. What steps have been or will be taken by the Minister to limit the sale and distribution of plants such as *Sollya Hetrophulla* (Bluebell Creeper), *Pittosporum Undulatum* (Sweet Pittosporum), *Genista Linifolia* (Flax Leaf Broom) and *Cortaderia Sellona* (Pampas Grass), which threaten natural eco-systems and which are generally available for sale in many Victorian nurseries.
 7. What plans does the Minister have to control 'regionally controlled weeds' such as the Angled Onion (*Allium Triquetrum*), Blackberry (*Rubus Fruticosus*), Flax-leaved Broom (*Genista Linifolia*), Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) and Thistles (various species) growing on road reserves in the West and South Gippsland areas (Port Phillip East and West Gippsland CALP Regions) including the South Gippsland and Bass Highways and other main roads in the regions.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

NOTICES 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.

5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.

9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.

10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1999

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".

28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.

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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
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.

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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.
36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.
 2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.
42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored —
- (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the

dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.

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.
46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.
 2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.
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.
49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and

(c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.

2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.

50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —

1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive.
2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.
3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.

51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —

1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.
4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.

52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield;

(b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.

2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.

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.
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.

54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.

55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.

56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.

57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this

program in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2001-02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.

58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.
59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".
65. **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.

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.

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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in The Australian Financial Review of 25 November 1999—
 1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".
 4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that

Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.

5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —

1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.

72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —

1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.
5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.

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6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
 7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.
73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
 2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
 3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.

NOTICES 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.
78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998-99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998-99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.

81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry-based learning programs and have they been achieved.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

86. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Gaming, Major Projects and Tourism, for the Honourable the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
1. What additional funding from 1999-2000 to 2002-2003 inclusive has been allocated for Victorian Government primary and secondary schools respectively, as a result of the Minister for Sport and Recreation's announcement on 25 November 1999 that Victorian school children in Government schools are to be allocated more time for organised sporting and physical and health education.
 2. In the Eastern Region, in relation to both sport and physical education instruction what proportion of this additional time in the 2000 school year, in primary and secondary schools respectively will see children receiving additional instruction from specialist physical education teachers in lieu of general class teachers.
 3. What measures has or will the Government institute to ensure that children receive access to at least the same opportunities in — (a) Catholic; and (b) other independent primary and secondary schools.
87. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many assaults and other offences were reported on the Glen Waverley rail line — (a) each year for the period 1992 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the

months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.

2. How many assaults and other offences occurred at each of the Jordanville, Mount Waverley and Syndal railway stations for these specified years and months.
3. How many assaults or other offences were reported on the Lilydale, Belgrave and Alamein lines, and at each rail station between Chatham and Ringwood inclusive, for — (a) the period 1998 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
4. What operational numbers of police did Victoria Police have in relation to officers patrolling public transport as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999 and what was the breakdown at each date by rank.
5. For each month between June and November 1999 inclusive, how many hours did Victoria Police personnel patrol — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) V/Line Passenger Services.

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

102. **MR SPRY** — To ask the Honourable the Premier — whether Ms Kerri Erler, the unsuccessful candidate in the seat of Bellarine, has taken up the post of regional adviser to the Premier for the Geelong region, as advised in the Geelong press on 8 February 2000; if so — (a) what will be the nature and extent of Ms Erler's duties; (b) what salary and other expenses will be paid to Ms Erler; (c) what office, vehicle and other costs will be met by the Government; and (d) what is the estimated overall annual cost of the provision of the services of Ms Erler.
104. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer —
1. How many properties in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 are expected to have land tax levied on them in 1999–2000.
 2. What is the total expected value of the land tax in each of these postcodes for 1999–2000.
 3. How many properties in each of these postcodes are attracting land tax for the first time in 1999–2000 and what is the total expected value of the land tax.
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
112. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —
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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114. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
118. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —
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.
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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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

121. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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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122. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
124. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Resources —
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.
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128. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture —
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.

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.
2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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131. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

132. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
136. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
137. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

138. MR WILSON — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

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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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 —

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

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.
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147. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Ports —

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.
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149. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
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.
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153. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —
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.
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154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —
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.

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156. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts —

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.
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158. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —

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.
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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.

167. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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.

171. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

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.

172. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

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.

173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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.

174. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —

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.

177. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd in which the Department of Infrastructure has a 20 per cent shareholding —

1. How many staff did Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd have at 30 June 1999 and 31 December 1999 and what was its operating budget in 1999–2000 and the anticipated operating budget for 2000–2001.
2. What proportion of the salaries does the Department of Infrastructure pay.
3. What is the relationship between One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd and the Department of Infrastructure.
4. Within how many days after receipt from customers is revenue required to be remitted to either One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd or Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd by — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; (e) Melbourne metropolitan private bus operators; and (f) One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd.
5. Are credit card transactions originating from Bayside and Hillside Trains railway stations, using either a manual card imprinter or an EFTPOS credit linked keypad machine, and which are then processed by Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd, taking weeks to appear on Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express statements; if so, why.
6. What revenue split has been agreed to between the private bus operators and the four rail and tram metropolitan franchisees.
7. Since 1 September 1999 have on-board public transport ridership surveys, where passengers are asked to complete trip diaries, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) Millward Brown (previously Yann Campbell Hoare Wheeler); and (b) any other companies.
8. If so — (a) on what dates and time periods; (b) by whom; and (c) at what contracted costs to the Department of Infrastructure, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
9. How many of those trip diaries were returned for each survey period in total which included metropolitan rail, tram, bus, interurban rail or intercity rail journeys.

10. How often since 1 September 1999 have public transport ridership surveys with contractors or staff stationed at railway stations, tram or bus stops or riding trains, trams or buses, and counting 'on/off's' at each stop, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) any companies, contractors or in house by or for the Department Infrastructure; and (b) Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 11. What dates and time periods did each 'counting' survey cover and what was the contracted cost.
 12. When compared with the 12 months prior, what patronage per month/annum do the above 'diary' and 'counting' surveys indicate for — (a) metropolitan rail; (b) metropolitan tram; (c) metropolitan bus; and (d) V/Line intercity services.
 13. How many passenger journeys using the services of each rail and tram franchises are expected to be made in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
178. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — 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.
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.

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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.

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190. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —
1. Will the Government continue to support and fund the — (a) Melbourne Marine Week; (b) Melbourne Furnishing Festival; (c) Victorian Wine Week; (d) Melbourne Manufacturing Expo; and (e) Australian Automotive Week.
 2. What funding will be provided to each in 2000–2001.
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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 22 MARCH 2000

194. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision to kill grey headed flying foxes in the Royal Botanic Gardens — whether the Minister sought or received Departmental advice; if so — (a) what was the Departmental advice which the Minister relied upon in relation to the culling; (b) what alternative approaches were considered; (c) were any non-lethal approaches examined; and (d) what were the cost estimates.
195. **MR DIXON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — (a) what will be the future budget allocations to each of the 17 'Rail Trails'; and (b) over what time frame will they each be completed.

NOTICES 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.

198. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry —
1. Who will conduct the audit.
 2. What budget will be allocated to the audit.
 3. What instructions have or will be given to those carrying out the audit of — (a) new technologies and industries; (b) issues facing Victoria's industries; and (c) industry sectors in rural and regional Victoria.
200. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's announcement of the Information Communication Technology Skills Taskforce —
1. On what basis has the Minister stated that 'more than 40,000 jobs in information technology related industries will go begging in Australia over the next three years'.
 2. What are the duties of the Taskforce.
 3. How often will the Taskforce meet.
 4. For how long has the Taskforce been established.
 5. What budget will be allocated to the running of the Taskforce.
 6. What fees will its Members be paid.
 7. On what basis will the Taskforce's success be judged.
 8. What instructions have been given to the Taskforce in respect of — (a) development of strategies to address the skills shortage; and (b) the building of mechanisms — (i) for retraining people to use new technology; (ii) to accelerate training programs; and (iii) to deal with skill migration issues.
 9. Will the Government put more funding into information and communication technology education and trainee schemes.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 11 APRIL 2000

201. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Conservation and Environment with reference to Lake Colac —
1. What are the most recent studies of — (a) water quality; and (b) the qualities of the sediment and silt, specifying in each case who conducted the study and what were the results.

2. What plans does the Government have for — (a) improving the water quality; (b) dealing with silting problems; (c) beautifying the banks; and (d) improving the facilities surrounding the lake.
 3. What advice does the Government have in relation to water quality in the creeks and drains flowing into the lake.
202. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation — what is the Government's policy on the installation and usage of rainwater tanks to collect water from the roofs of domestic premises across Victoria.
203. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 1 April 2000 for a Director, Policy and Regional Access in Multimedia Victoria — (a) what is the Government's Regional Access strategy; and (b) why is it not on the Multimedia Victoria website.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 APRIL 2000

204. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to his press release of Friday 7 April 2000 in which he claimed to have launched the world's first government internet service that delivers a single entry access point for a record number of government on-line services —
1. When was the Multi-service Express conceived and is it a rebadging of the existing Victorian Government Electronic Service Delivery.
 2. What is the difference between the Electronic Service Delivery system and Multi-service Express.
 3. What is the role of Maxi Multimedia in Multi-service Express.
 4. When were ordering facilities for court transcripts placed on the Electronic Service Delivery system.
 5. From what date has it been possible via the Electronic Service Delivery system to — (a) arrange electricity disconnection or new connection from United Energy; (b) order videos or film from Cinemedia; and (c) search for VCE results, birth or death certificates.
 6. From what dates was access to the rest of the 92 government services available.
205. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the survey of the effectiveness of the Victorian Interpreter Card — (a) what was its total cost of the survey; (b) what were its findings; and (c) what were its recommendations.

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.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 MAY 2000

207. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs whether the Victorian Government has provided financial assistance or any other kind of support or advice to — (a) the Macedonian Teachers Association; (b) any person or group acting on behalf of the Macedonian Teachers Association; (c) any other organisation associated with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; or (d) any other person or group of people or organisations in relation to the appeal to the High Court of Australia of the decision of the Full Federal Court regarding the use of the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)'.

NOTICE RECEIVED 11 MAY 2000

208. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a review of the Premier's Private Office has been instigated and if so — (a) what are the terms of reference; (b) who is undertaking the review; (c) what is the total cost of the review; (d) whether the review has been completed and if so what were the recommendations; and (e) whether the review is going to be made public.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 24 MAY 2000

209. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to the Park and Ride project which has been proposed for the corner of Doncaster Road and Hender Street, Doncaster —
1. What is the timing for the development of the project.
 2. How many car parking spaces does it intend to provide.
 3. What is the catchment area that it will cater for.
 4. What other facilities does it intend to provide on the site.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 31 MAY 2000

210. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation, what has been the level of government expenditure or projected expenditure on beach renourishment in Victoria for the years 1996–1997 to 2000–2001 inclusive.
211. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. How many of the 344 management notices and the 1,119 directions to landowners in 1998–1999 were issued to land managers in the Port Phillip East Conservation and Land Protection (CALP) region, in respect of weed infestation and control.
 2. What action has the Minister taken or will be taking in relation to the control and eradication of weeds on railway land and reserves.
 3. How many management notices and directions to landowners have been issued to the managers or occupiers of railway reserves in Victoria in the current financial year to date.
 4. What action will the Minister be taking to consult with community groups, other organisations and individuals in relation to the development of Regional Weed Action Plans.
 5. Whether contributors to the report of the Parliamentary Environment and Natural Resources Committee entitled *Report on Weeds in Victoria* of May 1998 will have the opportunity to contribute advice on the formation of Regional Weed Action Plans; and if so whether the Minister will be placing advertisements in metropolitan and regional newspapers calling for submissions.
 6. What steps have been or will be taken by the Minister to limit the sale and distribution of plants such as *Sollya Hetrophulla* (Bluebell Creeper), *Pittosporum Undulatum* (Sweet Pittosporum), *Genista Linifolia* (Flax Leaf Broom) and *Cortaderia Sellona* (Pampas Grass), which threaten natural eco-systems and which are generally available for sale in many Victorian nurseries.
 7. What plans does the Minister have to control 'regionally controlled weeds' such as the Angled Onion (*Allium Triquetrum*), Blackberry (*Rubus Fruticosus*), Flax-leaved Broom (*Genista Linifolia*), Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) and Thistles (various species) growing on road reserves in the West and South Gippsland areas (Port Phillip East and West Gippsland CALP Regions) including the South Gippsland and Bass Highways and other main roads in the regions.

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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.
5. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) what funding will be made available to establish or support the Victorian Research and Development Council in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003; and (b) whether membership will be drawn solely from the ranks of companies and research institutions or will union representatives also be included.
9. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) how many departmental officer hours will be provided in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 for localised administrative support to arts organisations in regional Victoria to assist with the drafting or writing of funding submissions; and (b) whether this assistance will be extended to metropolitan arts organisations or individuals; if not, why.
10. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Arts — (a) what additional funding will be provided to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 to enable exhibitions to tour regional Victoria; and (b) what will be the benchmark or benchmarks used in determining whether or not a particular regional centre has access to a National Gallery of Victoria touring exhibition.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1999

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".

28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.

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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
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.
36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.
 2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Baimsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.

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42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
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.
46. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to ensure that overseas students who study in Victoria can be appointed 'honorary tourism ambassadors' upon returning to their homelands and what does this funding represent per student returning home in each of those years.
 2. How many Victorian enrolled overseas students are expected to return to their homelands in each of the years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Will the students receive any special recognition at their graduation ceremonies to recognise their potential new role, and will educational institutions receive any additional funding from the Minister to assist with this.
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.

49. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. How many international airlines flew non-stop into and out of Melbourne from or to an overseas destination on a scheduled basis at 30 June 1999; indicating — (a) what was the total passenger-carrying capacity of non-stop flights of each airline in each direction in the week ending 30 June 1999; (b) what was the name of each airline; and (c) how many flights each week did each airline provide in each direction at 30 June 1999.
 2. How many — (a) non-stop international flights into and out of Melbourne is the Government's aim per week by 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; and (b) what total passenger carrying capacity in each direction is aimed for per week at these dates.
50. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a tourism trail focussed on Chinese migration into Victoria from South Australia into the Victorian Goldfields —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–2003 inclusive.
 2. What towns or localities will be included on the tourism trail.
 3. How much will be provided in each of the years for — (a) road signage; (b) historical markers; (c) interpretive displays; (d) historical research; and (e) printing and publishing of booklets or brochures.
 4. Will the establishment of such a trail conflict with existing sign-posted tourism routes in the Goldfields region of Victoria.
51. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism — In relation to the development of a 'Goldfields Grand Walking Trails' route —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 2. How many kilometres will be completed in each of these years and which sections of the trail will this represent.
 3. What route will this trail take and which towns or localities will the route pass through.
 4. What is the total anticipated cost and length of the trail.
 5. What percentage of the proposed trail is on — (a) former railway reserves; (b) adjacent to public roads; (c) other Crown land; and (d) private land.
 6. Were any affected private landholders consulted prior to the Government's commitment being made public.
 7. When is the scheduled completion date of the trail.

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52. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —
1. What funding has or will be provided in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive to develop areas for adventure tourism at — (a) Mansfield; (b) Bright; (c) Gippsland Lakes; (d) Grampians/Mt Arapiles; (e) Mildura; and (f) Great Ocean Road.
 2. What proportion of the funding to each area in each of these years will be spent on — (a) advertising; (b) capital works for tourist-related facilities; and (c) recurrent funding for tourism organisations.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
55. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "pressure the Federal Government to install quickly a suitable legal framework to protect personal information in the private sector", what has he done to pressure the Federal Government.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.

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57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative; (f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.
58. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "continue to support VicOne while investigating ways in which VicOne can be better leveraged to reduce access costs", what ways has the Minister found to better leverage VicOne and reduce access costs.
59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
62. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will establish "Parliament Live" — (a) when will a reference be made to a Parliamentary committee to investigate the elements of this proposal; and (b) what budget is the Government making available for "Parliament Live".

65. **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.
 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.

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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in *The Australian Financial Review* of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".

4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —
 1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.
72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
 1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.

4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.
5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.

73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.

NOTICES 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.

78. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —

1. What percentage of the Department's purchases were from — (a) Melbourne; (b) regional Victorian; or (c) interstate vendors in 1998-99 and 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 Department in — (a) 1998–99; and (b) from 1 July to 30 November 1999 from — (i) Melbourne; and (ii) regional Victorian vendors.
81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry-based learning programs and have they been achieved.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 7 DECEMBER 1999

87. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
1. How many assaults and other offences were reported on the Glen Waverley rail line — (a) each year for the period 1992 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 2. How many assaults and other offences occurred at each of the Jordanville, Mount Waverley and Syndal railway stations for these specified years and months.
 3. How many assaults or other offences were reported on the Lilydale, Belgrave and Alamein lines, and at each rail station between Chatham and Ringwood inclusive, for — (a) the period 1998 up to and including 8 December 1999; and (b) for the months of October 1998, November 1998, October 1999 and November 1999 respectively.
 4. What operational numbers of police did Victoria Police have in relation to officers patrolling public transport as at — (a) 30 June 1999; (b) 30 September 1999; and (c) 30 November 1999 and what was the breakdown at each date by rank.

5. For each month between June and November 1999 inclusive, how many hours did Victoria Police personnel patrol — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; and (e) V/Line Passenger Services.

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

104. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Finance and Assistant Treasurer —

1. How many properties in each of the areas represented by the postcodes 3125, 3128, 3130, 3149 and 3151 are expected to have land tax levied on them in 1999–2000.

2. What is the total expected value of the land tax in each of these postcodes for 1999–2000.

3. How many properties in each of these postcodes are attracting land tax for the first time in 1999–2000 and what is the total expected value of the land tax.

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.

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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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114. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
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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118. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —

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.
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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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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.

131. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

132. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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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136. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism —

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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
137. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
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.
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(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.
138. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —
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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(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.
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.

2. If so, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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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 —
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.
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149. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
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153. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations —

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.
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154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —

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.
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158. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —

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.
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164. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —

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167. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Racing —

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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.

172. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

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.

173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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.

174. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —

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.
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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.

177. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Transport with reference to Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd in which the Department of Infrastructure has a 20 per cent shareholding —

1. How many staff did Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd have at 30 June 1999 and 31 December 1999 and what was its operating budget in 1999–2000 and the anticipated operating budget for 2000–2001.
2. What proportion of the salaries does the Department of Infrastructure pay.
3. What is the relationship between One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd and the Department of Infrastructure.

4. Within how many days after receipt from customers is revenue required to be remitted to either One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd or Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd by — (a) Hillside Trains; (b) Bayside Trains; (c) Swanston Trams; (d) Yarra Trams; (e) Melbourne metropolitan private bus operators; and (f) One Link Transit Systems Pty Ltd.
 5. Are credit card transactions originating from Bayside and Hillside Trains railway stations, using either a manual card imprinter or an EFTPOS credit linked keypad machine, and which are then processed by Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd, taking weeks to appear on Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express statements; if so, why.
 6. What revenue split has been agreed to between the private bus operators and the four rail and tram metropolitan franchisees.
 7. Since 1 September 1999 have on-board public transport ridership surveys, where passengers are asked to complete trip diaries, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) Millward Brown (previously Yann Campbell Hoare Wheeler); and (b) any other companies.
 8. If so — (a) on what dates and time periods; (b) by whom; and (c) at what contracted costs to the Department of Infrastructure, Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 9. How many of those trip diaries were returned for each survey period in total which included metropolitan rail, tram, bus, interurban rail or intercity rail journeys.
 10. How often since 1 September 1999 have public transport ridership surveys with contractors or staff stationed at railway stations, tram or bus stops or riding trains, trams or buses, and counting 'on/off's' at each stop, been conducted for metropolitan Melbourne or rural Victoria, including V/Line interurban and V/Line intercity services, by — (a) any companies, contractors or in house by or for the Department Infrastructure; and (b) Revenue Clearing House Pty Ltd or its constituent franchisees.
 11. What dates and time periods did each 'counting' survey cover and what was the contracted cost.
 12. When compared with the 12 months prior, what patronage per month/annum do the above 'diary' and 'counting' surveys indicate for — (a) metropolitan rail; (b) metropolitan tram; (c) metropolitan bus; and (d) V/Line intercity services.
 13. How many passenger journeys using the services of each rail and tram franchises are expected to be made in — (a) 1999–2000; and (b) 2000–2001.
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.
190. **MR WELLS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Manufacturing Industry —
1. Will the Government continue to support and fund the — (a) Melbourne Marine Week; (b) Melbourne Furnishing Festival; (c) Victorian Wine Week; (d) Melbourne Manufacturing Expo; and (e) Australian Automotive Week.
 2. What funding will be provided to each in 2000–2001.
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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 22 MARCH 2000

194. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to the decision to kill grey headed flying foxes in the Royal Botanic Gardens — whether the Minister sought or received Departmental advice; if so — (a) what was the Departmental advice which the Minister relied upon in relation to the culling; (b) what alternative approaches were considered; (c) were any non-lethal approaches examined; and (d) what were the cost estimates.

NOTICES 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.
198. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry —
1. Who will conduct the audit.
 2. What budget will be allocated to the audit.
 3. What instructions have or will be given to those carrying out the audit of — (a) new technologies and industries; (b) issues facing Victoria's industries; and (c) industry sectors in rural and regional Victoria.
200. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's announcement of the Information Communication Technology Skills Taskforce —
1. On what basis has the Minister stated that 'more than 40,000 jobs in information technology related industries will go begging in Australia over the next three years'.
 2. What are the duties of the Taskforce.
 3. How often will the Taskforce meet.
 4. For how long has the Taskforce been established.
 5. What budget will be allocated to the running of the Taskforce.
 6. What fees will its Members be paid.
 7. On what basis will the Taskforce's success be judged.
 8. What instructions have been given to the Taskforce in respect of — (a) development of strategies to address the skills shortage; and (b) the building of mechanisms — (i) for retraining people to use new technology; (ii) to accelerate training programs; and (iii) to deal with skill migration issues.
 9. Will the Government put more funding into information and communication technology education and trainee schemes.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 11 APRIL 2000

203. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 1 April 2000 for a Director, Policy and Regional Access in Multimedia Victoria — (a) what is the Government's Regional Access strategy; and (b) why is it not on the Multimedia Victoria website.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 13 APRIL 2000

204. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to his press release of Friday 7 April 2000 in which he claimed to have launched the world's first government internet service that delivers a single entry access point for a record number of government on-line services —
1. When was the Multi-service Express conceived and is it a rebadging of the existing Victorian Government Electronic Service Delivery.
 2. What is the difference between the Electronic Service Delivery system and Multi-service Express.
 3. What is the role of Maxi Multimedia in Multi-service Express.
 4. When were ordering facilities for court transcripts placed on the Electronic Service Delivery system.
 5. From what date has it been possible via the Electronic Service Delivery system to — (a) arrange electricity disconnection or new connection from United Energy; (b) order videos or film from Cinemedia; and (c) search for VCE results, birth or death certificates.
 6. From what dates was access to the rest of the 92 government services available.
205. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs with reference to the survey of the effectiveness of the Victorian Interpreter Card — (a) what was its total cost of the survey; (b) what were its findings; and (c) what were its recommendations.

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.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 3 MAY 2000

207. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs whether the Victorian Government has provided financial assistance or any other kind of support or advice to — (a) the Macedonian Teachers Association; (b) any person or group acting on behalf of the Macedonian Teachers Association; (c) any other organisation associated with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; or (d) any other person or group of people or organisations in relation to the appeal to the High Court of Australia of the decision of the Full Federal Court regarding the use of the term 'Macedonian (Slavonic)'.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 31 MAY 2000

210. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation, what has been the level of government expenditure or projected expenditure on beach renourishment in Victoria for the years 1996–1997 to 2000–2001 inclusive.
211. **MR THOMPSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation —
1. How many of the 344 management notices and the 1,119 directions to landowners in 1998–1999 were issued to land managers in the Port Phillip East Conservation and Land Protection (CALP) region, in respect of weed infestation and control.
 2. What action has the Minister taken or will be taking in relation to the control and eradication of weeds on railway land and reserves.
 3. How many management notices and directions to landowners have been issued to the managers or occupiers of railway reserves in Victoria in the current financial year to date.
 4. What action will the Minister be taking to consult with community groups, other organisations and individuals in relation to the development of Regional Weed Action Plans.
 5. Whether contributors to the report of the Parliamentary Environment and Natural Resources Committee entitled *Report on Weeds in Victoria* of May 1998 will have the opportunity to contribute advice on the formation of Regional Weed Action Plans; and if so whether the Minister will be placing advertisements in metropolitan and regional newspapers calling for submissions.
 6. What steps have been or will be taken by the Minister to limit the sale and distribution of plants such as *Sollya Hetrophulla* (Bluebell Creeper), *Pittosporum Undulatum* (Sweet Pittosporum), *Genista Linofolia* (Flax Leaf Broom) and *Cortaderia Sellona* (Pampas Grass), which threaten natural eco-systems and which are generally available for sale in many Victorian nurseries.

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7. What plans does the Minister have to control 'regionally controlled weeds' such as the Angled Onion (*Allium Triquetrum*), Blackberry (*Rubus Fruticosus*), Flax-leaved Broom (*Genista Linifolia*), Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) and Thistles (various species) growing on road reserves in the West and South Gippsland areas (Port Phillip East and West Gippsland CALP Regions) including the South Gippsland and Bass Highways and other main roads in the regions.

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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 3152 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 to 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.

215. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover with reference to calls to WorkCover's telephone call centre in each month from January to July 2000 — (a) how many calls were received in each month regarding WorkCover; (b) what was the median time telephone callers waited; and (c) how many callers left messages and what was the median time in which the calls were returned.
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 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.

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220. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to chemicals added to Melbourne Water supplies — (a) what are the chemicals; and (b) what are the total annual quantities of these chemicals.

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43	Thursday 1 June 2000	No 211
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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED 17 AUGUST 2000

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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.

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NEW QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS

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.

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2000

226. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to full time equivalent staff in the Department of Premier and Cabinet— 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.
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.
228. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs what were the total number of applications for the three positions on the Victorian Multicultural Commission.
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.

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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 10 NOVEMBER 1999

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".

28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.

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.

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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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
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.

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36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.

2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.
42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
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.

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 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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.
57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative;

(f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.

59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
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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.
 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.

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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in *The Australian Financial Review* of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".
 4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
 5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemia to the Ministry of the Arts.
 6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the

move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —

1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.

72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in The Age of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —

1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.
5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.

73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —

1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.

NOTICES 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.
81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.
 2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
 3. What are the measures of success of these industry-based learning programs and have they been achieved.

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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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
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.
 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.
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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 —

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.
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154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —

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158. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Women's Affairs —

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173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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.
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 5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.
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.

NOTICES 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.
198. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry —
1. Who will conduct the audit.
 2. What budget will be allocated to the audit.
 3. What instructions have or will be given to those carrying out the audit of — (a) new technologies and industries; (b) issues facing Victoria's industries; and (c) industry sectors in rural and regional Victoria.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 11 APRIL 2000

203. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 1 April 2000 for a Director, Policy and Regional Access in Multimedia Victoria — (a) what is the Government's Regional Access strategy; and (b) why is it not on the Multimedia Victoria website.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 13 APRIL 2000

204. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to his press release of Friday 7 April 2000 in which he claimed to have launched the world's first government internet service that delivers a single entry access point for a record number of government on-line services —
1. When was the Multi-service Express conceived and is it a rebranding of the existing Victorian Government Electronic Service Delivery.
 2. What is the difference between the Electronic Service Delivery system and Multi-service Express.
 3. What is the role of Maxi Multimedia in Multi-service Express.
 4. When were ordering facilities for court transcripts placed on the Electronic Service Delivery system.
 5. From what date has it been possible via the Electronic Service Delivery system to — (a) arrange electricity disconnection or new connection from United Energy; (b) order

videos or film from Cinemedia; and (c) search for VCE results, birth or death certificates.

6. From what dates was access to the rest of the 92 government services available.

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.
 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.
215. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for WorkCover with reference to calls to WorkCover's telephone call centre in each month from January to July 2000 — (a) how many calls were received in each month regarding WorkCover; (b) what was the median time telephone callers waited; and (c) how many callers left messages and what was the median time in which the calls were returned.
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.
220. **MS ASHER** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation with reference to chemicals added to Melbourne Water supplies — (a) what are the chemicals; and (b) what are the total annual quantities of these chemicals.

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

226. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Premier with reference to full time equivalent staff in the Department of Premier and Cabinet— 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.
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.
228. **MR KOTSIRAS** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Multicultural Affairs what were the total number of applications for the three positions on the Victorian Multicultural Commission.
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.

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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.
 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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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 Tuesday 3 October 2000.

Answers to Questions on Notice will appear in Hansard.

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NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED 5 OCTOBER 2000

Nil

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NOTICES RECEIVED ON 24 OCTOBER 2000

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
 - 235e. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education and Training
 - 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.

236. **MR PATERSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Conservation which spokesperson from the Minister's office allegedly briefed me about the merger proposal of the Torquay and Anglesea foreshore committees as reported in the *Geelong Advertiser* on 12 October 2000.

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.

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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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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 10 NOVEMBER 1999

27. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's press release of 9 November 1999, entitled "A Better Deal for Regional Victoria" — (a) what resources will — (i) the Victorian Government; (ii) the New South Wales Government; and (iii) the Queensland Government commit to the "alliance"; and (b) what criteria has the Minister set for determining the success of the "alliance".

28. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development — (a) whether any State Government assistance has been given to the American company Verisign; if so, what assistance; and (b) whether the Minister refused to disclose details of such assistance to an ABC journalist at the Minister's press launch of 9 November 1999 in the old Labor Party caucus room; if so, why.

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.

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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.
32. **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 assist "schools to properly resource the Information Technology needs of all their students and local communities" —
1. What is the Minister's assessment of the resources needed to achieve this objective.
 2. What is the computer to child ratio the Government seeks by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. What additional budget will be applied to this purpose in the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
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.

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36. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Minister's statement "Connecting Victoria" what changes will be made to Government outsourcing of Government Information Technology operations.
37. **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 bring new international business to Melbourne to help grow our local companies" — (a) what programs will the Government introduce or maintain to achieve this objective; and (b) what targets does the Government have for the new international businesses in Melbourne by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
38. **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 "promote the growth of high-tech clusters of firms and research institutions and encourage them in to locate in rural and regional Victoria" —
1. What programs will be introduced or maintained to achieve this objective.
 2. Which, if any, current high-tech clusters will be supported, and with what resources and targets.
 3. What new high-tech clusters will be created by the Government.
 4. What practical assistance will be made available to encourage clusters to locate in rural and regional Victoria.
 5. In what locations will such high-tech clusters be situated as at 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
39. **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 win major gains in employment across the whole of regional Victoria" through its "Regional Call Centre Attraction Centre" —
1. How many anticipated new call centres will be established in regional Victoria by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 2. How many anticipated new jobs will be created in regional call centres by 1 June 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.
 3. Whether the Minister accepts that this is just a plagiarized policy of the previous Coalition Government.
40. **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 a "High Tech Towns project [and] beginning with Ballarat and Portland, the Government will work on establishing regional televillages" —
1. What is a televillage.

2. What budget will be allocated to this project in the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 3. Is a "High Tech Town" the same thing as a "televillage".
 4. What are the criteria for the success of this program and each of its pilots.
 5. When will assistance under this program be received by Bendigo, Mildura, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool respectively.
41. **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 help "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" —
1. How will the Government help.
 2. Will the provision of email addresses be free of charge and free of advertising.
 3. What means for delivery of email will be used.
 4. Will there be sufficient free access to the internet to enable "everyone who wants to obtain an email address" to access their email everyday.
42. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the online monitoring tools known as "web bugs", which allow advertising services companies to gather information from Web users without their knowledge, with the collected data then being then deposited in databases where it is analysed and stored — (a) what steps are being taken by the Minister or Multimedia Victoria to alert Victorians of the dangers, if any, posed by these tools; and (b) whether there are any means whereby Victorians can protect themselves from the tools.
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.
 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.
54. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "implement the Victorian Tourism Online Project begun by the previous Government but will increase the emphasis on regional operators" — (a) what change in instructions on the project have been given to the project managers; and (b) by what criteria may the Parliament or any independent body judge whether he has been successful in increasing the emphasis on regional operators.
56. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "do more" in respect of online facilities in libraries and "will increase access for multilingual and disabled users and ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone" — (a) what additional resources will be available to libraries to provide free online facilities in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2002–03 inclusive; (b) what precise measures will the Government take to increase access for multilingual and disabled users; (c) what does the Minister mean by "ensure that more useful and user-friendly online resources are available for everyone"; and (d) what "more useful and user-friendly online resources" does the Minister intend to ensure is available.
57. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that "Skills.net for Community Groups will accelerate online skills development and use by providing community leaders across Victoria with the necessary tools and skills" — (a) what budget will be made available for this program in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2001–02 inclusive; (b) how many community leaders will be trained in each of those years; (c) how will the community leaders be selected; (d) what skills are the community leaders expected to develop under the program; (e) how many community outreach officers will be appointed under this initiative;

(f) how will the community outreach officers be selected; and (g) how many people will be trained under Skills.net in each of these financial years.

59. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Ministerial Statement "Connecting Victoria" that the Government will "use this Government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund to upgrade access to information community technology in rural and regional Victoria" and noting Telstra's universal service obligations — (a) what budget will be allocated to upgrade this access; and (b) what will the Government do over and above what Telstra is doing.
60. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the Internet Access in Town Halls program — (a) what budget will be allocated to this program; (b) will the program be available in every town hall; if not, which town halls will be excluded; (c) why would the public wish to access the internet in town halls when libraries offer better infrastructure and trained personnel; (d) how many citizens are expected to access the internet under this program; and (e) what criteria will be set to judge the success of this program.
61. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the recent "Connecting Victoria" statement made by him and the reference to Net Access Centres— (a) what is a "net access centre" and does it differ from a library, town hall or a maxi kiosk; (b) how many centres will be established; (c) where will the centres be established; (d) what budget will be allocated to those centres; (e) under what criteria will the success of these centres be judged; (f) how big will the centres be; (g) what equipment will be placed in each centre; and (h) what staff will serve in each centre.
65. **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.
 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.

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.

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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.
70. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development in relation to the speech given by Dr Bronte Adams, Executive Director of Multimedia Victoria to the Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association on 25 November 1999 and the report of the speech in The Australian Financial Review of 25 November 1999—
1. What were the instructions given by the Minister or any other person to Dr Adams on the matters she could and should canvass in her speech.
 2. What instructions or contractual terms or regulations apply to Dr Adams with respect to making comments on issues which may be part of political debate and/or political controversy.
 3. Is it true as quoted that Dr Adams "threw her support behind the government information technology spokesperson".
 4. Whether Dr Adams predicted "life would be easier for SMEs [small to medium size enterprises] under the Bracks administration as Labor was committed to giving small business better opportunities to compete for government contracts in the current information technology outsourcing environment", if so what are the targets that Multimedia Victoria or Dr Adams set for assessing whether SMEs gain government information technology outsourced contracts.
 5. What advice did Dr Adams tender to the Minister in respect of the transfer of Cinemedia to the Ministry of the Arts.
 6. Whether Dr Adams indicated "that the information technology agenda of the previous Liberal Government would continue with added enhancements" if so, what are the added enhancements or deleted elements.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 30 NOVEMBER 1999

71. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to an article in *The Age* of 30 November 1999 entitled "Multimedia Funding Goes It Alone" by Jenny Sinclair that "The Development Minister, John Brumby, said the move [of Cinemedia] would not affect multimedia, as the \$2.7 million Digital Media Fund would now be administered by Multimedia Victoria. He said money flowing back from investments made by the fund's precursor, the Multimedia 21 Fund, would also be managed by Multimedia Victoria" —
1. On what criteria will grants from the Digital Media Fund be made.
 2. Who will judge the artistic merit of applicants to the Digital Media Fund.
 3. What total allocation was made under the Digital Media Fund in 1998-99 and what total allocations will be made in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive.
 4. How will the money "flowing back" be administered.
72. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, with reference to the statement in *The Age* of 29 November 1999 by Mr Stephen Kim, Chief Executive Officer of Acqutek that the previous Coalition Government's Chip Skills Program has made Melbourne "the place to learn chip design skills in the Southern Hemisphere" —
1. Will the Chip Skills Program be maintained; if so, for how long.
 2. What was the budget for the program in 1999-2000, and what is the proposed budget for each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 3. What targets have been set for the program in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04 inclusive.
 4. What will be the respective roles for RMIT, Monash University, Latrobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University of Technology in the program.
 5. Which private sector organisations are and will be involved in the program.
 6. What commitment has Acqutek made to the program.
 7. What discussions have taken place with Siemens, Ericsson, Bosch, NEC and Toshiba respectively about participation in the program.

73. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. Is Multimedia Victoria reviewing its budget to accommodate the Government's so-called emphasis on regional issues and a wider spread of technology projects across all industries; if so — (a) who is conducting the review; (b) what are the terms of reference; and (c) what instructions does the person conducting the review have in respect of "discretionary spending".
 2. Has the employment or engagement of any staff or consultants of Multimedia Victoria been terminated; if so, which employees or consultants and on what terms.
 3. Have any programs had funding reduced or terminated; if so, which programs.

NOTICES 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.
81. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, whether the Government will maintain the 'International Trade Fairs and Missions Program' of Multimedia Victoria; if so, will any and what changes will be made.
82. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development, what programs or publications will the Minister institute to take advantage of the Federal Government's business tax reforms which should enable Victoria's multimedia, information technology and telecommunications industries to gain access to new sources of investment capital.
83. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development —
1. What is the government doing to address the critical skills shortage amongst small to medium sized multimedia companies.

2. What support is the government giving to Swinburne University and industry based learning programs where students work for twelve months during their degree with a multimedia company.
3. What are the measures of success of these industry-based learning programs and have they been achieved.

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.

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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.
 2. If, provide the name of each such employee or consultant and at what annual salary or annual contracted rate each is employed.
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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
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.
 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.
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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
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.

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

138. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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.
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5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.

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.
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.

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 —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

154. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Services —

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.
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164. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —

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.
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5. Have any changes been made to remuneration arrangements for any such appointees since their appointment; if so what are the details.

173. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Housing —

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.

174. **MR WILSON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for Aged Care —

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.

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 60 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.

NOTICES 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.

198. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry —
1. Who will conduct the audit.
 2. What budget will be allocated to the audit.
 3. What instructions have or will be given to those carrying out the audit of — (a) new technologies and industries; (b) issues facing Victoria's industries; and (c) industry sectors in rural and regional Victoria.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 11 APRIL 2000

203. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 1 April 2000 for a Director, Policy and Regional Access in Multimedia Victoria — (a) what is the Government's Regional Access strategy; and (b) why is it not on the Multimedia Victoria website.

NOTICE RECEIVED ON 13 APRIL 2000

204. **MR PERTON** — To ask the Honourable the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to his press release of Friday 7 April 2000 in which he claimed to have launched the world's first government internet service that delivers a single entry access point for a record number of government on-line services —
1. When was the Multi-service Express conceived and is it a rebranding of the existing Victorian Government Electronic Service Delivery.
 2. What is the difference between the Electronic Service Delivery system and Multi-service Express.
 3. What is the role of Maxi Multimedia in Multi-service Express.
 4. When were ordering facilities for court transcripts placed on the Electronic Service Delivery system.
 5. From what date has it been possible via the Electronic Service Delivery system to — (a) arrange electricity disconnection or new connection from United Energy; (b) order videos or film from Cinemedia; and (c) search for VCE results, birth or death certificates.
 6. From what dates was access to the rest of the 92 government services available.

 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.
 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.

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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.
 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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 24 OCTOBER 2000

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

- 235e. The Honourable the Minister for Post Compulsory Education and Training
 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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 26 OCTOBER 2000

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.

253. **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.

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58	Thursday 26 October 2000	Nos 238, 239 and 240
59	Tuesday 31 October 2000	Nos 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248 and 249
60	Wednesday 1 October 2000	Nos 250, 251, 252, 253 and 254*

NEW QUESTIONS

NOTICES RECEIVED 2 NOVEMBER 2000

Nil

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* Question 254 originally appeared as Mr Thompson's third question (253) in Notice Paper No 60

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

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.

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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.

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NEW QUESTION

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.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTION

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.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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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.
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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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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.

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 5. Of those employees, how many were members of each specified union.
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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.

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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.
 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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 24 OCTOBER 2000

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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 26 OCTOBER 2000

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.

NOTICES RECEIVED ON 31 OCTOBER 2000

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

