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¹ Resigned 21 December 2010

² Elected 24 March 2012

³ Resigned 18 February 2013

⁴ Resigned 27 January 2012

⁶ Elected 19 February 2011

⁷ Elected 27 April 2013

⁸ Resigned 7 May 2012

⁹ LP until 6 March 2013

⁵Elected 21 July 2012

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
 Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.
 Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
 The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Public transport: bus service review

3032. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to bus service reviews in the City of Hobsons Bay:

- (1) When was the last review conducted.
- (2) When is the next review scheduled.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The last bus service reviews conducted in the Hobsons Bay area were the:
 - Hobsons Bay Wyndham bus service review completed in 2008 (covering the western half of Hobsons Bay).
 - Hobsons Bay Maribyrnong Moonee Valley Bus Service Review completed in 2007 (covering the eastern half of Hobsons Bay).
- (2) Public Transport Victoria advises that it will next be reviewing the Hobsons Bay bus network over 2014 and 2015.

Community services: child protection workers

4088. Ms ALLAN to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the caseload of child protection workers:

- (1) What is the statewide average caseload per child protection worker.
- (2) What is the average caseload per child protection worker at the Loddon Mallee office of the Department of Human Services.

ANSWER:

- (1) The state-wide median caseload per child protection worker with a classification of CPP3 or CPP4 is 16.25 clients.
- (2) Child protection workers are located in four office locations in the north division of which, three are within the Loddon and Mallee areas. The median caseload per child protection worker with a classification of CPP3 or CPP4 across the north division is 16 clients.

Environment and climate change: calcine sands remedial work

4845. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — with reference to the remedial works at the Liddell's calcine sands site in Bendigo:

- (1) When did the works start on the site.
- (2) Who was contracted to carry out the works.

- (3) Are the works completed; if not, when will they be completed.
- (4) What measures will be put in place to monitor and protect the community within a five kilometre radius of the site to ensure that the works are successful and pose no further risk in the future.
- (5) What has been the total cost of the works.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The works commenced on the Liddell's calcine sands site on 8 July 2013.
- (2) EnviroPacific Services was contracted by Parks Victoria to do the works on the site. EnviroPacific Services specialises in remediation of contaminated sites.
- (3) The works are expected to be completed in February 2014.
- (4) Air monitoring was conducted prior to the works commencing, in order to establish a baseline for air quality. Continuous air monitoring has been conducted throughout the works. Dust is being managed in accordance with the state environment protection policy air quality management intervention level for dust (PM10). The Environmental Protection Authority visited the site in August 2013 to assess the controls and was satisfied with the arrangements in place.

Soil sampling and testing for contaminants has been conducted to ensure that all the calcine sands have been collected and contained under the cover material, and that the exposed natural soil surface on site (around the mound of calcine sands) is within the accepted regional background levels for West Bendigo geology. A report will be issued at the end of the works, detailing the validation results.

- (5) As of 31 October 2013, the total cost of the works has been \$3 217 006.

Ports: Webb Dock automotive terminal

4871. **Mr FOLEY** to ask the Minister for Ports — with reference to the Port of Melbourne Corporation's invitation to Australian Amalgamated Terminals to submit a proposal for the automotive terminal at Webb Dock Port Melbourne:

- (1) Did Australian Amalgamated Terminals lodge the proposal as requested.
- (2) On what date did Australian Amalgamated Terminals submit the proposal.
- (3) Was the Australian Amalgamated Terminals proposal merged with the proposal of another consortium; if so, which consortium and on what date; if not, did the proposal proceed as an individual proposal.
- (4) Does the Australian Amalgamated Terminals proposal comply with the specifications and requirements sought by the Port of Melbourne Corporation and the Government in the initial Expression of Interest phase.
- (5) What is the total amount in capital of the Australian Amalgamated Terminals bid to deliver against their plans.
- (6) What is the time frame for consideration of the Australian Amalgamated Terminals proposal.
- (7) What is the time frame for the final decision to be made on the Australian Amalgamated Terminals proposal.
- (8) Has the Australian Amalgamated Terminals proposal addressed the need to ensure freight and logistic movements in and out of the Port of Melbourne avoid local Council streets in both the City of Melbourne and the City of Port Phillip; if so:
 - (a) which roads will be avoided;
 - (b) which roads will be subject to continued freight movements.

- (9) Did VicRoads provide information to Australian Amalgamated Terminals or to the port of Melbourne about the implications of freight movements in and out of the Webb Dock area; if so, what was it.
- (10) Did the Port of Melbourne Corporation provide information or specifications to Australian Amalgamated Terminals about the implications of freight movements upon local roads, state roads and CityLink roads; if so, what was it.
- (11) Did the Australian Amalgamated Terminals proposal address issues resulting from the relationship between the Port Capacity Project and the growth in road freight movements through the Fishermans Bend Inner Urban Renewal area zone; if so, how.
- (12) Did the Australian Amalgamated Terminals proposal address community benefit and community legacy aspects of the project; if so, what were they.

ANSWER:

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

The bidding processes being conducted by the Port of Melbourne Corporation in relation to the port capacity project are subject to a strict probity and confidentiality regime in order to preserve commercial integrity and confidence

Any details in relation to the bidding process or details contained within information lodged as part of the bids remain classified as 'commercial in confidence' under the management of the Port of Melbourne Corporation.