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¹ Resigned 21 December 2010

² Elected 24 March 2012

³ Resigned 18 February 2013

⁴ Resigned 27 January 2012

⁵ Elected 21 July 2012

⁶ Elected 19 February 2011

⁷ Elected 27 April 2013

⁸ Resigned 7 May 2012

⁹ LP until 6 March 2013

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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, 16 September 2014

Liquor and gaming regulation: ministerial staffing

4831. Mr PAKULA to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Liquor and Gaming Regulation — what is the total number of staff, and their position titles, employed in the minister’s office as at:

- (1) 30 June 2011.
- (2) 30 June 2012.
- (3) 30 June 2013.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice no. 4781.

Liquor and gaming regulation: ministerial staffing

4832. Mr PAKULA to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Liquor and Gaming Regulation — what is the total number of staff (including ministerial staff and staff seconded from other departments) that have worked in the minister’s private office at any time between 2 December 2010 and 30 June 2013, and what were their position titles.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice no. 4781.

Corrections: ministerial staffing

4833. Mr PAKULA to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the Minister for Corrections — what is the total number of staff, and their position titles, employed in the minister’s office as at:

- (1) 30 June 2011.
- (2) 30 June 2012.
- (3) 30 June 2013.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice no. 4781.

Corrections: ministerial staffing

4834. Mr PAKULA to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the Minister for Corrections — what is the total number of staff (including ministerial staff and staff seconded from

other departments) that have worked in the minister's private office at any time between 2 December 2010 and 30 June 2013, and what were their position titles.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice no. 4781.

Crime prevention: ministerial staffing

4835. Mr PAKULA to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for Minister for Crime Prevention — what is the total number of staff, and their position titles, employed in the minister's office as at:

- (1) 30 June 2011.
- (2) 30 June 2012.
- (3) 30 June 2013.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice no. 4781.

Crime prevention: ministerial staffing

4836. Mr PAKULA to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for Minister for Crime Prevention — What is the total number of staff (including ministerial staff and staff seconded from other departments) that have worked in the minister's private office at any time between 2 December 2010 and 30 June 2013, and what were their position titles.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice no. 4781.

Mental health: beds

4849. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to funding for beds in adult acute mental health units, for each health service and unit location:

- (1) How many beds were funded as at November 2010.
- (2) How many beds have opened between November 2010 and June 2013.
- (3) How many new beds were under construction as at June 2013.
- (4) How many beds were funded as at June 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The latest available data for funding for beds is published in individual health service annual reports.

Mental health: beds

4853. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of secure extended care unit beds:

- (1) In 2010–11.
- (2) In 2011–12.
- (3) In 2012–13.
- (4) From 1 July 2013 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2010–11 there were 103 secure extended care unit beds.
- (2) In 2011–12 there were 103 secure extended care unit beds.
- (3) In 2012–13 there were 103 secure extended care unit beds.
- (4) The number of beds varied during 2013–14 and increased by 30 to 133.

Sport and recreation: Bendigo aquatic facilities

5117. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security for the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to the City of Greater Bendigo’s proposed Kangaroo Flat Aquatic Centre:

- (1) Will the government provide \$10 million of funding in the 2014–15 budget towards the aquatic centre.
- (2) What action will the minister be taking to secure funding in the 2014–15 federal budget for the aquatic centre.

ANSWER:

I am pleased to inform you that as part of the 2014–2015 Victorian budget the coalition government announced a contribution of \$15 million dollars towards the development of the Bendigo Regional Aquatic Centre.

With respect to federal funding for this and any other sport and recreation facility in this state, while this is a matter for the federal government, I will continue to strongly advocate for this state at any opportunity. This project was first proposed in mid-2010. Since then neither state nor federal Labor have demonstrated a commitment of funds to this project. I have been informed by the City of Greater Bendigo that should federal funding not be secured, that this project will be completed through the city’s funding.

Education: school bullying

5234. Mr BROOKS to ask the Minister for Education — what are the names of all schools that have received funding through the bully stoppers grants program.

ANSWER:

The names of all schools that have received funding through the Bully Stoppers grants programs are available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/pringrantrecipients.aspx>.