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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

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*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, 24 June 2014

Women's affairs: Office of Women's Policy

1635. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — with reference to staffing within the Office of Women's Policy:

- (1) How many staff were employed as at 1 October 2011.
- (2) How many of the staff have a specific responsibility for reducing family violence.

ANSWER:

I am informed that as at October 2011, there were 20 staff within the Office of Women's Policy, seven of whom had specific responsibility for policy and projects to reduce family violence.

Education: student support

5114. Mr **BROOKS** to ask the Minister for Education — what criteria does the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority use for determining eligibility for special provision for students undertaking VCE exams.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Students may be eligible for special provision, for both school-based assessment and VCE examinations if, at any time while studying the VCE or VCAL, they are adversely affected in a significant way by:

- an acute or chronic illness (physical or psychological);
- any factors relating to personal environment;
- an impairment or disability, including learning disabilities.

Specifically in relation to VCE examinations, students are eligible for Special Examination Arrangements (SEAs) if it can be demonstrated that their capacity to access the examination is impaired due to a:

- severe health impairment;
- significant physical disability;
- hearing impairment;
- vision impairment;
- learning disability;
- severe language disorder.

Applications for each student are made through the school and must be supported by recent medical or other specialist reports.

SEAs may take the form of:

- extra reading time;
- extra writing time;
- rest breaks;
- alternative format examination papers such as enlarged print and Braille;
- permission to use special technological aides such as a computer or microphone for a student with a hearing impairment;
- a reader and/or a scribe, as long as that person does not have a close association with the student;
- a clarifier, if the student has a serious hearing impairment or severe language disorder, and so long as that person does not have a close association with the student;
- an alternative examination venue, such as a separate room, a home or a hospital.

Applications for all of these SEAs must meet the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) eligibility criteria.

Details of the evidential requirements, for each of the above categories and types of SEAs, are provided to schools.

In processing SEAs, VCAA establishes an expert advisory panel comprised of educational psychologists, senior examination assessors and medical practitioners to assist VCAA staff in determining what provisions, if any, are necessary.

Education: student support

5115. **Mr BROOKS** to ask the Minister for Education — does the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority apply the same criteria as the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in identifying learning disabilities for the purpose of providing extra assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority's (VCAA) process for determining special provision/s for students undertaking VCE examination serves a different purpose to any Department of Education and Early Childhood Development processes associated with the provision of assistance to student with special needs, including learning disabilities. The department has programs, resources and materials for teachers and schools to provide quality learning support to students with disabilities.

The VCAA process focuses on ascertaining whether a student's condition or situation is impacting their capacity to access assessments. This is determined in a range of ways, relevant to each student's individual circumstances.

For students with a diagnosed learning disability, where there is a request for extra working time, the VCAA requests up to three examples of the student's written expression under varied timed test conditions to allow for a comparative analysis. The medical evidence contained in the application is also considered as part of the overall assessment of the application.

The process is not focused on identifying, diagnosing or disputing the existence of a medical condition outlined in the medical evidence contained within an application. Instead, the comparative analysis and evidence is used to determine the extent to which the provisions sought are necessary for the student to demonstrate their learning and achievement.

Education: student support

5116. Mr **BROOKS** to ask the Minister for Education — are students with dyslexia able to access special provision in VCE exams.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Special Examination Arrangements may be approved for students with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, when it can be demonstrated that they have developmental and academic skills that are significantly below expectation for their present grade level.

An application for Special Examination Arrangements is submitted to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) by a school on behalf of a student.

VCAA considers all applications on the basis of the current educational/literacy assessments, the recommendations provided with the application and also on the VCAA Special Examination Arrangement expert panel's own assessment of all the material in the application.

VCAA considers each student's disability and how it affects their ability to undertake an examination under the same conditions as students without that disability.

Provisions such as extra reading time, extra writing time and the use of a computer may be approved depending on the expert advisory panel's assessment of an application.

Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire Brigade

5118. Mr **NOONAN** to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to the Melbourne Fire Brigade (MFB) finances as at 31 December 2013:

- (1) What were the figures in the MFB balance sheet for the financial assets and its components.
- (2) What was the weighted average effective interest rate (in percentage) for:
 - (a) cash and cash equivalents;
 - (b) term deposits.
- (3) What were the liabilities of the MFB as reported on its balance sheet and what were the components.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought in this question such as interest earned, financial and non-financial assets and commitments will be available in the forthcoming Annual Report for the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board.

To retrieve/research this information would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department of Justice and the board.

Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire Brigade

5119. Mr **NOONAN** to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how much interest did the Melbourne Fire Brigade earn from 1 July to 31 December 2013 from:

- (1) Cash and cash equivalents.
- (2) Term deposits.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought in this question such as interest earned, financial and non-financial assets and commitments will be available in the forthcoming Annual Report for the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board.

To retrieve/research this information would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department as Justice as well as the board.

Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire Brigade

5120. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what specific commitments has the Melbourne Fire Brigade (MFB) board recognised as likely to make a call on the financial assets of the MFB:

- (1) For the remainder of 2013–14.
- (2) In future years.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought in this question such as interest earned, financial and non-financial assets and commitments will be available in the forthcoming Annual Report for the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board.

To retrieve/research this information would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department of Justice as well as the board.

Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire Brigade

5121. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to the Melbourne Fire Brigade building and refurbishment program:

- (1) What is the value of the program in 2013–14.
- (2) What are the details of the program (preferably in tabular form) in respect of:
 - (a) the names of the individual building projects and their location;
 - (b) the total expected spend for each project including details for each financial year of a project;
 - (c) the expected source of the funds for each project and any appropriate breakdown per project (for example the fire services levy, existing financial assets, additional government appropriation, proceeds of sales).

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought in this question such as interest earned, financial and non-financial assets and commitments will be available in the forthcoming Annual Report for the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board.

To retrieve/research this information would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department of Justice as well as the board.

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority

5122. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) finances as at 31 December 2013:

- (1) What were the figures in the CFA balance sheet for the financial assets and its components.
- (2) What was the weighted average effective interest rate (in percentage) for:
 - (a) cash and cash equivalents;
 - (b) term deposits.
- (3) What were the liabilities of the CFA as reported on its balance sheet.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought in this question such as interest earned, financial and non-financial assets and commitments will be available in the forthcoming Annual Report for the Country Fire Authority.

To retrieve/research this information would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department of Justice as well as the authority.

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority

5123. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how much interest did the Country Fire Authority earn from 1 July to 31 December 2013 from:

- (1) Cash and cash equivalents.
- (2) Term deposits.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought in this question such as interest earned, financial and non-financial assets and commitments will be available in the forthcoming Annual Report for the Country Fire Authority.

To retrieve/research this information would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department of Justice as well as the authority.

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority

5124. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — what specific commitments has the Country Fire Authority (CFA) board recognised as likely to make a call on the financial assets of the CFA:

- (1) For the remainder of 2013–14.
- (2) In future years.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought in this question such as interest earned, financial and non-financial assets and commitments will be available in the forthcoming Annual Report for the Country Fire Authority.

To retrieve/research this information would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department of Justice as well as the authority.

Education: Reading Recovery

5126. Mr BROOKS to ask the Minister for Education — what percentage of government schools offer the Reading Recovery program to their students.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Reading Recovery is one of a number of early literacy intervention programs that schools may choose to provide.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development continues to provide funding for Year 1 literacy intervention programs to schools through the Student Resource Package. Schools decide how to use this funding when selecting programs and resources that best meet the needs of their students.

In 2013, 24 per cent of schools offered the Reading Recovery program to their students.

Education: Reading Recovery

5127. Mr **BROOKS** to ask the Minister for Education — how many students in government schools participated in the Reading Recovery program in 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Reading Recovery is one of a number of early literacy intervention programs that schools may choose to provide.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development continues to provide funding for Year 1 intervention programs to schools through the Student Resource Package. Schools decide how to use this funding when selecting programs and resources that best meet the needs of their students.

In 2013, 2461 students participated in the Reading Recovery program.

Education: Reading Recovery

5128. Mr **BROOKS** to ask the Minister for Education — how many students in government schools participated in the Reading Recovery program in 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Reading Recovery is one of a number of early literacy intervention programs that schools may choose to provide.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development continues to provide funding for Year 1 literacy intervention programs to schools through the Student Resource Package. Schools decide how to use this funding when selecting programs and resources that best meet the needs of their students.

In 2010, 4730 students participated in the Reading Recovery program.