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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, 14 April 2015

Education

2. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — has the Government made any funding commitments to the Knox Innovation, Opportunity and Sustainability Centre in Wantirna; if so:
- (1) How much funding.
 - (2) How will it be utilised.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This Government is committed to providing students with practical learning experiences to equip them with skills for their future careers.

That is why we have based our Tech School initiative on elements of successful models such as the Knox Innovation, Opportunity and Sustainability Centre (KIOSC) at Swinburne University in Wantirna.

As the KIOSC was established under the previous Australian Government's Trade Training Centres in Schools Program, funding required to construct and equip the facility was provided by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of a Project Specific Schedule.

A Joint Use Agreement between the Minister for Education, the School Council of Rowville Secondary College (as the Lead School) and Swinburne University of Technology (on whose land the facility is constructed) states that the Government and the Department of Education and Training are not required to make any financial contribution to recurrent costs. The School Council is responsible for the cost and insurance of its own staff participating in KIOSC programs.

The Government is providing KIOSC \$1 million over four years to provide professional development, training and support and act as a demonstration centre for the implementation of our ten Tech Schools.

Education

6. **Ms VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the promised rebuilding of The Basin Primary School:
- (1) When will building works commence.
 - (2) Is funding available for 2015/16.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The new Victorian Government has a strong and ambitious agenda to grow educational opportunity for all Victorians. We understand that education is the window of opportunity for people as well as a key driver of economic success and prosperity for our state. Our immediate priority is to progress the election commitments in our portfolios-in particular our promise to provide \$530 million to upgrade and build new schools, \$50 million to build new and refurbish existing kindergartens, and \$320 million to support TAFEs. We also plan to establish 10 new Tech Schools across the state for students in Years 7 to 12.

The Government has committed to providing \$5.7 million to The Basin Primary School to build new classrooms, physical education and administration areas and new joint facilities with the Basin Community House. The Government is committed to upgrading government primary and secondary schools across the state; however, it must responsibly balance and prioritise the needs of over 1500 government schools in Victoria.

The Government is in the process of prioritising its election commitments for funding in the 2015-16 State Budget.

The Department of Education and Training will work with the school to plan and deliver the project, ensuring the best outcome for the school and local community. In the meantime, the school is encouraged to maintain its facilities as usual, using funds allocated annually through the Student Resource Package.

Planning

29. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Planning — what was the selection process for appointing members to the committee investigating the issue of serviced apartments in Docklands.

ANSWER:

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

The selection process involved identifying groups with interests in the conduct of short-stay occupants in CBD apartment buildings and those with expert knowledge in the governance of owners corporations and subdivision law. These groups were then either invited to directly participate or to nominate a representative.

The panel includes members representing residents of apartments, owners of apartments, tourism, local government and managers of owners corporations. The panel chair, Simon Libbis, is an experienced property lawyer.

Any further enquiries you have about the panel should be addressed to the Hon Jane Garrett MP, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation, who I am working jointly with on this matter.

Energy and resources

30. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — how much did Macquarie Resources/Denehurst pay the Government in mining royalties annually from 1992 to 1996, when they operated the Benambra mine.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No mining royalty was paid by the licensee during the timeframe identified.

Education

31. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Mernda P-12 school:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) When will construction begin on the school.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (6) How many classrooms will be included.
- (7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

The Victorian Government has committed to progressing development of the new Mernda Central Prep to Year 12 (P-12) school.

The new schools PPP Project will deliver 13 new government schools across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities.

2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

3) When will construction begin on the school?

The Victorian Government has sought to fast track the New Schools PPP Project with the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) tender documents to two experienced shortlisted bidding consortia on 25 February 2015. Final proposals are due to be submitted in mid-June 2015 with the successful bidder to start construction on the first tranche of new schools in late 2015 and the second tranche in late 2016.

4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project, with quarterly payments subject to ongoing facility and service quality standards being met.

6) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

32. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Point Cook Senior School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.

- (5) How many classrooms will be included.
- (6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school?

There are a number of stages that are undertaken before construction can begin, including planning and land acquisition. Planning is currently underway to find a suitable site for the Point Cook Senior Secondary College. Construction can then begin on the school after these stages are completed and subsequent construction funding is received.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

Point Cook Senior School is subject to further planning, land acquisition and construction considerations.

(3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

The Department of Education and Training purchases sites at the market value as determined by the Victorian Government Valuer General. The price is reflective of the location and the size of the land.

(4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

Building construction costs vary subject to individual building specifications and site considerations.

(5) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The Victorian Government funds the construction of all government schools.

Education

33. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Taylors Hills Senior School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school?

There are a number of stages that are undertaken before construction can begin, including planning and land acquisition.

(2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

The Department of Education and Training purchases sites at the market value as determined by the Victorian Government Valuer General. The price is reflective of the location and the size of the land.

(3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

Building construction costs vary subject to individual building specifications and site considerations.

(4) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The Victorian Government funds the construction of all government schools.

Education

34. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Davis Creek Primary School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school?

There are a number of stages that are undertaken before construction can begin, including planning and land acquisition.

(2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

The Department of Education and Training purchases sites at the market value as determined by the Victorian Government Valuer General. The price is reflective of the location and the size of the land.

(3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

Building construction costs vary subject to individual building specifications and site considerations.

(4) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The Victorian Government funds the construction of all government schools.

Education

35. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Edgars Creek Secondary School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school?

There are a number of stages that are undertaken before construction can begin, including planning and land acquisition.

(2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

The Department of Education and Training purchases sites at the market value as determined by the Victorian Government Valuer General. The price is reflective of the location and the size of the land.

(3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

Building construction costs vary subject to individual building specifications and site considerations.

(4) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government’s education agenda.

(5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The Victorian Government funds the construction of all government schools.

Education

36. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Armstrong Creek West Primary School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (5) How many classrooms will be included.
- (6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

The Armstrong West Primary School is not part of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) project.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The expected opening date of Armstrong West Primary School is subject to further planning, land acquisition and construction considerations.

(3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

The Department of Education and Training purchases sites at the market value as determined by the Victorian Government Valuer General. The price is reflective of the location and the size of the land.

(4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

Building construction costs vary subject to individual building specifications and site considerations.

(5) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The Victorian Government funds the construction of all government schools.

Education

37. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Gum Scrub Creek Primary School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school?

There are a number of stages that are undertaken before construction can begin, including; planning and land acquisition.

(2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

The Department of Education and Training purchases sites at the market value as determined by the Victorian Government Valuer General. The price is reflective of the location and the size of the land.

(3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

Building construction costs vary subject to individual building specifications and site considerations.

(4) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The Victorian Government funds the construction of all government schools.

Education

38. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Craigieburn North West Primary School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school?

Construction will commence once appropriate State Budget processes have taken place.

(2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

Building construction costs vary subject to individual building specifications and site considerations.

(4) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

The Victorian Government funds the construction of all government schools.

Education

39. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Richmond High School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.

- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$10 million to support the first stage of delivering a new secondary school in Richmond.

The proposed site for the school is already owned by the Department. Should this site prove feasible for construction of the new school, there will be no cost of land acquisition.

Details of the number of classrooms, cost of buildings and likely construction start date will be identified during the feasibility process.

Education

40. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed South Melbourne Park Primary School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition at the depot site on Albert Road.
- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During the election, this Government committed \$11.5 million to build the South Melbourne Park Primary School; a prep to Grade 6 school. The proposed site for the school is the Albert Park Depot site which is already owned by the State.

The Department of Education and Training is currently undertaking an in-depth assessment of the site to ascertain its future development options. Our focus is on ensuring the best educational outcomes for the community.

Details of the number of classrooms, cost of the buildings and dates for construction will be identified during the feasibility process.

Education

41. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Footscray Education Precincts (Footscray City Primary School, Footscray City College and Victoria University) Feasibility Study and Master Plan:

- (1) When will the precincts feasibility study commence.
- (2) When will the precincts feasibility study conclude.
- (3) When will the precincts master plan commence.
- (4) When will the precincts master plan conclude.
- (5) Who will assess the viability of the precincts Master Plan.
- (6) Are there alternative policies under consideration.

- (7) When will construction of the precinct commence.
- (8) What is the expected completion date of the precinct.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This Government has committed to an extensive program of new schools and school upgrades, including the Footscray Learning Precinct. The Government committed \$15 million to bring together Footscray City Primary School, Footscray City College, Victoria University and other stakeholders.

The Department has begun the process of consultation with key external stakeholders, including representatives from the Maribyrnong City Council and Victoria University. This consultation will inform the development of governance and project delivery arrangements, including the proposed timing of the precinct feasibility study and master plan. Our focus is on ensuring that the Footscray Learning Precinct achieves the best educational outcomes for the community.

Education

42. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Bannockburn P-12 school:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (5) How many classrooms will be included.
- (6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

The Victorian Government has committed to expanding the relocation of Bannockburn Primary School to include Prep to Year 12 provision at the new Milton Street site.

The New Schools PPP Project will deliver 13 new government schools across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities.

The new schools will be delivered in two groups, with the first group constructed to open in time for the 2017 school year and the second group for 2018. The opening date for Bannockburn P-12 School will be confirmed through this tender process.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

(5) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

43. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Armstrong Creek Primary School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (4) How many classrooms will be included.
- (5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school.

Armstrong Creek Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

(2) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(3) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

(4) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(5) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

44. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Armstrong Creek Special School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (5) How many classrooms will be included.
- (6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

Armstrong Creek Special School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million. The Victorian Government has fast tracked the Project with the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) tender documents to two experienced shortlisted bidders on 25 February 2015. Final proposals are due to be submitted in mid-June with the successful bidder to start construction in late 2015.

Whilst the PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million, under the PPP model the design, construction and 25 year maintenance is tendered to an experienced private sector consortium who must demonstrate value for money through whole of life asset management. As the 13 schools are to be delivered as a package, the value for money assessment does not focus on individual school costs but rather the total whole of life cost of the Project. The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(5) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

45. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference the relocation of Bannockburn Primary School:

- (1) When will Bannockburn Primary School community be relocated.
- (2) What site will Bannockburn Primary School be relocated to.
- (3) What is the total cost of the relocation.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (5) What will happen to the empty Bannockburn Primary School site once vacated.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will Bannockburn Primary School community be relocated?

The Victorian Government has committed to expanding the relocation of Bannockburn Primary School to include Prep to Year 12 provision at the new Milton Street site.

The primary school component of the project is already included in the scope of the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

(2) What site will Bannockburn Primary School be relocated to?

The existing Bannockburn Primary School community will be relocated from the current constrained site on High Street to brand new facilities at a new larger site on Milton Street in Bannockburn as part of the Project.

(3) What is the total cost of the relocation?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project, with quarterly payments subject to ongoing facility and service quality standards being met.

(4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(5) What will happen to the empty Bannockburn Primary School site once vacated?

Assessment will be undertaken to determine if there is any future educational need for the site.

Education

46. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Casey Central East Primary School:

- (1) Will this school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.

- (3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (5) How many classrooms will be included.
- (6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will this school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

Casey Central East Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The new schools will be delivered in two groups, with the first group constructed to open in time for the 2017 school year and the second group for 2018.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million. The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(5) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

47. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Cranbourne South West Primary School:

- (1) When will construction begin on the school.
- (2) When will Cranbourne South Primary relocate to the new site.
- (3) Was there school community consultation about the relocation.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (5) What is the total cost of construction of the school buildings.
- (6) What is the total cost for the relocation of Cranbourne South Primary School.

- (7) How many classrooms will be included.
- (8) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) When will construction begin on the school?

Cranbourne South West Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project. Through the PPP model, the schools will be financed, designed, constructed and maintained over 25 years under a consolidated contract with a private sector consortium.

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for Cranbourne South West Primary School will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(2) When will Cranbourne South Primary relocate to the new site?

The New Schools PPP Project will see a brand new primary school delivered in Cranbourne South West.

As result of under-investment in new schools in recent Budgets, there remains a need for an additional new primary school to meet high enrolment demand in the area.

Pending further community consultation and to ensure there is adequate provision in the area Cranbourne South Primary School will remain open, providing the option for families to remain at the school or send their children to the new Cranbourne South West Primary School.

(3) Was there school community consultation about the relocation?

Pending further community consultation and to ensure there is adequate provision in the area Cranbourne South Primary School will remain open, providing the option for families to remain at the school or send their children to the new Cranbourne South West Primary School.

(4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(5) What is the total cost of construction of the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

(6) What is the total cost for the relocation of Cranbourne South Primary School?

The expected opening date of Cranbourne South Primary School is subject to further planning, land acquisition and construction considerations.

(7) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(8) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

48. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Epping North Primary School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (5) How many classrooms will be included.
- (6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018

Epping North Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria’s fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million. The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(5) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government’s education agenda.

(6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

49. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Heather Grove Primary School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.

- (4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (5) How many classrooms will be included.
- (6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

Heather Grove Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The new schools will be delivered in two groups, with the first group constructed to open in time for the 2017 school year and the second group for 2018. The opening date for Heather Grove Primary School will be confirmed through this tender process.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(4) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million. The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(5) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(6) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

50. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Mernda South Primary School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) When will construction on the school commence.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (6) How many classrooms will be included.
- (7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

Mernda South Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The new schools will be delivered in two groups, with the first group constructed to open in time for the 2017 school year and the second group for 2018.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) When will construction on the school commence?

The Package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for Mernda South Primary School will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(6) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

51. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to Mill Park Lakes East Primary School, was funding withdrawn from this school; if so:

- (1) Why has the Government decided to withdraw funding from this school.
- (2) Was the funding for this school withdrawn and redirected to Mernda P-12.
- (3) Was the school community consulted before this funding was withdrawn.
- (4) Are there any plans to reinstate funding for this proposed school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Why has the Government decided to withdraw funding from this school?

Consistent with election commitments, Government has re-allocated funding for the Mill Park Lakes East Primary School project in South Morang to the primary school component of the Mernda Central P-12 school.

There is currently no government secondary education provision for families in the rapidly growing Mernda community, making this site a top priority. The delivery of the new P-12 school will address this gap. Student enrolments in South Morang can be accommodated in the short-term within existing local schools.

(2) Was the funding for this school withdrawn and redirected to Mernda P-12?

See response to Question 1.

(3) Was the school community consulted before this funding was withdrawn?

Government consulted with Whittlesea Council prior to committing the re-allocation of funding from the Mill Park Lakes East project to Mernda Central P-12.

(4) Are there any plans to reinstate funding for this proposed school?

Student enrolments in South Morang can be accommodated in the short-term within existing local schools.

Enrolment growth in the South Morang area will continue to be monitored closely and the Mill Park Lakes East Primary School project will be considered for funding as part of future Budget processes as the local population grows.

Education

52. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed North Geelong Special Development School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) When will construction begin on the school.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (5) What is the total construction cost of the school buildings.
- (6) How many classrooms will be included.
- (7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

North Geelong Special Developmental School (SDS) is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The new schools will be delivered in two groups, with the first group constructed to open in time for the 2017 school year and the second group for 2018. The opening date for North Geelong Special Development School will be confirmed through this tender process.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) When will construction begin on the school?

The Package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for North Geelong Special Developmental School will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

North Geelong Special Developmental School is being constructed on the former Western Heights College, Quamby Campus which was in operation on the site since 1994. The students from the Quamby campus relocated at the beginning of 2015 to the redeveloped facilities at the Vines Road campus.

(5) What is the total construction cost of the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(6) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

53. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Pakenham South West Primary School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) When will construction begin on the school.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (5) What is the total cost of construction the school buildings.
- (6) How many classrooms will be included.
- (7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

Pakenham South West Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The new schools will be delivered in two groups, with the first group constructed to open in time for the 2017 school year and the second group for 2018. The opening date for Pakenham South West Primary School will be confirmed through this tender process.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) When will construction begin on the school?

The Package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for Pakenham South West Primary School will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(5) What is the total cost of construction the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(6) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

54. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Point Cook South P-9 school:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) When will construction begin on the school.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.
- (5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (6) How many classrooms will be included.
- (7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

Point Cook South P-9 School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The new schools will be delivered in two groups, with the first group constructed to open in time for the 2017 school year and the second group for 2018. The opening date for Point Cook South P-9 School will be confirmed through this tender process.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) When will construction begin on the school?

The Package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for Point Cook South P-9 School will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project.

(6) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Education

55. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the proposed Torquay North Primary School:

- (1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018.
- (2) What is the expected opening date.
- (3) When will construction begin on the school.
- (4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site.

- (5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings.
- (6) How many classrooms will be included.
- (7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Will the school be part of group 1 schools opening in 2017 or group 2 opening in 2018?

Torquay North Primary School is one of 13 new government schools being delivered as a package across a number of Victoria's fastest growing metropolitan and regional communities through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

(2) What is the expected opening date?

The package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for each school will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(3) When will construction begin on the school?

The Package of schools will be opened in two groups with the first group of schools open for students in 2017 and the second group in 2018. The opening date for Torquay North Primary School will be confirmed through the ongoing tender process.

(4) What is the total cost of land acquisition for the school site?

Individual school site acquisition costs are generally not publicly disclosed for commercial reasons related to the negotiation of future site acquisitions.

(5) What is the total cost of building the school buildings?

The PPP Project was originally funded in the 2014-15 Budget and has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

The consortium will provide upfront financing for the Project and the whole of life costs will be paid by Government over the 25 years of the Project, with quarterly payments subject to ongoing facility and service quality standards being met.

(6) How many classrooms will be included?

Classroom design and layout will be determined through the competitive design and tender process, which will stimulate exemplary and innovative school design outcomes consistent with Government's education agenda.

(7) What is the Victorian Government contribution to the cost of building the school?

The PPP Project has an estimated capital value of \$223 million.

Regional development

67. Ms RYAN to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Regional Development — with reference to the Government's election commitment to fund Stage 2 of the Euroa saleyards:

- (1) When will construction begin.
- (2) Will funding be available in 2015-16.

ANSWER:

Strathbogie Shire Council (Council) has been redeveloping the Euroa Livestock Saleyards to ensure they meet industry standards and continue their vital role in supporting local livestock producers and generating economic benefits for the agribusiness sector and wider economy.

Stage 1 of the redevelopment was completed at the end of 2014. This \$450 000 stage was fully funded by Council without any assistance from the former Liberal-Nationals Government and included partial roofing of the facility and the improvement of stock pens.

As you are aware, on 5 March 2015 we were both in attendance at the opening of Stage 1 with the Mayor, Cr Debra Swan. Council has done a great job to date but it is clear that there is more to be done through the Stage 2 works.

During the visit, Council advised that they are currently consulting with user groups (farmers, buyers, stock agents and transport operators) as part of a Master Plan process for the Stage 2 works. The Saleyards Management Committee (representing user groups) is considering a number of priority works for Stage 2.

It is expected that the Master Plan will be finalised over the next 2-3 months with Council ready to go to tender for construction of the agreed works in mid-2015.

Accordingly, Council will be in a position to access the \$500 000 committed by the Andrews Labor Government for Stage 2 works during 2015-16, following the establishment of the Government's \$500 million Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund (RJIF).

Thanks to support from Labor through the RJIF, construction to upgrade the Euroa saleyards is anticipated to commence later this year.

Regional development

68. Ms RYAN to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Regional Development — when will the Government allocate funding to the Wandong to Bendigo Rail Trail.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Labor Party committed \$150 000 to undertake a feasibility study to extend the O'Keefe Rail Trail from Heathcote to Wallan. The Trail currently runs from Bendigo to Heathcote. The feasibility study will examine the means and viability to extend the trail from Heathcote to Wallan, via Kilmore and Wandong.

On 20 February 2015, Regional Development Victoria (RDV) staff met with representatives from Mitchell Shire Council, the Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail Inc. and the Mitchell Bike Users Group to discuss the governance, process and budget for the project.

The election commitment funding will leverage an additional \$30 000, with \$25 000 provided by Mitchell Shire Council and \$5000 from the City of Greater Bendigo to supplement the study. The Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail Inc. has also committed \$5000 of in-kind labour and technical expertise toward the project.

Mitchell Shire Council has agreed to auspice the project and is currently developing a submission detailing the scope of the project. It is anticipated that RDV will receive this submission within the next three weeks. The assessment of the Heathcote to Wallan Rail Trail feasibility study project will be finalised once the submission is received.

Training and skills

69. **Ms RYAN** to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Training and Skills — with reference to the Government’s election commitment to create a centre for agricultural studies at Bendigo TAFE:

- (1) When will construction of the centre commence.
- (2) When will construction on the centre conclude.
- (3) When will the centre start taking enrollments.
- (4) What new courses will be offered.
- (5) How many training places will be offered to students each year and in what courses.
- (6) What will be the annual operating cost of the centre.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Unlike the former government, we will re-open closed campuses, upgrade TAFE learning facilities, and provide TAFEs with cash support where necessary.

The Government is rebuilding the TAFE sector with the \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund.

The Government has already committed \$7.8 million in asset funding from the TAFE Rescue Fund to Bendigo Kangan Institute to expand agricultural training at its Charleston Road campus.

The institute is in the process of developing a detailed business case for the project which will establish the scope, timing and delivery model for the centre.

The Government has provided \$2.2 million from the fast-tracked \$20 million to Bendigo Kangan Institute from the \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund to support the Institute to retain and redeploy staff.

Training and skills

70. **Ms RYAN** to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Training and Skills — with reference to the Government’s commitment to spend \$10 million to re-open Swinburne Lilydale TAFE:

- (1) When will the site re-open.
- (2) How many training places will be offered.
- (3) What courses will be offered at the campus.
- (4) What refurbishments will be undertaken at the site.
- (5) Has the Government allocated money to attract a provider to the site; if so, how much.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- As part of the \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund, the Government has committed \$10 million to re-open Swinburne University’s Lilydale campus and create a permanent home for Melba Support Services on the site (up to \$1 million).
- Melba Support Services is already operating successfully at the site and will continue to call the campus home into the future.
- As is appropriate, my department is working privately with Swinburne University (as owner of the site) and other TAFE institutes, on the sale and re-opening of the site to ensure courses will be delivered there as soon as possible. This will involve agreements being reached between the parties — including the Government — this year.

- The volume and type of education to be offered, as well as any refurbishments needed, will be explored with education providers involved in negotiating to reopen the site. The Government will only support proposals that meet the needs of the local community and the Victorian economy — we are committed to training that helps people get and keep jobs.
- Announcements will be made throughout the year on key developments as they occur.

Training and skills

- 71.** **Ms RYAN** to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Training and Skills — over what timeframe will funding from the Government’s \$320 million TAFE rescue package be expended.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Unlike the former government, we will re-open closed campuses, upgrade TAFE learning facilities, and provide TAFEs with cash support where necessary.

That’s why the Government’s \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund commenced flowing from the 2014–15 financial year and will be expended into the 2018–19 financial year.

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.*

Wednesday, 15 April 2015

Roads and road safety

- 66.** Ms RYAN to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the Kilmore Wallan bypass:
- (1) What recommendations have been made to the Government by the Inquiry and Advisory Committee.
 - (2) When will construction works begin.
 - (3) Is the Government committed to retaining the original project timeline of completing the bypass by the end of 2017.

ANSWER:

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

The Victorian Government has confirmed the Western route for the Kilmore-Wallan Bypass.

The Minister for Planning's Assessment of the Kilmore-Wallan Bypass EES Inquiry and the Planning Panel's Advisory Committee Report, released on 11 March 2015, is the final step in the process of selecting the preferred route.

The assessment recommended the Western option as it would have the lowest environmental, social and amenity effect on the community.

The Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes, and I visited Monument Hill on 11 March 2015, to make the announcement to members of the local community.

The priority now is for VicRoads to get the appropriate statutory approvals in accordance with the Minister for Planning's Assessment, finalise planning and then submit a funding proposal to government for consideration.

The Andrews Government is proud it has been able to deliver and work with the community on this project.