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Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.  
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, 17 April 2012**

**Police and emergency services: police operations — Broadmeadows train station**

**161. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to police operations conducted at Broadmeadows train station under the Control of Weapons Act 1990:

- (1) How many individual police officers were on site during the operation.
- (2) During which hours did search operations occur.
- (3) How many police officer/hours were devoted to onsite operations.
- (4) How many persons were searched.
- (5) How many prohibited weapons were discovered and what type of weapons were these.
- (6) How many person were charged as a result of this operation and for what offences.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Victoria Police conducted a weapons search operation under the Control of Weapons Act 1990 at Broadmeadows train station on 19 February 2011. In relation to this operation Victoria Police advises that:

- (1) A total of 17 police members were on site during the operation;
- (2) The operation ran from 12.30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.;
- (3) A total of 85 officer hours were devoted to the operation;
- (4) A total of 127 persons were searched;
- (5) One prohibited weapon was discovered during the search, that being a flick knife; and
- (6) A total of five persons were charged as a result of the operation. These include one person for possession of a controlled weapon, one person for possession of a prohibited weapon, two persons for assaulting police and one minor for the possession of liquor.

**Water: minister's office — public transport tickets**

**427. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): What was the total cost for public transport tickets allocated to staff employed in the minister's office between the period 2 December 2010 and 5 April 2011.

**ANSWER:**

No public transport tickets were allocated to staff employed in the minister's office during this period.

**Crime prevention: minister's office — car parking spaces**

**477. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention):

- (1) What was the number of car parking spaces allocated to the minister's office as at 5 April 2011.
- (2) What was the cost of car parking spaces allocated to the minister's office as at 5 April 2011.
- (3) What was the market value of car parking spaces allocated to the minister's office as at 5 April 2011.

**ANSWER:**

Further to the answer to question on notice no. 674, tabled on 28 February 2012, the following information is provided on the costs of car parking spaces allocated to ministerial offices from 2005–06.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS and INNOVATION**

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	14	\$84 963
2006–07	14	\$88 502
2007–08	14	\$92 190
2008–09	14	\$96 030
2009–10	14	\$100 032

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

HEALTH

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	8	\$10 311
2006–07	7	\$35 568
2007–08	8	\$43 498
2008–09	7	\$39 997
2009–10	12	\$70 180

COMMUNITY SERVICES

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	6	\$7733
2006–07	5	\$25 405
2007–08	0	\$0
2008–09	0	\$0
2009–10	0	\$0

HOUSING

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	6	\$7733
2006–07	4	\$20 324
2007–08	5	\$27 186
2008–09	5	\$28 569

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<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2009–10	6	\$35 090

AGED CARE

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	6	\$7733
2006–07	6	\$30 487
2007–08	6	\$32 624
2008–09	6	\$34 284
2009–10	5	\$29 242

MENTAL HEALTH, Children

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	0	\$0
2006–07	3	\$15 244
2007–08	0	\$0
2008–09	0	\$0
2009–10	0	\$0

MENTAL HEALTH, Senior Victorians, Community Services

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	0	\$0
2006–07	0	\$0
2007–08	7	\$38 061
2008–09	9	\$51 426
2009–10	8	\$46 787

**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	5	\$23 100
2006–07	14	\$64 680
2007–08	14	\$70 027
2008–09	14	\$69 720
2009–10	14	\$69 720

**DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT**

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	15	\$68 400
2006–07	12	\$61 517
2007–08	28	\$149 530
2008–09	29	\$166 304
2009–10	25	\$119 109

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

PLANNING

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005-06	10	\$45 600
2006-07	10	\$51 264
2007-08	10	\$51 264
2008-09	10	\$54 813
2009-10	10	\$57 266

SPORT AND RECREATION

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005-06	7	\$33 574
2006-07	7	\$34 792
2007-08	7	\$36 054
2008-09	7	\$37 361
2009-10	7	\$38 716

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005-06	0	\$0
2006-07	0	\$0
2007-08	0	\$0
2008-09	0	\$0
2009-10	5	\$15 056

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

ROADS AND PORTS

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005-06	4	\$25 668
2006-07	2	\$13 720
2007-08	8	\$41 148
2008-09	7	\$41 472
2009-10	7	\$41 507

TRANSPORT

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005-06	3	\$19 248
2006-07	1	\$2947
2007-08	10	\$51 430
2008-09	5	\$29 616
2009-10	6	\$35 577

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	13	\$52 767
2006–07	23	\$99 360
2007–08	21	*
2008–09	21	\$106 588
2009–10	18	\$89 251

\*No cost available

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	5	*
2006–07	6	\$32 832
2007–08	7	\$38 304
2008–09	2	\$11 352
2009–10	2	\$12 144

\*Parking managed as part of rental — no cost recorded

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	2	*
2006–07	6	\$32 832
2007–08	6	\$32 832
2008–09	6	\$28 143
2009–10	7	\$32 834

\*Parking managed as part of rental — no cost recorded

POLICE, CORRECTIONS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	3	*
2006–07	3	\$11 160
2007–08	6	\$31 080
2008–09	6	\$32 100
2009–10	8	\$48 576

\*Parking managed as part of rental — no cost recorded

**DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER and CABINET**

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PREMIER

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	3	\$2836
2006–07	6	\$7486
2007–08	7	\$23 090

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<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2008–09	6	\$20 922
2009–10	6	\$19 494

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	67	\$241 082
2006–07	70	\$240 516
2007–08	54	\$259 491
2008–09	51	\$243 929
2009–10	53	\$199 757

**DEPARTMENT of TREASURY AND FINANCE**

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	7	\$34 354
2006–07	6	\$33 017
2007–08	6	\$5453*
2008–09	0	\$0
2009–10	0	\$0

\*Until September 2007

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2005–06	6	\$20 568
2006–07	6	\$20 364
2007–08	11	\$47 108
2008–09	8	\$26 826
2009–10	7	\$24 346

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS and INNOVATION**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	14	\$34 257.00

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

MENTAL HEALTH, WOMEN’S AFFAIRS and COMMUNITY SERVICES

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	7	\$16 100.00

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HOUSING and CHILDREN and EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	3	\$6900.00

HEALTH and AGEING

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	8	\$18 400.00

**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	5	\$8300.00

**DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	7	\$13 589.24

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

SPORT, RECREATION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	3	\$6900.00

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	6	\$14 179.80

PLANNING

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	7	\$16 131.85

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

PORTS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	3	\$5633.54

ROADS and TRANSPORT

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	4	\$7682.10

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	8	\$24 578.40

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2011–5 April 2011	5	\$11 507.55

**DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER and CABINET**

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PREMIER

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	5	\$7839.00

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	20	\$24 567.00

**DEPARTMENT of TREASURY AND FINANCE**

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	0	\$0

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

<i>Year</i>	<i>Car Spaces</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2 Dec 2010–5 April 2011	2	\$3 301.00

**Community services: Melbourne youth justice precinct — Ombudsman’s report**

**795. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Ombudsman’s report *Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001 — Investigation into Conditions at the Melbourne Youth Justice Precinct*, which made recommendations relating to security measures and staff training at the Melbourne youth justice precinct:

- (1) Which recommendations were fully implemented prior to 28 November 2010.
- (2) Will all of the recommendations be fully implemented by the end of the 2011–12 financial year; if not —
  - (a) which recommendations will not be fully implemented by the end of 2011–12;
  - (b) for each recommendation, why will it not be fully implemented by the end of 2011–12; and
  - (c) when will each recommendation be fully implemented.
- (3) How much funding is being provided for the implementation of each of these recommendations in the 2011–12 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Work on the implementation of the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001 — Investigation into Conditions at the Melbourne Youth Justice Precinct* is progressing well.
- (2) It is expected that all recommendations will be implemented by the end of the 2011–12 financial year.

- (3) Funding for the implementation of the recommendations of the Ombudsman’s review forms part of the 2011–12 operating budget of \$61.6m for youth justice custodial services.

**Community services: Melbourne youth justice precinct — Comrie review**

- 796. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the July 2010 report by Mr Neil Comrie titled *Review of Escape Incident at the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre on 19 May 2010*, which made recommendations relating to security measures and staff training at the Melbourne youth justice precinct:
- (1) Which recommendations were fully implemented prior to 28 November 2010.
  - (2) Will all of the recommendations be fully implemented by the end of the 2011–12 financial year; if not —
    - (a) which recommendations will not be fully implemented by the end of 2011–12;
    - (b) for each recommendation, why will it not be fully implemented by the end of 2011–12; and
    - (c) when will each recommendation be fully implemented.
  - (3) How much funding is being provided for the implementation of each of these recommendations in the 2011–12 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Work on implementing the eight matters for action raised in the report by Mr Neil Comrie titled *Review of Escape Incident at the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre on 19 May 2010* is progressing well.
- (2) It is expected that all eight matters for action will be implemented by the end of the 2011–12 financial year.
- (3) Funding for the implementation of matters arising from the Comrie review forms part of the 2011–12 operating budget of \$61.6m for youth justice custodial services.

**Community services: males in custody**

- 798. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the 2011–12 budget papers, which show that the daily average number of males (15 years plus) in custody is expected to increase to 140–190 per day in 2011–12 compared to the 2010–11 target of 130–180 per day:
- (1) What changes are being made to diversion and other programs to bring about this increase.
  - (2) What are the ‘policing and sentencing practices’ referred to in the footnote of the output budget papers that will lead to higher custodial numbers.
  - (3) Have any additional resources been allocated to cater for the increase in youth detention in the 2011–12 financial year resulting from the government’s proposed plans to introduce mandatory detention for 16 and 17-year-olds who commit acts of ‘gross violence’.
  - (4) Has any new capital funding been allocated to cater for the increase in youth detention in the 2011–12 financial year resulting from the government’s proposed plans to introduce mandatory detention for 16 and 17-year-olds who commit acts of ‘gross violence’.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The numbers of young people detained in youth justice centres is impacted by the numbers of young people processed by police for offending, and by the numbers of young people processed by the courts and remanded in custody, or sentenced to custodial dispositions. To better reflect the numbers of young offenders entering the custodial system, the government has slightly increased the annual performance targets from 130–180 on an average day in 2010–11 to 140–190 in 2011–12. The government has committed \$26.2 million in the 2011–12 budget to improve youth justice outcomes, including expanding diversion programs to prevent more young people from entering the youth justice system, and to better monitor and rehabilitate young offenders under statutory supervision.
- (2) The ‘policing and sentencing practices impacting on custodial numbers’ referred to in the footnote of the output budget papers indicates that the average daily number of young people in custody is impacted by the activities of the police and courts — specifically, the numbers of young people who are processed by police for offending, and the numbers of young people processed by the courts and sentenced to custodial dispositions.
- (3) The 2011–12 budget invests \$26.2 million over four years to improve youth justice outcomes. This includes \$14.4 million for diversion programs to prevent young people entering the youth justice system, and \$4.15 million to enhance recruitment, training and development of staff at youth justice centres.
- (4) The government has made a \$1 million capital allocation in 2011–12 for planning and feasibility works to address respond to capacity pressures in the youth justice custodial system.

**Community services: youth justice — diversion programs**

**799. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): Given that the 2010–11 budget provided for a new behaviour change program for young people carrying a knife, but no specific budget output for such a program was included, nor was any performance measure included in the budget for clients participating in any behaviour change programs for young people: What programs will be put in place in the 2011–12 financial year to divert people from the youth justice system and how much will each of these programs be funded.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In total, the 2011–12 budget commits \$26.2 million over four years to improve outcomes for young offenders, including funding for:

- \$13.3 million for:
  - 23 new youth justice workers to ensure that community-based orders for your people are better monitored and enforced. This will mean support and supervision for an extra 175 young offenders on community-based orders.
  - Significant expansion of the youth justice group conferencing program — an extra 650 young people will be diverted to youth justice group conferencing over the next four years.
- \$1.1 million for intensive bail supervision for young people at risk of being remanded to be released on bail and case-managed effectively in the community. As part of this, extra case workers will be provided for up to 480 young people.
- \$7.6 million to provide drug and alcohol, health and rehabilitative services for young offenders through coordinated case management.

**Community services: Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant scheme**

**1085. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant (formerly the capital grant scheme):

- (1) Across Victoria, what was the average value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (2) Across Victoria, what was the total dollar value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (3) Across Victoria, what was the number of grants made under the program in 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The dataset sought by the member, for 2011, is not currently available due to the ongoing processing of invoices.

Data regarding Home Wise grants is published in the Department of Human Services annual reports on <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/annual-reports/>.

**Community services: Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant scheme — Grampians region**

**1091. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant (formerly the capital grant scheme):

- (1) In the Grampians region, what was the average value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (2) In the Grampians region, what was the total dollar value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (3) In the Grampians region, what was the number of grants made under the program in 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not record and maintain Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant data by region or local government area.

**Community services: Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant scheme — city of Ballarat**

**1107. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant (formerly the capital grant scheme):

- (1) In the city of Ballarat, what was the average value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (2) In the city of Ballarat, what was the total dollar value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (3) In the city of Ballarat, what was the number of grants made under the program in 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not record and maintain Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant data by region or local government area.

**Community services: Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant scheme — city of Greater Geelong**

**1123. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant (formerly the capital grant scheme):

- (1) In the city of Greater Geelong, what was the average value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (2) In the city of Greater Geelong, what was the total dollar value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (3) In the city of Greater Geelong, what was the number of grants made under the program in 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not record and maintain Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant data by region or local government area.

**Community services: Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant scheme — shire of Surf Coast**

**1139. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant (formerly the capital grant scheme):

- (1) In the Surf Coast shire, what was the average value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (2) In the Surf Coast shire, what was the total dollar value of grants made under the program in 2011.
- (3) In the Surf Coast shire, what was the number of grants made under the program in 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not record and maintain Home Wise appliance and infrastructure grant data by region or local government area.

**Higher education and skills: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2299. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Water portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The details of state taxes and charges are set out in the relevant legislation or subordinate legislation, which is subject to approval or disallowance by either house of the Parliament. This has been the practice of successive governments.

More information can be found in 2011–12 budget paper no. 5 — Statement of Finances, which details the revised estimates of state revenue and the public account.

The value of a penalty or fee unit is determined under the Monetary Units Act 2004 and fixed each year by notice published in the Victorian Government Gazette. Other state fees and charges are periodically gazetted and published on the websites of administering departments and agencies.

**Attorney-General: statutory minimum sentences — intellectual disability**

**2658. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the government’s commitment to introduce statutory minimum sentences for certain crimes, will the Attorney-General guarantee that judges should always be able to consider an intellectual disability as a mitigating factor in sentencing.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Statutory minimum sentences will only apply to attacks that intentionally or recklessly cause serious injury when gross violence is involved. In most assault cases, judges will retain a broad discretion in sentencing offenders and may consider aggravating and mitigating factors in accordance with the usual sentencing process.

Although gross violence is yet to be defined, it is intended to capture the most extreme cases of offending behaviour in terms of both injury caused and the degree of mental culpability.

If an offence falls within the category of offences to which a statutory minimum sentence will apply, the sentencing judge will be able to set a lower sentence than the statutory minimum in genuinely exceptional circumstances.

Statutory minimum sentences will not displace the usual rules of criminal responsibility. If a person is found to be unfit to stand trial, or not guilty by reason of mental impairment, the usual provisions governing these situations will continue to apply.

The government has requested advice from the Sentencing Advisory Council on how best to specify the elements of gross violence and what circumstances should constitute exceptional circumstances. The government will give careful consideration to this advice in formulating the definition of the relevant offences.

Issues of intellectual disability are likely to be highly relevant both as to whether an offence subject to a statutory minimum sentence has been committed and if so, whether exceptional circumstances are present.

**Health: public dental services — Ballarat Health Services**

**3274. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of (a) adults and (b) children on the waiting list for public dental services at the Ballarat Health Services clinic as at 1 July in the following years —

- (a) 2006;
- (b) 2007;
- (c) 2008;
- (d) 2009;
- (e) 2010; and
- (f) 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- Children have priority access to public dental services so are not placed on waiting lists.
- The number of adults on the waiting list for public dental services at the Ballarat Health Services clinic is as follows:

Date	Service	Adults General Wait List	Adults Denture Wait List
(a) 30-Jun-2006	DHSV: Ballarat	3436	660
(b) 30-Jun-2007	DHSV: Ballarat	4062	626
(c) 30-Jun-2008	Ballarat Health Services	3999	233
(d) 30-Jun-2009	Ballarat Health Services	3258	463
(e) 30-Jun-2010	Ballarat Health Services	3432	330
(f) 30-Jun-2011	Ballarat Health Services	3780	326

**Health: public dental services — Ballarat Health Services**

**3275. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the average time (a) child and (b) adult recipients of public dental services at the Ballarat Health Services clinic spent on the waiting list before receiving services as at 1 July in the following years —

- (a) 2006;
- (b) 2007;
- (c) 2008;
- (d) 2009;
- (e) 2010; and
- (f) 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- Children have priority access to public dental services so are not placed on waiting lists.
- The average time adult recipients of public dental services spent on the waiting list before receiving services at the Ballarat Health Services clinic was as follows:

Date	Service	General Wait List Waiting time by date added (months)	Denture Wait List Waiting time by date added (months)
(a) 30-Jun-2006	DHSV: Ballarat	47	39
(b) 30-Jun-2007	DHSV: Ballarat	56	46
(c) 30-Jun-2008	Ballarat Health Services	52	11
(d) 30-Jun-2009	Ballarat Health Services	52	21
(e) 30-Jun-2010	Ballarat Health Services	32	21
(f) 30-Jun-2011	Ballarat Health Services	32	22

**Health: Castlemaine Health — Renshaw House aged-care facility**

**3792.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Health: Has the minister met with the CEO of Castlemaine Health regarding the closure of the Renshaw House aged-care facility; if so, when did the meeting take place.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

– I have met with the CEO of Castlemaine Health on a range of matters of which aged-care services were just one.

**Health: Castlemaine Health — Renshaw House aged-care facility**

**3797.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Health: What is the Victorian government's funding commitment to the running of Renshaw House in the 2011–12 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Renshaw House is given additional funding to supplement the commonwealth government residential aged-care subsidy; however the total Victorian government contribution also includes administration, training and other support provided by Castlemaine Health.

**Health: Castlemaine Health — Renshaw House aged-care facility**

**3799.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Health: In relation to the Renshaw House aged-care facility operated by Castlemaine Health: What advice has been received by the CEO of Castlemaine Health from the department regarding the future use of Renshaw House and the 19 unoccupied beds.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The configuration of residential aged-care services at Castlemaine Health is an operational issue for Castlemaine Health. The department has not provided any advice to the CEO of Castlemaine Health regarding the future use of Renshaw House.

**Health: Castlemaine Health — Renshaw House aged-care facility**

**3804.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Health: In relation to the Renshaw House aged-care facility operated by Castlemaine Health: Given the facility is no longer being used are there occupational health and safety requirements that have to be met before the facility can be reopened; if so —

- (a) what measures are being taken to improve the facility for future use; and
- (b) will the facility meet current occupational health and safety standards.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) It will be a matter for Castlemaine Health to plan the future of the building and the need for local aged-care services.
- (b) The facility meets current occupational health and safety standards.

**Planning: V/Line — Ballarat–Wendouree services**

**8211.** **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to services between Wendouree and Ballarat, in each of the following months, how many V/Line rail services were replaced by a taxi —

- (a) December 2010;
- (b) January 2011;
- (c) February 2011;
- (d) March 2011;
- (e) April 2011;
- (f) May 2011;
- (g) June 2011;
- (h) July 2011;
- (i) August 2011;
- (j) September 2011;
- (k) October 2011; and
- (l) November 2011.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (a) 0;
- (b) 3;
- (c) 1;
- (d) 2;
- (e) 0;
- (f) 0;
- (g) 2;
- (h) 1;
- (i) 0;
- (j) 0;
- (k) 2;
- (l) 2.

**Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Wendouree services**

**8214.** **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): For the period between 4 December 2010 and 30 November 2011, what is the number of passengers who travelled by taxi provided to replace the rail service between Wendouree and Ballarat.

**ANSWER:**

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

Between 26 and 39 passengers travelled by taxis provided to replace the rail service between Wendouree and Ballarat, based on an average of two to three passengers per taxi.

**Ports: Port Phillip Bay — tidal flow and dredging**

**8232. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports):

- (1) What was the actual latitude, longitude and height above chart datum of the positions in the Great Ship Channel at Port Phillip Heads where the speed and direction of the tidal flow was regularly measured from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011.
- (2) In tabulated form, what was the speed and direction of the tidal flow, at 2-hourly intervals and in the positions requested, in the Great Ship Channel at Port Phillip Heads from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011; if this information is not available for 2-hourly intervals in the above positions then as closely as possible to such time intervals and to such positions.
- (3) What are the results of the ‘visual’ monitoring that has taken place at the Northern Spoil Ground in Port Phillip Bay.
- (4) Where was the spoil from the maintenance dredging in the Yarra, that was scheduled to finish in mid-January 2012, disposed of.
- (5) Was that spoil tested for toxicants/contaminants prior to disposal.
- (6) Was that spoil capped once disposed of.
- (7) Is there scheduled testing of sediments on or near the site where the spoil was disposed of; if not, why not.
- (8) Who has approved the environmental management plan (EMP) that will cover the maintenance dredging in the south channel due to commence on 6 February 2012.
- (9) If the maintenance dredging is ‘routine’, why did the Port of Melbourne Corporation state in its media release of 1 February 2012 that, ‘The need to undertake this work in South Channel has become increasingly urgent to maintain access to and from the port’.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) PoMC has installed four instruments at the following locations defined at latitude and longitude and incorporating the low tide depth of each location:
 

Instrument 1:	38°19.366S	144°35.966E	-19.78m (CD)
Instrument 2:	38°18.309S	144°37.37E	-17.84m (CD)
Instrument 3:	38°18.10S	144°37.615E	-17.97m (CD)
Instrument 4:	38°17.754S	144°38.02E	-18.04m (CD).
- (2) The current flow and direction data are not normally compiled in the format requested. The data can be compiled in the requested format after all the data has been analysed and quality checked, after the completion of this project in late March.
- (3) The most recent visual inspection report in December 2011 concluded that there was no threat to the integrity of the capping layer. This report was provided to the Office of the Environmental Monitor.
- (4) The campaign was a ‘sweeping campaign’ where only underwater sweeping operations were undertaken to move the sediments to adjacent deeper parts of the Yarra River channel. Accordingly no ‘spoil’ was brought to the surface or moved from the river area.
- (5) There was no disposal of sediments.

- (6) There was no disposal of sediments.
- (7) There was no disposal of sediments.
- (8) The maintenance dredging environmental management plan was approved by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) on 2 February 2012.
- (9) Maintenance dredging is and will continue to be routinely carried out in the Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay to maintain the declared depths of the channels. The timing of the recent campaign in South Channel reflects a prudent environmental and commercial response by PoMC to the recent identification and confirmation of accretion in South Channel.

**Public transport: V/Line — Geelong line**

**8244. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to journeys on the Geelong V/Line train:

- (1) How many morning journeys to each of the stations on the Geelong line originate at Werribee.
- (2) How many morning journeys to Werribee originate at each of the stations on the Geelong line.
- (3) How many morning journeys to each of the stations on the Geelong line originate at Newport.
- (4) How many morning journeys to Newport originate at each of the stations on the Geelong line.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) 0.
- (2) **Monday–Friday**  
 Marshall: 6  
 South Geelong: 3  
 Geelong: 2  
 Southern Cross: 3.  
  
**Saturday**  
 Geelong: 1  
 Marshall: 2  
 Southern Cross: 1.  
  
**Sunday**  
 Marshall: 1  
 Southern Cross: 1.
- (3) 0.
- (4) **Monday–Friday**  
 Marshall: 2  
 South Geelong: 2  
 Geelong: 2  
 Southern Cross: 2.

For a.m. peak only (services arriving at Southern Cross before 9.00 a.m. and services departing Southern Cross before 9.00 a.m.).

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.  
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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.*

**Thursday, 19 April 2012**

**Tourism and major events: minister's office — staff**

**458. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): What is the total number of department staff seconded to the minister's private office and their position titles as at 5 April 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

There are no departmental staff seconded to my private office.

**Youth affairs: musical equipment bank — future**

**705. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Youth Affairs): In relation to the funding for music equipment grants, which provided a bank of musical equipment that struggling musicians could hire, that has been discontinued under the recent state budget:

- (1) On what basis was funding for the musical equipment bank discontinued.
- (2) What will become of the musical equipment bank.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Baillieu government was left with a number of lapsing, unfunded programs due to the poor financial management of the previous Labor government. In addition to this, the federal Labor government reduced GST payments to Victorians providing a significant black hole in the state's budget.

The 73 local councils that received funding under the music equipment grants program, to purchase equipment for young people to practice with and use at events, will continue to make the equipment available to young people.

**Community services: after-hours child protection emergency service — response time**

**2320. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): What is the average response time for calls to be answered at the after-hours child protection emergency service.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of reports to the service are included in the statewide statistics which are published in the Department of Human Services annual report 2009–10 (available at <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/annual-reports/workforce-data>) and in reports published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (available at <http://www.aihw.gov.au>).

**Energy and resources: bushfires — targeted work program for distribution businesses**

**4040. MS BROAD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): Was the implementation date of 30 June 2011 in the Bushfire Royal Commission Implementation Monitor’s Progress Report for the implementation of the targeted work program for distribution businesses to reduce bushfire risk met; if not when will this action be implemented.

**ANSWER:**

I refer to your question on notice asked on 30 August 2011 in relation to the implementation of recommendation 27 of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, which the former Labor government refused to fully implement.

The Bushfires Royal Commission Implementation Monitor’s Progress Report states on page 27 that all ongoing actions were allocated a date of 30 June 2011 to report progress.

On 29 December 2011 the government announced a 10-year work plan—which will implement recommendations 27 and 32 of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission in full—as part of the coalition government’s response to and acceptance of the recommendations of the Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce (PBST).

**Health: Affairs of State**

**4822. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Mental Health): For the period 2 December 2010 to 16 August 2011: Has the minister (or their staff) met with representatives of the lobbying firm Affairs of State and if so:

- (1) On which date was the meeting held.
- (2) Was the minister (or their staff) accompanied by departmental representatives.
- (3) Were any note(s) or record(s) of the meeting kept.
- (4) Was the lobbyist(s) acting on behalf of a client(s), and if so what was the name of the client(s).

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Government ministers and ministerial staff members continue to adhere to the Victorian government professional lobbyist code of conduct introduced in August 2009.

The government is currently preparing a new lobbyist code of conduct.

**Energy and resources: Alcoa Ltd — freehold land coal**

**8200. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the ‘freehold land’ designated in clause 1 of the agreement with Alcoa Ltd scheduled to the *Mines Agreement 1961*:

- (1) What is the total area of land.
- (2) Does the state collect information about the quantity of coal won from the area; if so, how much has been won from the area.
- (3) How much has been won per year over the past 10 years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to the ‘freehold land’ designated in clause 1 of the agreement with Alcoa Ltd scheduled to the *Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961*:

the area of the 'freehold land' designated in clause 1 of the *Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961* is approximately 42.5 hectares.

mining of coal from this area was completed in 1990.

**Energy and resources: Alcoa Ltd — Anglesea brown coal**

**8201. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): For the purposes of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*, what is the moisture content of the brown coal deposit subject to Alcoa's work plan in Anglesea.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

There is no purpose of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* which requires knowledge of the moisture content of the Anglesea brown coal.

**Public transport: Portland and Heywood needs analysis report**

**8206. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What action will the Department of Transport be taking as a result of the release of the 'Portland and Heywood Needs Analysis' report conducted in Portland and Heywood on behalf of the Western District Health Service.

**ANSWER:**

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

The *Portland and Heywood Transport Needs Analysis* illustrates some of the key challenges facing residents in rural areas of Victoria. The findings from the analysis have been noted by the Department of Transport and will be considered for future planning purposes.

Although the review of the Portland bus network was completed in 2011, the survey results and conclusions from the needs analysis will be considered as recommendations from the review are further developed for implementation. Any future service upgrades will be subject to available funding.

**Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Wendouree services**

**8210. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to train services between Wendouree and Ballarat, in each of the following months, how many V/Line rail services were replaced by a coach —

- (a) December 2010;
- (b) January 2011;
- (c) February 2011;
- (d) March 2011;
- (e) April 2011;
- (f) May 2011;
- (g) June 2011;
- (h) July 2011;
- (i) August 2011;
- (j) September 2011;

- (k) October 2011; and
- (l) November 2011.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (a) 0;
- (b) 3;
- (c) 2;
- (d) 1;
- (e) 1;
- (f) 0;
- (g) 1;
- (h) 0;
- (i) 0;
- (j) 0;
- (k) 2;
- (l) 5.

Please note this does not include planned coach replacements during the regional rail link project shutdown for works between 2–17 July 2011.

**Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Wendouree services**

**8212.** **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): For the period between 4 December 2010 and 30 November 2011, what is the total cost of taxi fares for replacement rail services between Wendouree and Ballarat.

**ANSWER:**

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

\$195. This equates to 13 trips at approximately \$15 per trip.

**Public transport: V/Line — Melbourne–Ballarat services**

**8213.** **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to train services between Ballarat and Melbourne, in each of the following months, how many V/Line rail services were replaced by a coach —

- (a) December 2010;
- (b) January 2011;
- (c) February 2011;
- (d) March 2011;
- (e) April 2011;

- (f) May 2011;
- (g) June 2011;
- (h) July 2011;
- (i) August 2011;
- (j) September 2011;
- (k) October 2011; and
- (l) November 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised, the number of trains between Ballarat and Melbourne that were replaced by coaches were as follows:

- (a) 5;
- (b) 2;
- (c) 0;
- (d) 2;
- (e) 1;
- (f) 3;
- (g) 3;
- (h) 2;
- (i) 0;
- (j) 5;
- (k) 2;
- (l) 0.

Please note this does not include planned coach replacements during the regional rail link project shutdown for works between 2–17 July 2011.

**Ports: port land use and transport strategy and environmental studies**

**8233. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports):

- (1) What is the status of the port land use and transport strategy document, and is it the most up-to-date document pertaining to the port of Hastings.
- (2) What government or port of Melbourne/port of Hastings-commissioned preliminary or benchmark environmental studies have been done in or around Westernport Bay in the last five years, including studies of terrestrial flora and fauna or marine species.
- (3) Which government agency commissioned those studies and where are those studies now.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that, as at 8 February 2012, the date the question was raised:

The Port of Hastings Land Use and Transport Strategy was prepared by the former Port of Hastings Corporation for the previous Victorian government. The coalition government has announced that the port of Hastings will be

developed as Victoria's second container port. The coalition government will not continue the process that the previous government had commenced under the Port of Hastings Land Use and Transport Strategy.

Following the 2010 election the coalition delivered on its election commitment to separate the port of Hastings from the port of Melbourne. *The Transport Legislation Amendment (Port of Hastings Development Authority) Act 2011* was passed by Parliament in 2011. This act established the Port of Hastings Development Authority which commenced operations on 1 January 2012. The authority is now responsible for the operation of the Hastings port and for overseeing its development as Victoria's second international container port.

The Port of Hastings Land Use and Transport Strategy and the subsequent studies undertaken by the former Port of Hastings Corporation address a development scenario which does not reflect the announced intention of the coalition government to develop the port of Hastings for container trades in the next 10–15 years. Therefore, this report has no current status.

**Education: government primary and secondary schools — Melbourne's growth areas**

**8234. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): How many sites have been set aside for government primary and secondary schools yet to be built in Melbourne's growth areas.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development works closely with the Growth Areas Authority, local government authorities and developers to ensure that adequate government school provision is provided to meet both the current and future needs of new communities in Melbourne's growth areas.

The department and the Growth Areas Authority have identified over 80 sites for proposed government schools in Melbourne's growth areas, and it is anticipated that this number will increase as more precinct structure plans are released by the Growth Areas Authority in future years.

The acquisition and delivery of school sites is coordinated in conjunction with the development of the surrounding community. Sites will be acquired and developed as required to meet demand over the next 20 years. Thirteen sites have already been acquired by the department for future development, and a further five are currently in the process of being acquired.

**Public transport: Metro Trains Melbourne — service announcements**

**8239. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): Is it a contractual requirement for Metro to inform commuters at train stations via audio announcements and or/visual display when train services have been —

- (a) delayed; and
- (b) cancelled.

**ANSWER:**

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

Under the franchise agreement, Metro must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that all information it provides at each station is accurate, complete and current. Metro has the capability to provide both automated and manual audio announcements at all stations regarding delayed and cancelled services. It also provides visual displays at selected stations, containing information regarding upcoming services.