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

Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative 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.

Wednesday, 12 September 2012

Ageing: minister's office — staff

342. HON. M. P. PAKULA — To ask the Minister for Ageing: What is the total number of staff employed in their ministerial office as at 5 April 2011 and the total number of staff (including ministerial staff and staff seconded from departments) that have worked in the minister's private office at any time during the period between 2 December 2010 and 5 April 2011.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Further to the answer to question no. 673 tabled on 13 October 2011, the following information is provided.

The total number of ministerial staff and seconded departmental staff employed in the private offices of all ministers and parliamentary secretaries is summarised as follows:

- a. As at 30 June 2006, there was a total of 212 staff;
- b. As at 30 June 2007, there was a total of 214 staff;
- c. As at 30 June 2008, there was a total of 210 staff;
- d. As at 30 June 2009, there was a total of 210 staff; and
- e. As at 30 June 2010, there was a total of 212 staff.

The total number of ministerial staff and seconded departmental staff employed in each private office is as follows (please note that data as at 30 June 2006 can only be identified per portfolio rather than as individual ministerial offices):

Minister	30-Jun-06
Premier's office	72
Arts, Women's Affairs	4
Aged Care, Aboriginal Affairs	6
Agriculture	3
Attorney-General, Industrial Relations	10
Community Services, Children	5
Deputy Premier	7
Educational Services, Employment & Youth	8
Education & Training	7
Energy, Industry & Resources	6
Finance, Major Projects	10
Gaming & Racing, Tourism	7
Health	9

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Minister	30-Jun-06
Information & Communications, Consumer Affairs	6
Local Government	6
Manufacturing & Exports, Small Business	7
Police & Emergency Services	9
Sport & Recreation, Commonwealth Games	7
Transport	10
Treasurer, Innovation, S&RD	10
Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet	3
Total	212

Minister	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08	30-Jun-09	30-Jun-10
Premier's office	73	49	49	52
Hon. Jacinta Allan	8	8	7	8
Hon. Daniel Andrews	5	10	10	9
Hon. Peter Batchelor	10	10	10	9
Hon. John Brumby	9			
Hon. Bob Cameron	5	6	6	7
Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio				6
Hon. Joe Helper	7	7	9	8
Hon. Tim Holding	8	11	11	12
Hon. Rob Hulls	8	10	9	9
Hon. Gavin Jennings	7	11	10	9
Hon. Lynne Kosky	8	6	7	
Hon. John Lenders	9	8	10	10
Hon. Justin Madden	7	9	9	9
Hon. James Merlino	6	6	7	7
Hon. Maxine Morand		5	5	6
Hon. Lisa Neville	7	10	9	8
Hon. Martin Pakula			6	8
Hon. Tim Pallas	5	8	9	8
Hon. Bronwyn Pike	8	9	9	9
Hon. Tony Robinson		8	8	8
Hon. Theo Theophanous	9	9		
Hon. John Thwaites	7			
Hon. Richard Wynne	5	8	8	8
Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet	3	2	2	2
Total	214	210	210	212

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Hon. Peter Ryan	10
Hon. Louise Asher	5
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Hon. Terry Mulder	4
Hon. Dr Denis Napthine	4
Hon. Michael O'Brien	5
Hon. Jeanette Powell	4
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips	2
Hon. Ryan Smith	5
Hon. Peter Walsh	5
Hon. Kim Wells	4
Hon. Mary Wooldridge	4
Cabinet office	4
Total	126

Health: minister's office — staff

358. HON. M. P. PAKULA — To ask the Minister for Health: What is the total number of staff employed in their ministerial office as at 5 April 2011 and the total number of staff (including ministerial staff and staff seconded from departments) that have worked in the minister's private office at any time during the period between 2 December 2010 and 5 April 2011.

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Environment and climate change: minister’s office — public transport tickets

402. HON. M. P. PAKULA — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): 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:

I am informed that:

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

Public transport: ticket infringement notices

2741. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) In 2008–09 and 2010–11, how many reports of non-compliance from authorised officers were received by the Department of Transport.
- (2) In 2008–09 and 2010–11, how many ticket infringement notices were issued by the Department of Transport.
- (3) Of those infringements issued in both those financial years, how many requests for review were received by the Department of Transport.
- (4) Of those requests for review received, how many original decisions were overturned and no longer pursued.
- (5) In 2008–09 and 2010–11, how many ticket infringement matters were prosecuted at the Infringements Court.
- (6) In 2008–09 and 2010–11, how many matters were referred to the Infringements Court for consideration of special circumstances.
- (7) In 2008–09 and 2010–11, on how many separate occasions did the Department have to appear at the Infringements Court.
- (8) In 2008–09 and 2010–11, how many challenged infringement notices were waived (‘waived’ not meaning they were found not guilty of the offence, but that the amount due under the infringement was not enforced by the Infringement Court).
- (9) How many penalties under the current section 228H(1) of the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 have been issued to accredited companies to date.
- (10) Of this amount, how many have been issued to bus companies, how many have been issued to train companies and how many have been issued to tram companies.
- (11) For each of the five gazetted categories of ‘relevant incidents’, how many have been reported against each one.
- (12) Since the Ombudsman’s report in December 2010, how many new full-time equivalent positions have been created within the Department of Transport to administer the new authorised officer protocols.
- (13) How many additional full-time equivalent positions will be required over the forward estimates.
- (14) What were the exact occupational health and safety reasons behind the decision not to allow authorised officers to directly issue fines as recommend by the Ombudsman.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) 198 242 in 2008–09; and 135 925 in 2010–11.
- (2) 197 685 in 2008–09; and 131 336 in 2010–11.
- (3) 35 121 in 2008–09; and 20 429 in 2010–11.
- (4) In 2008–09, 710 decisions were withdrawn and 17 688 decisions were withdrawn with official warnings; in 2010–11, 322 decisions were withdrawn and 11 267 decisions were withdrawn with official warnings.
- (5) 26 878 cases were dealt with by prosecution in 2008–09; and 10 299 cases were dealt with by way of prosecution in 2010–11.
- (6) 1695 in 2008–09; and 2031 in 2010–11.
- (7) 961 in 2008–09; and 829 in 2010–11.
- (8) 2254 penalties were not enforced after being lodged with the court in 2008–09; and 2634 penalties were not enforced after being lodged with the court in 2010–11.
- (9) Nil.
- (10) Nil.
- (11) Six ‘relevant incidents’ were reported from 1 January 2008 to 31 October 2010; and 830 ‘relevant incidents’ were reported from period 1 November 2010 to 26 August 2011.
- (12) Nil.
- (13) The Department of Transport recruits staff as required.
- (14) The likelihood of assaults on authorised officers is reduced if the officers themselves do not actually issue infringement notices.

Environment and climate change: bushfires — joint training exercises

4034. MS BROAD — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change): In relation to recommendation 9 of the bushfire royal commission: has the government, through the Country Fire Authority and Department of Sustainability and Environment, prescribed a minimum number of level 3 joint training exercises for incident management team staff and volunteers; if so, how many have been prescribed for the 2011–12 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The fire services are working towards a model of having pre-formed incident management teams. This model will prescribe the number of training and development sessions for staff and volunteers, including level 3 incident controllers. It is expected that the model will be implemented prior to the 2012–13 summer fire season.

For the 2011–12 summer fire season, training for incident management team staff and volunteers includes participation in:

- multiagency exercises involving the fire services, other emergency service organisations, government departments, volunteers and the community, to be conducted in Barwon south-west, Gippsland, Hume, Loddon Mallee, Grampians and the eastern, southern and north-west metropolitan regions;
- pre-summer briefings for incident management team members conducted across the state;
- local level training managed and led by the regions; and

- training sessions specifically targeting level 3 incident controllers to be delivered in late November and December 2011.

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) have an agreed accreditation system for level 3 incident controllers. The CFA continues to align its training and accreditation processes with the skills, experience and formal qualifications of DSE level 3 incident controllers. The CFA is undertaking a focused learning program for level 3 incident controllers (including volunteers), which involves developing a portfolio based on previous experiences and roles in incident management, a profiling exercise to identify any skill gaps and participating in a two-day scenario-based exercising regime. Following this, incident controllers will either be accredited or provided with further training and personal support to enable them to reach the required level of competence.

Health: Portland District Health — Sea View House aged-care facility

- 8207. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Health: What health delivery services will replace the Sea View House aged-care facility in Portland after the Portland health district’s decision to cease operations and management of the facility.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No decisions have been made on the future use of the Sea View House facility. The first priority for Portland District Health has been to assist residents to relocate to suitable alternative accommodation. Future use of the facility will then be explored by Portland District Health in collaboration with the community and in consultation with the Department of Health.

Health: Deakin University — Waurn Ponds campus hospital

- 8241. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Health: In relation to the government’s 2010 election promise for a 32-bed hospital at the Deakin University Waurn Ponds campus —

- (1) Has the minister sought, and received, advice from the Department of Health on the hospital; if so —
 - (a) when will construction begin; and
 - (b) what is the completion time line.
- (2) Is the government still committed to its promise for this hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The minister seeks and receives advice on service and capital planning issues on a routine basis. This applies to planning in relation to a community hospital at Waurn Ponds.
- (2) The Baillieu government is committed to the fulfilment of its election commitments.

The Baillieu government has recently delivered on other capital resource commitments in the region through the provision of \$8.3m in the 2011–12 state budget towards planning, development and infrastructure works to upgrade the Geelong Hospital. In addition, provision of \$93.3 million was made in the 2012–13 state budget to a major upgrade of the Geelong Hospital which will provide an additional 64 beds and a supportive cancer centre.

Public transport: rail — Wyndham Vale station

- 8246. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to Wyndham Vale train station:

- (1) What is the forecasted patronage at the train station during peak for the years:
 - (a) 2013;
 - (b) 2014; and
 - (c) 2015.
- (2) What is the forecasted patronage at the train station during off-peak for the years:
 - (a) 2013;
 - (b) 2014; and
 - (c) 2015.
- (3) How many trains will be added to the Werribee line to cater for these additional passengers.
- (4) When will these trains be added to the Werribee line.
- (5) Will they be Metro or V/Line trains.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1–2)

Wyndham Vale railway station is scheduled to open at the completion of the regional rail link in 2016. Patronage has not been predicted for preceding years.

(3–5)

The coalition government ordered seven new metropolitan trains in 2011. Public Transport Victoria will work with Metro to introduce new trips into the metropolitan timetable as the new trains become available for service. Metropolitan and regional trains will continue to use the Werribee line until the regional rail link is completed with a dedicated track for Geelong trains.

Health: assisted reproduction — donor records

8266. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Health: In relation to the preservation of the records of donors which was raised during debate on the Assisted Reproductive Treatment Bill 2008 and in the resolution of the Council of 23 June 2010 referring the matter of ‘Access by donor-conceived people to information about donors’ to the Law Reform Committee: Given that the records currently remain legally unprotected, have any interim measures been taken to preserve the records of donors —

- (a) if so, what measures have been taken; and
- (b) if not, what plans does the government have to protect these records.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raises issues in relation to six categories of records:

1. Records created and held under three legislative requirements (Infertility (Medical Procedures) Act 1984, Infertility Treatment Act 1995, Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008). These records are held and managed by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) in the central and voluntary registers. These records are protected.
2. Donor records created prior to the introduction of legislation by Prince Henry’s Hospital. These records pertain to donor insemination procedures performed by medical practitioners at Prince Henry’s. These pre-legislation records have been transferred to the Public Records Office (PROV) where they are held under the 99-year rule with access restricted to authorised officers of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. These records are securely stored and protected.

3. Records created by the Infertility Treatment Authority (now the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA)). These records relate to individual donor conceived persons who had contact with the then Infertility Treatment Authority regarding counselling and information services provided by staff of the Authority. Arrangements are currently being made for these records to be transferred to the PROV as the VARTA does not have the legislative power to hold records which contain identifying donor information.
4. Additional records held by the VARTA including original application forms by donors and donor-conceived persons will be transferred to the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Hence all records currently held by VARTA relating to donors will be securely held at either PROV or BDM.
5. The registered ART providers also hold information relating to donors and donor-conceived persons. This information forms part of the patient medical record. These records are held consistent with the Health Records Act 2001. Information held on these records is accessible with consent.
6. A further possible category of donor related records pertains to information held by private practitioners who performed donor insemination procedures prior to the introduction of legislation. The collection and retention of these records was entirely at the discretion of the practitioners. It is unknown whether records generated by these practitioners were kept or destroyed. It is not possible to identify who these doctors are (were), whether they are still practising, what information (if any) they collected and whether or not any records created have been destroyed.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

8343. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many times in January 2012 was the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance single response unit unavailable.
- (2) For each instance of unavailability, what was the length of time the unit was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were two shifts when the MICA SRU was unavailable.
- (2) The unit was unavailable for one 10-hour shift and one 14-hour shift.
- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

8344. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many times in as the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance single response unit unavailable.
- (2) For each instance of unavailability, what was the length of time the unit was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were eight shifts when the MICA SRU was unavailable.
- (2) The unit was unavailable for four 10-hour shifts and four 14-hour shifts.

- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

8347. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many times in September 2011 was the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance single response unit unavailable.
- (2) For each instance of unavailability, what was the length of time the unit was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were five shifts when the MICA SRU was unavailable.
- (2) The unit was unavailable for three 10-hour shifts and two 14-hour shifts.
- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

8348. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many times in August 2011 was the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance single response unit unavailable.
- (2) For each instance of unavailability, what was the length of time the unit was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were three shifts when the MICA SRU was unavailable.
- (2) The unit was unavailable for one 10-hour shift and two 14-hour shifts.
- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

8349. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many times in July 2011 was the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance single response unit unavailable.
- (2) For each instance of unavailability, what was the length of time the unit was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were four shifts when the MICA SRU was unavailable.

- (2) The unit was unavailable for four 14-hour shifts.
- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: school dental health programs

8354. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) What schools in the Western Metropolitan Region currently run dental health programs.
- (2) What funding do each of these schools receive for their dental health programs.
- (3) For every dollar spent on dental health programs, how much is saved in treatment costs and preventable illness.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Schools are not routinely funded for dental health programs.
- (2) Victorian schools are not routinely funded for dental health programs.
- (3) This information is not available.

Health: ambulance services — Bendigo, Castlemaine and Maryborough

8360. MS BROAD — To ask the Minister for Health: In relation to ambulance services in Bendigo and surrounding regions:

- (1) How many full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics were employed in Bendigo as at:
 - (a) December 2009;
 - (b) December 2010; and
 - (c) December 2011.
- (2) How many ambulance vehicles (ambulances) were available in Bendigo as at:
 - (a) December 2009;
 - (b) December 2010; and
 - (c) December 2011.
- (3) What is the current total number of ambulance vehicles (ambulances) available in Castlemaine.
- (4) How many full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics were employed at Castlemaine as at:
 - (a) December 2010; and
 - (b) December 2011.
- (5) What is the current total number of ambulance vehicles (ambulances) available in Maryborough.
- (6) How many full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers were employed at Maryborough as at:
 - (a) December 2010; and
 - (b) December 2011.
- (7) What was the total government expenditure on ambulance services (resources) in the Bendigo, Castlemaine and Maryborough regions in 2008–09.

ANSWER:

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I am informed that:

- (1) The number of full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics employed in Bendigo as at:

- (a) December 2009

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	47
Part-time	1
Casual	0

- (b) December 2010

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	57
Part-time	0
Casual	1

- (c) December 2011

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	61
Part-time	2
Casual	2

- (2) The number of ambulance vehicles available at Bendigo as at:

- (a) December 2009 was 13 ambulances;
 (b) December 2010 was 13 ambulances;
 (c) December 2011 was 13 ambulances.

- (3) The current total number of ambulance vehicles available in Castlemaine is two ambulances.

- (4) The number of full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics employed at Castlemaine as at:

- (a) December 2010

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	5
Part-time	2
Casual	1

- (b) December 2011

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	9
Part-time	2
Casual	1

- (5) The current total number of ambulance vehicles available in Maryborough is three ambulances.

(6) The number of full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics that were employed at Maryborough as at:

(a) December 2010

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	11
Part-time	0
Casual	0

(b) December 2011

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	16
Part-time	0
Casual	0

(13) The premise of the member's question is wrong. Ambulance service expenditure is not allocated or monitored on a regional basis.

Public transport: rail — Dandenong station

8363. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What is the average number of passengers that used Dandenong railway station on a daily and weekly basis, for each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

ANSWER:

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

Rail passengers commenced the ticketing transition from Metcard to myki in December 2009. The average numbers of passengers that used Dandenong station were: in 2008–09, 8586 per weekday and 51 408 per week; in 2009–10, 8958 per weekday and 53 580 per week; and in 2010–11, 8001 per weekday and 48 504 per week.

Public transport: rail — Clayton station

8366. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What is the average number of passengers that used Clayton railway station on a daily and weekly basis, for each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

ANSWER:

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

Rail passengers commenced the ticketing transition from Metcard to myki in December 2009. The average numbers of passengers that used Clayton station were: in 2008–09, 5032 per weekday and 31 819 per week; in 2009–10, 5344 per weekday and 32 982 per week; and in 2010–11, 5414 per weekday and 32 102 per week.

Public transport: rail — Springvale station

8368. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What is the average number of passengers that used Springvale railway station on a daily and weekly basis, for each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

ANSWER:

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

Rail passengers commenced the ticketing transition from Metcard to myki in December 2009. The average numbers of passengers that used Springvale station were: in 2008–09, 5272 per weekday and 32 544 per week; in 2009–10, 5649 per weekday and 34 633 per week; and in 2010–11, 5779 per weekday and 34 502 per week.

Public transport: rail — Sandown Park station

8371. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What is the average number of passengers that used Sandown Park railway station on a daily and weekly basis, for each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

ANSWER:

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

Rail passengers commenced the ticketing transition from Metcard to myki in December 2009. The average numbers of passengers that used Sandown Park station were: in 2008–09, 1579 per weekday and 9038 per week; in 2009–10, 1527 per weekday and 8850 per week; and in 2010–11, 1596 per weekday and 9015 per week.

Public transport: rail — Noble Park station

8374. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What is the average number of passengers that used Noble Park railway station on a daily and weekly basis, for each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

ANSWER:

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

Rail passengers commenced the ticketing transition from Metcard to myki in December 2009. The average numbers of passengers that used Noble Park station were: in 2008–09, 6145 per weekday and 38 093 per week; in 2009–10, 7122 per weekday and 44 647 per week; and in 2010–11, 7584 per weekday and 46 371 per week.

Public transport: rail — Yarraman station

8376. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What is the average number of passengers that used Yarraman railway station on a daily and weekly basis, for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

ANSWER:

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

Rail passengers commenced the ticketing transition from Metcard to myki in December 2009. The average numbers of passengers that used Yarraman station were: in 2008–09, 1246 per weekday and 7060 per week; in 2009–10, 1227 per weekday and 7017 per week; and in 2010–11, 1235 per weekday and 6974 per week.

Public transport: rail — Hallam station

8378. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What is the average number of passengers that used Hallam railway station on a daily and weekly basis, for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

ANSWER:

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

Rail passengers commenced the ticketing transition from Metcard to myki in December 2009. The average numbers of passengers that used Hallam station were: in 2008–09, 2455 per weekday and 13 767 per week; in 2009–10, 2503 per weekday and 13 980 per week; and in 2010–11, 2793 per weekday and 15 323 per week.

Police and emergency services: crime — Dandenong railway station

8382. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What programs or measures have been implemented to reduce the incidences of antisocial behaviour, robbery, assault, drug trafficking and other offences at Dandenong railway station over the past 12 months.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police has advised that the Victoria Police transit safety division has implemented a number of programs and measures relevant to Dandenong involving the Dandenong direct start unit, the proactive unit, crime investigation unit, Embona unit and the tasking unit.

Over the past 12 months, Victoria Police has conducted specific operations targeting public order, liquor licensing, antisocial behaviour, youth offending, recidivist offenders, prohibited carrying of weapons and other offences in and around the Dandenong railway station and Dandenong Plaza.

Operation Omni is run on a regular basis at targeted areas across the state, including the Dandenong railway station. This operation includes uniform and plain-clothes police conducting random weapons searches in and around the transport hub.

Victoria Police conducts passive alert detection (PAD) dog operations at Dandenong railway station on a regular basis to target those members of the community who use the public transport system to convey illicit drugs.

As part of Operation Round-Up between November 2011 and March 2012, plain-clothes police conducted random bail compliance checks to reduce the incidence of offending.

In June 2011, Victoria Police established the dedicated Dandenong Embona task force to target robberies in the Greater Dandenong police service area (PSA).

In October 2011, Victoria Police established the safe suburbs task force to proactively police high-risk community locations. This task force performs high visibility proactive patrols both on foot and in vehicles.

Victoria Police is also involved in:

- regular workshops to identify strategies to manage the challenges of alcohol supply and demand involving local youth within the Dandenong PSA; and
- the development of the Dandenong railway station precinct action plan and transport hub upgrade project, in conjunction with the City of Greater Dandenong, Department of Transport and Metro Trains.

Protective services officers are now operating at Dandenong railway station, making the train line safer for all transport users.

Police and emergency services: police patrols — Central Dandenong Plaza

8384. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What are the numbers of police foot patrols in hours and personnel on a daily basis at Central Dandenong Plaza shopping centre.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Collation of information in the specific format represents an unreasonable diversion of police resources, as Victoria Police advises that specific data of this type is not captured.

Victoria Police has however, provided an estimate of over 400 hours of foot patrols conducted within the Southern Metropolitan Region, during the 2011–12 financial year.

Police and emergency services: mobile police unit — Dandenong Plaza

8385. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What is the time frame for the establishment of a mobile police unit within Dandenong Plaza shopping centre precinct.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police has advised that while the proposal for the establishment of a mobile police unit within the Dandenong shopping centre precinct was explored, the proposal did not proceed due to feasibility issues associated with the cost of leasing premises within the plaza.

The safe suburbs task force is proving to be a more efficient and effective model, providing more flexible deployment of resources across a range of high-risk community locations throughout the Dandenong police service area.

Public transport: authorised officers — Dennis station incident

8401. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the reported incident involving Connex authorised officers and Michael Aravopolous at Dennis railway station on 18 April 2008:

- (1) Was there an investigation by the Department of Transport into this incident.
- (2) Was any breach of the regulations found to have occurred.
- (3) What was the result of the department’s investigative process.
- (4) Are the four authorised officers involved in this incident still working as authorised officers; if not —
 - (a) were they removed from their positions as a result of the investigative process; and
 - (b) did they leave voluntarily or were they removed from their employment.

ANSWER:

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

The Department of Transport (DOT) was advised by Victoria Police that it would investigate this matter, and so DOT did not conduct an investigation. DOT was not advised of the allegations of excessive use of force by the authorised officers at the time the police initially investigated the matter. Victoria Police subsequently advised DOT that it would not lay charges as a result of its investigation because of conflicting evidence. Of the four Connex authorised officers directly involved in this incident, Metro currently employs two of them as authorised officers and one in a non-enforcement role. One resigned in 2010.

Energy and resources: Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 — review

8470. MR LENDERS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the review of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990:

- (1) What is the time line for this review process and the expected completion date.
- (2) Will the minister ensure that the outcomes of the review are focused on the best results for the industry, the community and the environment.
- (3) Can the minister confirm that the assurance given to the Prospectors and Miners Association of Victoria that conditions for smaller scale miners will be streamlined as a result of this review will be the case.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian government is committed to regulatory reform that supports the development of a sustainable and competitive earth resources sector, while maintaining appropriate protection of communities and the environment.

The Victorian government has undertaken considerable consultation on reform proposals under stage 2 of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 (MRSDA) review and has begun to implementing an initial set of administrative reforms while other reform proposals are further developed.

The government also asked the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee (EDIC) of the Parliament to inquire into greenfields mineral exploration and project development in Victoria, which covered a number of issues which were also raised as part of the MRSDA review. The committee tabled its report in May 2012. The government will be responding to the EDIC inquiry report in coming months in accordance with the usual time frame.

I can assure the resources sector, including the Prospectors and Miners Association of Victoria, that the government will continue to work with them to reduce regulatory red tape.

Energy and resources: mineral deposits — exploitation

8472. MR LENDERS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): Given that many of Victoria's valuable minerals occur in small deposits that are not economically viable for large operators, is the government committed to the exploitation of all types and sizes of mineral deposits.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The government welcomes the development of all types and sizes of mineral deposits. These resources make important contributions to the state and regional economies, supporting investment and jobs.

The government is committed to reducing overlapping regulation and red tape in a way that continues to appropriately protect our communities and environment.

I will continue working with the earth resources sector and the community to that end.

Community services: detainee demographics — Melbourne Youth Justice Facility

8473. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility:

- (1) How many young people in detention on 1 January 2011 —
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
 - (d) had a primary language other than English.

- (2) How many young people in detention on 1 July 2011:
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
 - (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (3) How many young people in detention on 1 January 2012:
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
 - (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (4) What was the staff to client ratio, not including administrative staff, on —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2011; and
 - (c) 1 January 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) (a) 16 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre on 1 January 2011.
- (1) (b, c, d)
The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (2) (a) 13 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre on 1 July 2011.
- (2) (b, c, d)
The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (3) (a) 11 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre on 1 January 2012.
- (3) (b, c, d)
The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (4) (a) (b) (c)
There is no fixed staff to client ratio operating at youth justice centres. The number of staff members working with clients varies depending on the time of day, the client group and unit.

Community services: detainee demographics — Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre

8474. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre:

- (1) How many young people in detention on 1 January 2011 —
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
 - (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (2) How many young people in detention on 1 July 2011:
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and

- (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (3) How many young people in detention on 1 January 2012:
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
 - (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (4) What was the staff to client ratio, not including administrative staff, on —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2011; and
 - (c) 1 January 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) (a) 11 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre on 1 January 2011.
- (1) (b, c, d) The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (2) (a) 4 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre on 1 July 2011.
- (2) (b, c, d) The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (3) (a) 6 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre on 1 January 2012.
- (3) (b, c, d) The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (4) (a) (b) (c) There is no fixed staff to client ratio operating at youth justice centres. The number of staff members working with clients varies depending on the time of day, the client group and unit.

Community services: detainee demographics — Parkville Youth Residential Centre

8475. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Parkville Youth Residential Centre:

- (1) How many young people in detention on 1 January 2011 —
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
 - (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (2) How many young people in detention on 1 July 2011:
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;
 - (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
 - (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (3) How many young people in detention on 1 January 2012:
 - (a) were identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
 - (b) had an intellectual disability;

- (c) entered the facility with a mental illness; and
- (d) had a primary language other than English.
- (4) What was the staff to client ratio, not including administrative staff, on —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2011; and
 - (c) 1 January 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) (a) 1 young person identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Parkville Youth Residential Centre on 1 January 2011.
- (1) (b, c, d) The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (2) (a) 3 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Parkville Youth Residential Centre on 1 July 2011.
- (2) (b, c, d) The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (3) (a) 3 young people identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at the Parkville Youth Residential Centre on 1 January 2012.
- (3) (b, c, d) The department does not hold these data on clients for the date specified.
- (4) (a) (b) (c) There is no fixed staff to client ratio operating at youth justice centres. The number of staff members working with clients varies depending on the time of day, the client group and unit.

Ageing: public sector residential aged-care facilities

8485. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to public sector residential aged-care facilities in Victoria:

- (1) What is the number of breaches of the Aged Care Act 1997, of the commonwealth, for each facility between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.
- (2) What is the number of breaches of the Health Services Act 1988 for each facility between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011, there were a total of 30 breaches of the commonwealth’s Aged Care Act identified for 26 public sector residential aged-care facilities.

All the 2010–11 breaches were remedied within the timeframes set by the commonwealth.

All the facilities are currently operating with a full three-year accreditation period granted by the commonwealth.

Between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, there were a total of 22 breaches of the commonwealth’s Aged Care Act identified for 20 public sector residential aged-care facilities.

Residential aged-care facility	Number of breaches
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Residential aged-care facility	Number of breaches
Armitage House Nursing Home, Bass Coast Regional Health	1
Bolga Court, Tallangatta Health Service	1
Corangamarah, Colac Area Health	1
Darley House, Austin Health	1
Dimboola Hospital Nursing Home, Wimmera Health Care Group	1
Glenarm Nursing Home, Kerang District Health	1
Inglewood Nursing Home, Inglewood and District Health Service	1
Karinya Nursing Home, Numurkah District Health Service	1
Kirrak House, Bass Coast Regional Health	2
Lakeview Nursing Home, Tallangatta Health Service	1
MacPherson Smith, Stawell Regional Health	1
McLellan House Hostel, Melbourne Health	1
Mooraleigh Hostel, Southern Health	1
Mt Alexander Nursing Home, Castlemaine Health	2
Numurkah Pioneers Memorial Lodge, Numurkah District Health Service	1
Omeo Hostel, Omeo District Health	1
Omeo Nursing Home, Omeo District Health	1
PS Hobson Nursing Home, Ballarat Health	1
Queen Elizabeth Village Hostel, Ballarat Health	1
Rupanyup District Nursing Home, Dunmunkle Health Service	1
Seymour District Nursing Home, Seymour Health	1
Simpkin House, Bendigo Health	1
Sutherland Lodge, Bairnsdale Health Service	2
Trentham Hostel, Hepburn Health	2
Trentham Nursing Home, Hepburn Health	1
Wilson Lodge, Central Gippsland Health	1

- (2) There were no breaches of Health Services Act 1988 for any public sector residential aged-care facility from 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

The Health Services Act 1988 sets out the governance structures for public health services which provide residential aged-care facilities as part of their broader operations acting as commonwealth-approved providers in their own right. The Health Services Act does not prescribe standards in relation to provision of services within public sector residential aged-care facilities, that being a function of the Aged Care Act.

Public transport: rail — regional link

8512. **MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): Do trains other than N-Class, V/Locity and Sprinter presently use the Footscray to Deer Park corridor (RRL1); if so:

- (1) What are those locomotive types.
- (2) Do they include P-Class and the A-Class.
- (3) Are they included in the noise and pollution impact assessments.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Broad gauge passenger and freight trains other than N-Class, V/Locity and Sprinters operate from Footscray to Deer Park from time to time. Each of the noise and air quality assessments carried out for the regional rail link assume a mix of rolling stock will be used in the future. The reports of these assessments are accessible on the project website.

Public transport: rail — regional link

8513. **MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the regional rail link project, will trains other than N-Class, V/Locity and Sprinter use the completed RRL track in the Footscray to Deer Park corridor (RRL1); if so:

- (1) What are those locomotive types.
- (2) What is the expected impact on noise of those locomotive types.

ANSWER:

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

V/Line or other rail operators may operate any broad gauge train from Footscray to Deer Park where they are accredited to do so. Information on noise assessments is available in the noise impact assessment report for regional rail link section 1, which is accessible on the project website.

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8516. **MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the regional rail link project, has an assessment been made of the comparative economic and environmental benefit of diesel versus electric services on RRL project; and if so, what was the result of that assessment.

ANSWER:

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

No specific assessment of electrifying regional train lines has been carried out as part of the regional rail link project.