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The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

Police and emergency services: cells and interview rooms — closed-circuit television

139. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): Excluding category A cells, has a comprehensive review been undertaken to ascertain the number of cells and interview rooms in Victorian police stations still operating without closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs); if so, what is the proportion of cells and interview rooms to which this applies.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

A comprehensive statewide review of CCTV monitoring and recording units in police custody facilities was conducted between November 2010 and January 2011.

Physical assessments were made of all 117 category B and category C cells for CCTV compliance.

Of these, 2.56 per cent, or three locations, do not currently have CCTV installed.

Police interview rooms are not monitored through CCTV surveillance. All interview rooms are equipped with portable evidence capture units to enable the recording of all interviews with suspects.

Police and emergency services: duck season — costs

167. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What was the cost in 2010, and what is the projected cost in 2011, of deploying officers of Victoria Police to monitor sites where duck hunting takes place for the duration of the duck hunting season.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The policing of duck hunting sites primarily falls within the responsibility of local members, who perform such duties as part of their range of normal everyday functions. Victoria Police does not incur additional costs in the delivery of these policing services. It is not possible to calculate the actual costs of such policing, as relevant records are not maintained in a readily accessible form. Their calculation would involve a considerable effort and diversion of police resources.

However, Victoria Police advises me that additional water police costs for six members was incurred for the opening of the 2011 season. These costs include six members plus accommodation, incidentals and overtime at a total cost of \$9326. While the costs for the 2010 duck season opening are not readily available, Victoria Police advises these costs would be below or equal to the cost of the 2011 season opening. It should be noted that the 2010 duck season had a shorter duration than this year's season.

Agriculture and food security: aerial baiting — wild dogs and dingoes

- 173. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to the government’s intention to commence aerial baiting of wild dogs: has the minister undertaken a comprehensive review of recent research that concludes that the lethal control of dingo populations destabilises pack structures, which can lead to increased breeding rates.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Lethal control of dingoes can impact on pack structures. However, there is no evidence in the scientific literature to suggest that it leads to increased breeding rates.

Police and emergency services: police-related deaths — legal expenses

- 175. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What was the outlay in dollars in 2009–10, and what is the projected outlay in 2010–11, of expenses for legal representation and other legal costs for police in coronial inquests that relate to police-related deaths.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police did not separately identify legal expenses related to coronial inquests for police-related deaths until the 2010–11 year, when these expenses totalled \$1 816 436.81.

Police and emergency services: crimes against the person — reduction target

- 692. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to the 2011–12 target of a 2 per cent reduction in crimes against the person, at page 239 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3:
- (1) What proportion of the total events responded to have been family violence incidents in the 2010–11, 2009–10, 2008–09, 2007–08 and 2006–07 financial years.
 - (2) What proportion of the total events responded to have been assaults (excluding family violence) in the 2010–11, 2009–10, 2008–09, 2007–08 and 2006–07 financial years.
 - (3) How many of the expected 750 000 events responded to in the 2011–12 financial year will be family violence incidents.
 - (4) How many of the expected 750 000 events responded to in the 2011–12 financial year will be assaults (excluding family violence).
 - (5) What reported crimes against the person will decrease in the 2011–12 financial year, and by what number will each decrease, in order to meet the 2 per cent reduction target.

ANSWER:

As this matter falls within the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, I am responding on behalf of the Minister for Crime Prevention: I am advised that:

Information relating to crimes against the person and family incidents is contained in the crime statistics published annually by Victoria Police.

(1) Victoria Police crime statistics indicate that:

- During the 2006–07 financial year, 29 648 family incidents were recorded.
- During the 2007–08 financial year, 31 661 family incidents were recorded.
- During the 2008–09 financial year, 33 893 family incidents were recorded.
- During the 2009–10 financial year, 35 690 family incidents were recorded.
- During the 2010–11 financial year, 40 892 family incidents were recorded.

(2) The Victoria Police crime statistics provide information about family incidents as a proportion of both total crime against the person and all assaults.

Since the introduction of the code of practice for the investigation of family violence in August 2004, the percentage of crime against the person arising out of family incidents has increased from 11.3 per cent in 2003–04 to 25.5 per cent in 2010–11. Over the same period the percentage of assaults arising from family related violence has risen from 15.3 per cent in 2003–04 to 30 per cent in 2010–11.

(3), (4) and (5)

It is not possible to predict accurately how many of the estimated 750 000 events responded to in the 2011–12 financial year will be family violence incidents or how many will be in response to an assault excluding family violence. It is also not possible to predict accurately which reported crimes against the person will decrease in the 2011–12 financial year or by what number. Historical information on the total number of recorded family incidents is provided in response to question (1) above.

Police and emergency services: graffiti offences

848. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to the operation of the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 over the 2007–08, 2008–09 and 2009–10 financial years, how many charges were issued to persons 18 years of age or over for —

- (a) marking graffiti under section 5 of the act;
- (b) marking offensive graffiti under section 6 of the act;
- (c) possessing a prescribed graffiti implement under section 7 of the act;
- (d) possessing a prescribed graffiti implement with intent to mark graffiti under section 8 of the act;
- (e) advertising for sale a prescribed graffiti implement under section 9 of the act; and
- (f) the sale of aerosol paint containers to persons under 18 years of age under section 10 of the act.

ANSWER:

As this matter falls within the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, I am responding on behalf of the Minister for Crime Prevention: I am advised that:

The number of charges issued in relation to the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 for offenders 18 years and over are as follows:

NO. OF CHARGES ISSUED IN RELATION TO THE GRAFFITI PREVENTION ACT 2007 — 18 YEARS AND OVER (2007–08 to 2009–10)				
		2007–08	2008–09	2009–10
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	STAT REF	18+	18+	18+
MARK GRAFFITI ON PROPERTY W/O CONSENT	07/59.5	0	73	307
MARK OFFENSIVE GRAFFITI	07/59.6	0	0	0

NO. OF CHARGES ISSUED IN RELATION TO THE GRAFFITI PREVENTION ACT 2007 — 18 YEARS AND OVER (2007–08 to 2009–10)				
		2007–08	2008–09	2009–10
POSS PRES GRAFFITI IMPLEM — PROP TRAN COMP	07/59.7.1.A	0	11	3
POSS PRES GRAFFITI IMPLEM — ADJ PUB PLACE	07/59.7.1.B	0	10	7
POSS PRESC GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT — TRESPASS	07/59.7.1.C	0	0	5
POSS GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT — INTENT TO MARK	07/59.8	0	14	17
SELL AEROSOL PAINT TO MINOR	07/59.10.2	0	0	15
ADVERTISING FOR SALE — PRESCRIBED GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT	07/59.9	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	108	354

Police and emergency services: graffiti offences

849. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to the operation of the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 over the 2007–08, 2008–09 and 2009–10 financial years, how many infringement notices were issued to persons 18 years of age or over for —

- (a) possessing a prescribed graffiti implement under section 7 of the act; and
- (b) the sale of aerosol paint containers to persons under 18 years of age under section 10 of the act.

ANSWER:

As this matter falls within the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, I am responding on behalf of the Minister for Crime Prevention: I am advised that:

The number of penalty notices issued in relation to the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 for offenders 18 years and over are as follows:

NO. OF PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED IN RELATION TO THE GRAFFITI PREVENTION ACT 2007 — 18 YEARS AND OVER (2007–08 to 2009–10)							
		2007–08		2008–09		2009–10	
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	CODE	18+	UNSP	18+	UNSP	18+	UNSP
POSSESSION OF A PRESCRIBED GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE	7251	0	0	49	0	62	3
SALE OF AEROSOL PAINT CONTAINERS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YRS OF AGE		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	49	0	62	3

Police and emergency services: graffiti offences

850. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to the operation of the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 over the

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- (e) advertising for sale a prescribed graffiti implement under section 9 of the act; and
- (f) the sale of aerosol paint containers to persons under 18 years of age under section 10 of the act.

ANSWER:

As this matter falls within the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, I am responding on behalf of the Minister for Crime Prevention: I am advised that:

The number of charges issued in relation to the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 for offenders 18 years and under are as follows:

NO. OF CHARGES ISSUED IN RELATION TO THE GRAFFITI PREVENTION ACT 2007 — 18 YEARS AND UNDER (2007–08 to 2009–10)				
		2007–08	2008–09	2009–10
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	STAT REF	<18	<18	<18
MARK GRAFFITI ON PROPERTY W/O CONSENT	07/59.5	0	740	468
MARK OFFENSIVE GRAFFITI	07/59.6	0	12	10
POSS PRES GRAFFITI IMPLEM — PROP TRAN COMP	07/59.7.1.A	0	0	3
POSS PRES GRAFFITI IMPLEMT — ADJ PUB PLACE	07/59.7.1.B	0	2	4
POSS PRESC GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT-TRESPASS	07/59.7.1.C	0	0	4
POSS GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT — INTENT TO MARK	07/59.8	0	65	46
SELL AEROSOL PAINT TO MINOR	07/59.10.2	0	0	0
ADVERTISING FOR SALE — PRESCRIBED GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT	07/59.9	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	819	535

Police and emergency services: graffiti offences

851. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to the operation of the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 over the 2007–08, 2008–09 and 2009–10 financial years, how many infringement notices were issued to persons under 18 years of age for —

- (a) possessing a prescribed graffiti implement under section 7 of the act; and
- (b) the sale of aerosol paint containers to persons under 18 years of age under section 10 of the act.

ANSWER:

As this matter falls within the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, I am responding on behalf of the Minister for Crime Prevention: I am advised that:

The number of penalty notices issued in relation to the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 for offenders 18 years and under are as follows:

NO. OF PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED IN RELATION TO THE GRAFFITI PREVENTION ACT 2007 — 18 YEARS AND UNDER (2007–08 to 2009–10)				
		2007–08	2008–09	2009–10
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	CODE	<18	<18	<18
POSSESSION OF A PRESCRIBED GRAFFITI IMPLEMENT WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE	7251	0	35	69
SALE OF AEROSOL PAINT CONTAINERS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YRS OF AGE		0	0	0
Total		0	35	69

Police and emergency services: police — mental health training

3566. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to training members of the police force in dealing with people with mental health issues:

- (1) When was training last undertaken by police officers as part of initial training.
- (2) When was mandatory refresher training last undertaken by police officers.
- (3) How often do police officers undergo mandatory refresher training.
- (4) What amount has been allocated to this training in 2007–08, 2008–09, 2009–10, 2010–11 and 2011–12.
- (5) What does this training cover.
- (6) What training will the new protective services officers to be deployed on train stations undergo on mental health.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) Victoria Police includes mental health training as part of its recruit syllabus, undertaken by all new recruits.
- (2) All operational police are required to attend four days of operational safety training each year which includes refresher training in responding to a person suffering a mental health crisis.
- (3) All operational police attend mental health training annually as part of operational safety training.
- (4) Collation of the information requested by the honourable member would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources by Victoria Police.
- (5) Training in responding to critical incidents involving mentally ill persons includes:
 - a. a summary of the symptomatic behaviours associated with depression and psychosi and engaging in exercises to help trainees identify and understand symptoms associated with these illnesses;
 - b. assisting trainees develop an understanding of the observable behaviours associated with these illnesses through role play and exposure to multiple environmental inputs which can lead to a psychotic response;

- c. information on risk factors that police members may experience that place police at risk of injury when dealing with a person suffering a mental health crisis;
 - d. communication strategies to help deal with a person suffering a mental health crisis;
 - e. police contextual scenarios including information about what may occur when coming into contact with persons suffering acute psychosis or excited delirium.
- (6) Protective services officers receive the same operational safety training as Victoria Police recruits.

Ports: Port Phillip Heads — tidal stream limits

4455. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports): In relation Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) notice to mariners nos. 090(T)/11 & and 95(T)/11 ‘Tidal Stream Limits at Port Phillip Heads’:

- (1) Was the notice to mariners 090(T)/11 the first tidal stream limit applied to vessels passing through Port Phillip Heads since the completion of the major channel deepening works in November 2009.
- (2) What were the relevant operational factors that caused PoMC to apply these tidal stream limits now.
- (3) Does notice 095(T)/11 which superseded 090(T)/11 apply for an indefinite period and will it be periodically reviewed; if so, when is this likely to occur.
- (4) What tidal monitoring system information is PoMC using to determine the speed of flood and ebb tidal flows at the Heads.
- (5) Does PoMC keep a record of the times and dates when the tidal stream limits were applicable; if so, can the minister provide a copy of this record since 8 July 2011 when 090(T)/11 was issued.
- (6) Have any tidal stream limits applied at the Heads since 1 January 2002.
- (7) What notices to mariners have been issued since 1 January 2002 that relate to tidal stream limits.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) No. The first tidal stream limit that applied to vessels passing through Port Phillip Heads (Heads) post the channel deepening project (CDP) was introduced by Port Phillip Sea Pilots (PPSP) via their safety management system (SMS) in May 2010.
- (2) The complexity in navigating high tidal streams in the Heads is not a new issue. For example, with respect to tankers transiting the Heads, a 3-knots tidal stream limit has been operating in the port via the PPSP SMS for over 10 years.
- (3) Notice 095(T)/11 will be periodically reviewed. It is expected that these reviews will be undertaken annually.
- (4) PoMC manages a network of tide gauges mounted on various berth structures and navigation aids around Port Phillip and an additional reference gauge is located at Lorne. The principal method of establishing current velocity at a given point in the Bay at a particular time is calculated by collating all the tide gauge information.
- (5) All tidal information is provided in the Victorian Tide Tables which is a publicly available document. PoMC has no need to keep records of the times and dates when tidal stream limits are applicable as PoMC’s Dynamic Under Keel Clearance (DUKC) navigation system provides ‘real time’ information.
- (6) A 3-knots tidal stream limit has been operating with respect to tankers at the Heads via the PPSP SMS for over ten years.
- (7) Notice to mariners 090(T)/11 which was subsequently amended by notice to mariners 095(T)/11 are the only notices relating to tidal streams issued by the port since 2002.

Water: Melbourne Water — Sunshine land

8249. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): In relation to Melbourne Water’s proposal to rezone and sell land at 113 Fraser Street, Sunshine:

- (1) What are the costs to date and the projected costs associated with the proposed sale of the land, including:
 - (a) costs associated with the application to rezone the land;
 - (b) soil and ground-water testing;
 - (c) environmental audit;
 - (d) consultants fees and other professional fees;
 - (e) drawing up plans;
 - (f) remediation for any contaminated areas of the site;
 - (g) application fees;
 - (h) community consultation; and
 - (i) other costs.
- (2) Were any contaminants discovered in the soil and water testing or environmental audit; if so:
 - (a) what were those contaminants;
 - (b) in what concentration were they found; and
 - (c) what remediation is recommended.
- (3) Was any part of the land formerly a quarry; if so:
 - (a) how much of the area was a quarry;
 - (b) is any of the area proposed for housing a former quarry; and
 - (c) is the land suitable for housing to be built without special measures for stabilisation, and if not, to what depth would house foundations or footings need to be dug.
- (4) How many housing blocks does Melbourne Water propose to sell.
- (5) What is the proposed resale value of the housing blocks Melbourne Water proposes to sell.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) *What are the costs to date and the projected costs associated with the proposed sale of the land, including (a) to (i)*

Melbourne Water advises that the project costs to date total \$83 959 with the total projected cost for the project estimated to be \$150 000. The costs are for site survey, town planning services, geotechnical assessment, environmental site assessment, environmental audit services, flora and fauna assessment, cultural heritage assessment, valuation, legal services and real estate services. Project management and stakeholder and community relations services are provided in-house by Melbourne Water.

Melbourne Water advises that as many of the elements outlined above are integrated as one service, it would be difficult (potentially impossible) to accurately identify the cost of each item.

- (2) *Were any contaminants discovered in the soil and water testing or environmental audit?*

Melbourne Water advises that the Environmental Audit which assesses these issues is not yet completed. The audit is currently in draft form and is being reviewed by the EPA. Once completed (scheduled in the coming weeks), a copy of the report will be placed on the EPA website and provided to Brimbank City Council.

- (3) *Was any part of the land formerly a quarry? (a) to (c)*

Melbourne Water has reviewed records back to 1901 and has found no record of a quarry on the site.

Melbourne Water advises that geotechnical investigations show the site and other surrounding properties have been levelled with fill material.

If there are any potential variations in density and composition of the fill, this can be eliminated by removing and replacing the fill in any areas where buildings would be located. As an alternative, deep foundations extending through the fill could be provided for the support of residential structures

(4) *How many housing blocks does Melbourne Water propose to sell?*

Melbourne Water advises that it intends to sell the site as a single parcel. Three of the five adjoining residential land owners to the property have expressed an interest in purchasing some land for consolidation with their existing property titles. If this were to occur, it would be subject to government land monitor's approval.

(5) *What is the proposed resale value of the housing blocks Melbourne Water proposes to sell?*

In accordance with the state government's 'Policy and instructions for the purchase, compulsory acquisition and sale of land', prior to sale Melbourne Water will seek an independent valuation from the Valuer-General Victoria (VGV), to set the reserve price for the land. VGV valuations are valid for a period of three months.

Higher education and skills: TAFE sector — ongoing fixed-term and sessional teachers

8262. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: In relation to a statement released by the Minister, on 14 March 2012, refuting the Australian Education Union's claims about job losses in the TAFE sector: What are the exact numbers of ongoing, fixed-term and sessional teachers (both actual and EFT) employed in TAFE across the state for 2010 and 2011 and the numbers (both EFT and actual) in March 2010, March 2011 and March 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I am unable to provide details of staffing numbers at the dates requested.

As employers in their own right, the councils of universities with TAFE divisions and the boards of the stand-alone TAFE institutes are responsible for all employment matters, including decisions concerning the effective and efficient management of their workforce. All staff engaged to support teaching and administration functions are directly employed by these councils and boards.

There is no requirement for these organisations to report their staffing levels to the department, though the recently tabled annual reports do contain staffing information for each organisation as at December 31.

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Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Aviation industry: minister's office — public transport tickets

393. MR PAKULA — To ask the Minister responsible for the Aviation Industry: 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 as follows:

There were no public transport tickets allocated or reimbursed to staff employed in my office between the period of 2 December 2010 and 5 April 2011.

Technology: minister's office — public transport tickets

423. MR PAKULA — To ask the Minister for Technology: 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 as follows:

There were no public transport tickets allocated or reimbursed to staff employed in my office between the period of 2 December 2010 and 5 April 2011.

Treasurer: travel bookings

607. MR LENDERS — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Treasurer's attendance at the commonwealth meeting of state and federal treasurers on Thursday, 7 April 2011, on what date and time was the Treasurer's flight and any accommodation booked.

ANSWER:

The Treasurer's flight was booked on Tuesday, 5 April 2011. The flight ticket purchased was refundable. No accommodation was purchased by the Treasurer.

Agriculture and food security: Port Phillip Bay — channel deepening monitoring projects

683. MR LENDERS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to the fall in the number of scientific and technical publications in international and/or peer review journals from 603 in 2009–10 to a target of 358 in 2011–12, detailed in 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, page 302, and the footnote on page 302 that states that the fall is due to the completion of a number of Port Phillip Bay channel deepening bay-wide monitoring projects in 2010-11:

- (1) How many of these research reports were related to the Port Phillip Bay channel deepening bay-wide monitoring projects.
- (2) What reports were related to the Port Phillip Bay channel deepening bay-wide monitoring projects.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The target for the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) scientific and technical publications in 2009–10 was 375. DPI exceeded this by producing 603 publications, mainly resulting from a special publication of reports from a science conference and the completion of reports from the channel deepening project.

The 2011–12 target of 358 is consistent with the long-term DPI publication output taking into account a reduction due to the completion of the channel deepening project.

- (1) In the year 2009–10 there were 43 science and technical publications related to the Port Phillip Bay channel deepening bay-wide monitoring projects.
- (2) All 43 publications (listed below) can be accessed via the ‘Monitoring programs and results’ section of the Victorian government’s Office of Environmental Monitor website:
<http://www.oem.vic.gov.au/Monitoringprogramsandresults>.

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5. Ball D & Heislars S (2009). Bay-wide Seagrass Monitoring Program. Progress Report No. 2 (April–May 2009).
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17. Hutchinson N, Jenkins G & Smith T (2009). Bay-wide Monitoring of Key Fishery Species in Seagrass Beds Sub-Program. Progress Report No. 3 (April 2009).
18. Hutchinson N, Smith T & Jenkins G (2010). Bay-wide Monitoring of Key Fishery Species in Seagrass Beds Sub-Program. Progress Report No. 4 (November 2009).
19. Hutchinson N, Smith T & Jenkins G (2010). Bay-wide Monitoring of Key Fishery Species in Seagrass Beds Sub-Program. Milestone Report No. 4 (November 2009).
20. Longmore A (2009). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — in situ Loggers — Progress Report No. 13 (March–May 2009).
21. Longmore A (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — in situ Loggers — Progress Report No. 18 (October–December 2009).
22. Longmore A (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — in situ Loggers — Progress Report No. 20 (December 2009–February 2010).
23. Longmore A (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — in situ Loggers — Progress Report No. 22 (February 2010–April 2010).
24. Longmore A & Nicholson G (2009). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — in situ Loggers — Progress Report No. 15 (May–July 2009).
25. Longmore A & Nicholson G (2009). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — in situ Loggers — Progress Report No. 17 (August–September 2009).
26. Longmore A & Nicholson G (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — Benthic Fluxes — Progress Report No. 11 (edition 2) (February 2009).
27. Longmore A & Nicholson G (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — Benthic Fluxes — Progress Report No. 19 (November 2009).
28. Longmore A & Nicholson G (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program— Milestone Report No. 8 (October–December 2009).
29. Longmore A & Nicholson G (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program— Milestone Report No. 9 (December 2009–February 2010).
30. Nicholson G & Longmore A (2009). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — Benthic Fluxes — Progress Report No. 14 (May 2009). Fisheries Victoria Technical Report Series 55. Department of Primary Industries, Queenscliff. 8 pages.
31. Nicholson G & Longmore A (2009). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — Milestone Report No. 6 (March–June 2009).
32. Nicholson G & Longmore A (2009). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — Benthic Fluxes — Progress Report No. 16 (August–September 2009).
33. Nicholson G & Longmore A (2009). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program — Milestone Report No. 7 (Aug–Sept 2009).
34. Nicholson G & Longmore A (2010). Bay-wide Nutrient Cycling (Denitrification) Monitoring Program Benthic Fluxes — Progress Report No. 21 (February 2010).
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36. Parry GD, Werner GG, White CA, Hirst AJ, Heislors S & Walker TI (2009). Port Phillip Bay Annual Trawl Sub-Program Milestone Report No. 2 (2009).
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38. Parry GD, Stokie T, Hirst AJ, Green C, White CA, Heislors S & Werner GF (2009). Bay-wide Anchovy Study Sub-Program. Milestone Report No. 2 (2009).

39. Stokie TK, Conron S, Bridge N, Grixti D & Ryan KL (2009). Recreational Fishery Surveys Progress Report No. 4 (Jan–April 2009).
40. Stokie TK, Conron S, Bridge N, Grixti D & Ryan KL (2009). Recreational Fishery Surveys Progress Report No. 5 (May–Sept 2009).
41. Stokie TK, Bridge N, Grixti D, Ryan KL & Conron S (2010). Bay-wide Recreational Fishery Surveys Sub-Program — Milestone Report No. 5 (May–Sept 2009).
42. Stokie TK, Ryan KL, Bridge N, Grixti D & Conron S (2010). Bay-wide Recreational Fishery Surveys Sub-Program — Progress Report No. 6 (Oct–Dec 2009).
43. Stokie TK, Ryan KL, Bridge N, Grixti D & Conron S (2010). Bay-wide Recreational Fishery Surveys Sub-Program — Milestone Report No. 6 (Oct–Dec 2009).

Roads: Kilmore — bypass

8193. MS BROAD — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Roads): What are the impacts on Kilmore’s sporting and racing precincts of options A, B or C for a bypass to the east of Kilmore township.

ANSWER:

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

None of the Kilmore-Wallan bypass options being investigated would directly impact on any of the sporting or racing facilities located in Kilmore.

Attorney-General: County Court — Ballarat sittings

8223. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to sittings of the County Court in Ballarat:

- (1) What was the total number of part and full sitting days by the court in 2007–08.
- (2) What was the total number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit to Ballarat during 2007–08.
- (3) What was the total number of full and part sitting days in each short-term circuit to Ballarat undertaken by a judge during 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days as only scheduled full-sitting days are recorded.

However, the department can provide scheduled full-sitting days which have been derived from the court’s annual judicial rosters.

– 2007–08 — CRIMINAL — 225 CIVIL — 65

- (2) The department is unable to provide an actual number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit as only scheduled sitting dates are recorded.

However, the department can provide an estimate of the number of judges sitting in Ballarat for the financial year stated above.

– 2007–08 — CRIMINAL — 10 CIVIL — 3

- (3) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days per judge as the court does not record this data.

Attorney-General: County Court — Ballarat sittings

8224. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to sittings of the County Court in Ballarat:

- (1) What was the total number of part and full sitting days by the court in 2008–09.
- (2) What was the total number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit to Ballarat during 2008–09.
- (3) What was the total number of full and part sitting days in each short-term circuit to Ballarat undertaken by a judge during 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days as only scheduled full-sitting days are recorded.

However, the department can provide scheduled full-sitting days which have been derived from the court’s annual judicial rosters.

– 2008–09 — CRIMINAL — 242 CIVIL — 70

- (2) The department is unable to provide an actual number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit as only scheduled sitting dates are recorded.

However, the department can provide an estimate of the number of judges sitting in Ballarat for the financial year stated above.

– 2008–09 — CRIMINAL — 10 CIVIL — 3

- (3) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days per judge as the court does not record this data.

Attorney-General: County Court — Ballarat sittings

8225. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to sittings of the County Court in Ballarat:

- (1) What was the total number of part and full sitting days by the court in 2009–10.
- (2) What was the total number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit to Ballarat during 2009–10.
- (3) What was the total number of full and part sitting days in each short-term circuit to Ballarat undertaken by a judge during 2009–10.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days as only scheduled full-sitting days are recorded.

However, the department can provide scheduled full-sitting days which have been derived from the court's annual judicial rosters.

– 2009–10 — CRIMINAL — 226 CIVIL — 85

- (2) The department is unable to provide an actual number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit as only scheduled sitting dates are recorded.

However, the department can provide an estimate of the number of judges sitting in Ballarat for the financial year stated above.

– 2009–10 — CRIMINAL — 10 CIVIL — 4

- (3) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days per judge as the court does not record this data.

Attorney-General: County Court — Ballarat sittings

8226. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to sittings of the County Court in Ballarat:

- (1) What was the total number of part and full sitting days by the court in 2010–11.
- (2) What was the total number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit to Ballarat during 2010–11.
- (3) What was the total number of full and part sitting days in each short-term circuit to Ballarat undertaken by a judge during 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days as only scheduled full-sitting days are recorded.

However, the department can provide scheduled full-sitting days which have been derived from the court's annual judicial rosters.

– 2010–11 — CRIMINAL — 233 CIVIL — 60

- (2) The department is unable to provide an actual number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit as only scheduled sitting dates are recorded.

However, the department can provide an estimate of the number of judges sitting in Ballarat for the financial year stated above.

– 2010–11 — CRIMINAL — 11 CIVIL — 3

- (3) The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full-sitting days per judge as the court does not record this data.

Attorney-General: County Court — Ballarat sittings

8227. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to sittings of the County Court in Ballarat, in each of the years 2007–08, 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11, what was the average time for each case that was heard in Ballarat to come to trial.

ANSWER:

The Honourable the Attorney-General: I am advised that:

The average time to trial for criminal cases is as follows:

- 2007–08 — 9 months;
- 2008–09 — 6 months;
- 2009–10 — 9 months;
- 2010–11 — 5 months.

Energy and resources: Mandalay Resources — licences and bonds

8251. MR LENDERS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to Mandalay Resources' Costerfield Gold-Antimony Mine:

- (1) Despite public records showing that AGD Operations Pty Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGD Mining Pty Ltd, which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mandalay Resources Corporation, why would its notice to apply for a licence to take used groundwater and operate works not be made in the name of the parent company.
- (2) If such a licence were to be approved:
 - (a) would that licence be in any way transferable; and
 - (b) would that licence be applicable to other subsidiaries of Mandalay Resources.
- (3) What is the monetary value of the mine rehabilitation bond.
- (4) Would the mine rehabilitation bond provide compensation in the event of destruction of the alluvial and basement aquifers in the area.
- (5) What entity or entities are responsible for the rehabilitation of the mine.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The licensing and approvals associated with mining and processing of material at this site have been issued under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 (MRSDA), the regulation of groundwater extraction is the responsibility of the Goulburn-Murray Water Authority under the Water Act 1989. Mandalay Resources Corporation own and operate a gold/antimony mining and processing operation at Costerfield. The operations consist of a mining licence (MIN4644) and several exploration licences held by a wholly owned subsidiary, AGD Operations Pty Ltd.

Goulburn-Murray Water will consider any application for licensing based on established assessment and approval criteria, which include environmental impacts and the capacity and health of the aquifer in question. Licences are transferable, with notification to the water authority. Responsibilities and obligations under the licence remain with the licensee, as does the entitlement.

A rehabilitation bond is held by the Department of Primary Industries under Section 80 of MRSDA. The current bond is \$2 318 000. Rehabilitation bonds are reviewed periodically. The bond amount is calculated based on the approved work plan, including the rehabilitation plan, and reflects the cost of restoration and rehabilitation works.

AGD Operations Pty Ltd is responsible for mine site rehabilitation as the mining licence-holder under the MRSDA.

Roads: Mornington Peninsula Freeway — extension

8254. MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the government’s election promise to launch a feasibility study into the Mornington Peninsula Freeway extension to investigate ways to improve traffic flow between Frankston and the city by extending the Freeway from Springvale Road in Aspendale Gardens to the Dingley bypass:

- (1) Has VicRoads been asked to prepare the study; if so, what action have they taken.
- (2) How much funding will be allocated to the study.
- (3) When will the government launch the study.

ANSWER:

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

VicRoads has commenced a feasibility study for a northern extension of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway between Springvale Road, Aspendale Gardens and the Dingley bypass, Dingley Village.

The study is in the early stages, with transport assessment and stakeholder consultation activities under way. VicRoads proposes community consultation in the second half of 2012.

The Victorian coalition government has committed \$1 million to the study.

Agriculture and food security: Department of Primary Industries — international exchange program

8259. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security): What is the timetable for the Baillieu government’s establishment of a unit within the Department of Primary Industries to coordinate an international exchange program for food and fibre producers under 25 years of age.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries is implementing the government’s \$1 million election commitment to support young farmers and young rural Victorians, including the initiative to promote opportunities for young people to expand their agricultural knowledge overseas and undertake international exchanges.

The government has delivered \$400 000 funding and provision of organisational advice to help reinvigorate the Victorian Young Farmers Association. The Victorian Young Farmers organisation has a rich history in this state of training generations of farming and rural community leaders and has great potential to fulfil this role for a new generation. The coalition government’s support is a much-needed boost after the former Labor administration stripped longstanding financial support from the Victorian Young Farmers organisation.

Further announcements regarding additional support and information services for Victoria’s rural youth will be made at the appropriate time.

Employment and industrial relations: Great South Coast — skilled migration program

8260. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations: Will the Great South Coast regional program in south-west Victoria be given funding certainty to continue its skilled migration program.

ANSWER:

The Victorian government has provided 12 months of transitional funding to 10 regions including the Great South Coast region, for the regional skilled migration program. This arrangement will conclude on 30 June 2012.

In January 2012, the Department of Business and Innovation (DBI) organised information sessions for regional representatives on funding opportunities and application processes through the Regional Growth Fund managed by Regional Development Victoria, and the Community Grants Program managed by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship.

Regional employers will continue to be assisted to address their skill needs through the Victorian government's employment start up initiatives and DBI's network of business development managers located in eight Victorian government business offices throughout the regions.

In addition, DBI is working with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to ensure that Victoria's businesses benefit from the new initiatives announced by the commonwealth government in its 2011–12 budget. The initiatives are aimed at improving the support provided to regional businesses to address skill shortages through the commonwealth government's migration programs.

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Thursday, 24 May 2012

Police and emergency services: police — Ballarat divisional vans

8218. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What was the number of divisional vans available for use by Victoria Police members in the Ballarat police service area as at —

- (a) 4 December 2010;
- (b) 30 June 2011; and
- (c) 30 November 2011.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Ballarat police service area had two divisional vans as at the dates indicated.

Community services: Department of Human Services — sustainable government initiative

8315. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): How many fewer staff will be employed in Ballarat by the Department of Human Services as a result of the ‘sustainable government initiative’.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The contribution of the Department of Human Services towards sustainable government initiative objectives will be achieved by the implementation of a restructure of the department which is being undertaken on the basis of the recommendations of a comprehensive review conducted between June 2011 and January 2012.
- No front-line service delivery roles will be lost as part of this initiative.
- Implementation of the new departmental structure is subject to consultation with affected staff. The number of staff ultimately working at each of the department’s locations will not be determined until this has occurred.

Education: class sizes — Alfredton Primary School

8327. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Alfredton Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Alfredton Primary School were:

- (1) 20.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 23.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Ballarat North Primary School

8328. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Ballarat North Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Ballarat North Primary School were:

- (1) 21.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.3 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Black Hill Primary School

8329. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Black Hill Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Black Hill Primary School were:

- (1) 23.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.6 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Caledonian Primary School

8330. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Caledonian Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Caledonian Primary School were:

- (1) 22.0 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 23.6 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Delacombe Primary School

8331. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Delacombe Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Delacombe Primary School were:

- (1) 19.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 20.8 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Forest Street Primary School

8332. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Forest Street Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Forest Street Primary School were:

- (1) 21.7 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.1 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Invermay Primary School

8333. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Invermay Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Invermay Primary School were:

- (1) 14.0 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 13.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Little Bendigo Primary School

8334. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Little Bendigo Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Little Bendigo Primary School were:

- (1) 17.0 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 19.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Macarthur Street Primary School

8335. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Macarthur Street Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Macarthur Street Primary School were:

- (1) 13.5 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 15.8 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Pleasant Street Primary School

8336. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Pleasant Street Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Pleasant Street Primary School were:

- (1) 22.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 24.1 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Phoenix P–12 Community College

8337. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Phoenix P–12 Community College at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Phoenix P-12 Community College were:

- (1) 17.7 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 20.7 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Sebastopol Primary School

8338. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Sebastopol Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Sebastopol Primary School were:

- (1) 20.7 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 21.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Urquhart Park Primary School

8339. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Urquhart Park Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Urquhart Park Primary School were:

- (1) 20.8 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Yuille P–8 Community College

8340. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Yuille P–8 Community College at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Yuille Park P–8 Community College were:

- (1) 14.8 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 14.1 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Wendouree Primary School

8358. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to class sizes at Wendouree Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to grade 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to grade 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Wendouree Primary School were:

- (1) 21.3 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 23.2 for prep to year 6 classes.