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ALP — Labor Party; ASP — Australian Sex Party;
DLP — Democratic Labour Party; Greens — Australian Greens;
LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals;
SFP — Shooters and Fishers Party; V1LJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs

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Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers and received by Hansard in the period shown.

25 March to 14 April 2016**Eastern Metropolitan Region**

Question asked by: Ms Dunn
Directed to: Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water
Asked on: 9 February 2016

ANSWER:

Last year, Parks Victoria (PV) staff identified run off from the wash bay at Warrandyte, with possible contamination of the surrounding area - including the Yarra. As a result of this identification, the practice of washing down trucks at this location was stopped in June 2015.

PV failed to notify the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), as the environmental watchdog, or my office about the potential for contamination. PV has now instituted a new procedure regarding the reporting of risks or damage.

The EPA has undertaken water quality testing to see what effect the run off had on the Yarra River. This testing found levels of pesticides in the sediments near the wash area, but not in the river water.

The EPA issued a Pollution Abatement Notice (minor works), which required PV to cease washing vehicles at the site and to engage a qualified third party to undertake assessment of the impact of the contamination of the soil, surface and groundwaters - this assessment was handed to the EPA in February. The EPA are now focussing on the onsite impacts. These next steps will be formalised in an EPA notice over the coming weeks.

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Drum
Directed to: Minister for Agriculture
Asked on: 10 February 2016

ANSWER:

The conduct of rodeos is permitted in Victoria but is strictly regulated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (POCTA) and associated legislation to protect the welfare of animals used in these events. A rodeo is defined in the POCTA Act as an event which includes any exhibition of, or competition in, buck-jumping, rough-riding, animal dogging, roping or tying.

The Government has been working with the organisers on this issue for some time, and will continue to do so.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Davis
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 10 February 2016

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government has committed to fund both the development -and long-term upkeep of the 11 MCGs worth of new open space that will be created by this project. Discussions will be held with the relevant councils, as well as community groups, to finalise the ownership and ongoing management of these facilities, however the

Victorian Government is committed to providing funds and negotiating with local councils regarding the ongoing upkeep.

Eastern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Shing
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 11 February 2016

ANSWER:

I thank you for the question and for your interest and enthusiasm in music education and the arts.

The Andrews Labor Government is proud to be providing \$2 million over four years to deliver our commitment to provide quality music education programs to every Victorian school. This initiative will bring meaningful music programs to 1600 Victorian schools by 2018 so that no child misses out.

The Music in Schools initiative will build on existing music initiatives in schools through:

- \$1.4 million to establish music programs in all government primary schools in partnership with Musical Futures Australia by providing professional learning to enable them to teach with greater confidence. During Terms 3 and 4 in 2015, 21 teachers from 12 Gippsland schools attended Musical Futures Australia professional learning workshops. A further 5 teachers from 3 Gippsland schools will attend professional learning workshops in Terms 1 and 2 in 2016.
- \$200 000 for pre-service primary teacher training in music education delivered by Musical Futures Australia, including pre-service primary teachers from Gippsland.
- \$400 000 for government, Catholic and independent primary schools with students from low socio-economic backgrounds to purchase musical instruments to commence or strengthen their music programs.

I had the pleasure of launching the Musical Instruments Grants program at River Gum Primary School on 15 February 2016. I would like to thank the Principal, Roma McKinnon, the performing arts leader, Rob Sharp, staff and students and the school council for hosting me.

I am very happy to inform you that 14 schools across Gippsland have been invited to express interest in the Musical Instrument Grants Program in Round 1.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Pennicuk
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 11 February 2016

ANSWER:

The proposed designs are the result of a comprehensive tender process that evaluated options at each site, while considering the outcomes of geotechnical investigations, best practice urban design principles and the results of the community feedback gathered in 2015.

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Consultation on the proposed designs is continuing until 18 March 2016, during which time the community can make formal submissions and provide feedback online or in person. The outcome of the consultation will be used to enhance the proposed designs and will assist in decision making around the project.

A key issue raised through community consultation has been a desire to retain mature trees along the corridor. One of the benefits of the Andrews Labor-Government's preferred design is that the retention of mature trees is maximised.

Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Ondarchie
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 11 February 2016

ANSWER:

Thank you for your question about the extension of the railway line from South Morang, Mernda. As you would be aware the last Labor Government extended the rail line to South Morang and the current Labor Government is extending it to Mernda.

The Government has opened Expressions of Interest to design and construct the extension to Mernda. Early project design concepts are now available for feedback, which can be provided at community information sessions currently underway or by visiting www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/merndarail.

Every rail line in Melbourne has elevated sections and the previous Liberal Government supported elevated rail by proposing, but never actually building, rail to Rowville with an 5.8 kilometre elevated section up to 17 metres high.

The Mernda Rail project team is currently assessing all the different options for the project, and will need to consider constraints such as the geology, underground utilities and pipes, groundwater levels, and appropriate rail line gradients.

The final design of the project will be decided following extensive community consultation, including feedback from the information sessions currently underway.

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Lovell
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 23 February 2016

ANSWER:

In order to raise awareness of Night Coach services to ensure they can be trialled effectively, Public Transport Victoria advertised these services on regional television networks. The advertising was broad-based to ensure that as many people as possible were aware of the services.

Night Coaches operate to the major regional centres of Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and the Latrobe Valley. Services may be expanded in the future depending on the outcome of the trial, which will be evaluated in 2016.

Western Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Melhem
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 23 February 2016

ANSWER:

As part of the Victorian Government's Special Needs Plan commitment, the \$10 million Inclusive Schools Fund is designed to assist schools to implement innovative projects which promote inclusive learning environments and support the social and educational needs of children with disabilities.

Applications for the Fund closed on Monday 30 November 2015. We had an overwhelming response, with 287 applications seeking funding of over \$30 million.

All applications have been assessed against the Fund criteria, with 33 successful projects announced on 22 February 2016. Of these successful projects, I am pleased to advise that eight schools were from the Western Metropolitan Region and are as follows:

- Ascot Vale Primary School - \$30 000
- Avondale Primary School - \$20 000
- Coolaroo South Primary School - \$54 000
- Jackson School - \$46 000
- Manor Lakes P-12 College - \$200 000
- St Albans Primary School - \$20 000
- Sunbury Primary School - \$20 000
- Woodville Primary School - \$28 112

We look forward to working with these and other successful schools to deliver innovative projects which make school environments more inclusive.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Dunn
Directed to: Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water
Asked on: 23 February 2016

ANSWER:

The EPA is currently reviewing its public notifications for the Yarra River. Given the range of notifications provided for beaches, it's clear that more can be done to notify people of the water quality in the Yarra river.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Davis
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 23 February 2016

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government has made it clear there will be no new taxes, levies or charges put in place to fund the Melbourne Metro project.

The Victorian Government has committed \$4.5 billion to the project and has sent the business case to the Commonwealth seeking a matching contribution.

Victoria currently receives only 9% of the Commonwealth's infrastructure funding and the Melbourne Metro project provides the Turnbull Government with an opportunity to treat Victorians equitably.

Western Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Hartland
Directed to: Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water
Asked on: 23 February 2016

ANSWER:

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

The EPA advise that they have received 9 pollution reports from Ms Martin since February 2016, and their records indicate that the EPA either made, or attempted, to contact Ms Martin seven times since then. I have requested that the EPA follow up with Ms Martin to discuss her concerns further.

The Andrews Government takes community concern in relation to odour seriously. To that end, the EPA ran a 'Rapid response program' in late February 2016 - with an EPA officer stationed full time at the local MFB station. There were 23 reports received during this time and EPA responded immediately to 17 reports & found no odour.

EPA has also recently attended community meeting to provide a high level verbal report on the surveillance round results. EPA will continue to attend community meetings where appropriate.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Leane
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 23 February 2016

ANSWER:

Thank you for your question about the level crossing removal at Blackburn Road, Blackburn.

The Blackburn road level crossing is one of the first of 50 to be removed by the Andrews Labor Government.

The previous Government announced plans to remove the level crossing at Blackburn road but did not remove the crossing. This was consistent with their approach to public transport projects with commitments made to deliver rail lines to Doncaster, Rowville and Melbourne and Avalon airports, none of which were started. The previous Government's plan for Blackburn Road did not include a new station.

In some cases removing a level crossing requires a station rebuild because when the tracks are lowered below the road, the original station is no longer at track level. At the Blackburn Road site, the station is located far enough away from the road that the tracks can be lowered below the road and then rise back up to the existing station. Therefore, the current station at Blackburn will be retained.

The project plans have advanced significantly beyond the previous Government's plans and now include Disability Discrimination Act 1992 DDA compliant access to the station platforms.

The finished project will include:

- removing the level crossing by putting the rail line below Blackburn Road;
- increasing the width of the footpath at Blackburn Road;
- upgrading drainage to a 1 in 100 year design to prevent flooding of the underpass;
- enhancing the underpass entrances to allow more natural light;
- new accessible, DDA compliant ramps, at both entrances to the underpass as well up onto the platform;
- new canopies on both sides of the underpass and at the bus waiting areas;

- landscaping of the forecourt;
- a shared use walking and cycling path;
- and a new Parkiteer bicycle facility.

The Government has also recently announced additional funding to further enhance the underpass. The Level Crossing Removal Authority are still consulting with the community on opportunities for further improvements, which will potentially include upgrades to architectural finishes, paving and lighting.

Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Ondarchie
Directed to: Minister for Planning
Asked on: 24 February 2016

ANSWER:

I approved Whittlesea Planning Scheme Amendment C181 in September 2015. My approval followed extensive community consultation by the City of Whittlesea to inform application of the new residential zones. In making my decision, I took into account the significant work undertaken by the City of Whittlesea in the preparation of its Housing Diversity Strategy (2013-2033) and the previous work undertaken by Context Pty Ltd in the formulation of the Peter Lalor Housing Estate Heritage Guidelines.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Tierney
Directed to: Minister for Training and Skills
Asked on: 24 February 2016

ANSWER:

I commend the Ms Tierney on her commitment to TAFE sector growth in Western Victoria and her strong advocacy for training and skills.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting and developing the TAFE sector in Western Victoria which is why it has established a number of mutually reinforcing programs. These include the TAFE Rescue Fund, TAFE Back to Work Fund, TAFE Boost for apprenticeships and traineeships, Skills and Jobs Centres and the Tech Schools Initiative.

TAFE Rescue Fund

As a priority, the Government has allocated the first \$20 million of the \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund in output funding to support seven financially stressed or vulnerable TAFE institutes. This funding was announced in February 2015, from which \$4 million in funding was allocated to South West TAFE, to support the ongoing provision of high-quality training across the region.

TAFE Boost for Apprenticeships and Traineeships

The \$50 million TAFE Boost will help TAFEs to be in a better financial position now and in the future, and to focus on growing training delivery including apprenticeships and traineeships across Victoria. The Government announced this funding in October 2015 and has allocated \$6.2 million to The Gordon and \$1million to South West TAFE.

TAFE Back to Work Fund

The Government's Back to Work Plan aims to create 100 000 new jobs in Victoria. The \$50 million TAFE Back to Work Fund will support TAFE institutes to help meet this target by delivering training that leads to jobs.

One-off grants were made to South West TAFE for \$1.59m and a total of \$5.98m to The Gordon.

An example of a tangible employment outcome as a result of the TAFE Back to Work Fund includes South West TAFE's '100 Jobs in 100 Days' Initiative. The program reached its target with 19 days to spare, where 90 employers took on an apprentice.

Apprenticeships

An example of the Government supporting trade apprentices financially is a reduction in the cost of car registration for construction apprentices. From 1 January 2016, the cost of car registration for construction apprentices who require a car for their job has been halved. As a result, it will be easier for apprentices to afford essential tools and training for the job.

The Government is also reserving 10 per cent of the workforce on major projects for apprentices and our \$9.3 million boost for Group Training Organisations will help apprentices to get work while they complete their training.

Skills and Job Centres

This Government has committed \$16 million to establish Skills and Jobs Centres in every Victorian TAFE and dual sector university. These Centres will be the first point-of-call for students looking to start training, workers needing to reskill, the unemployed workers needing support for retraining and work placement and for employers. These centres will help link jobseekers and employers to ensure they are engaged in quality training that will lead to a job at the end of their course.

The Gordon has received \$1.5m and South West TAFE has received \$1 million to establish Skills and Jobs Centres in Geelong and Warrnambool respectively.

Western Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Finn
Directed to: Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Asked on: 24 February 2016

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with delivering major road and public transport investments to support Melbourne's growth and liveability. This is in stark contrast to the former Coalition Government who did nothing for four years.

The Melbourne Metro Project will allow another 39 000 people to travel the metropolitan rail network during the peak hours. It will take the pressure off the Underground Loop and reduce road congestion.

Removal of the 50 most dangerous and congested level crossings will also reduce congestion. The crossing at Burke Road, Glen Iris has already been completed with nine other crossings under construction.

The CityLink Tulla Widening project will improve travel times, safety and reliability on the 24 kilometre route between Melbourne Airport and the Burnley tunnel. When completed in 2018, the extra lanes and smart technology will deliver a 30 percent boost in capacity and save drivers up to 17 minutes in the peak.

The M80 is being upgraded in each direction between Sunshine Avenue and the Calder Freeway. Jointly funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments, ramp signals and overhead lane controls, together with the lane widening, will ease congestion and improve travel times and safety.

Additionally, the \$5.5 billion Western Distributor project including the Monash Freeway Upgrade will build Australia's largest managed motorway, streamlining traffic flow from Geelong to Pakenham. The Western Distributor will provide a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge, take trucks out of local streets and improve

freight access to the Port. The Western Distributor will slash travel time from the west by 20 minutes a day, create 5600 jobs and boost Victoria's economy by \$11 billion.

The Andrews Labor Government has initiated or commenced all of these projects in just one year of government.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Leane
Directed to: Minister for Agriculture
Asked on: 24 February 2016

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government's Stronger Fishing Clubs grants will be open very soon. Established Victorian fishing clubs will be eligible for a grant of up to \$2000 to help promote and grow membership. Angling clubs will be notified about the opening of the grant program and provided with advice on suitable projects. The application process will be made easy via a simple online application form.

I thank you for your ongoing and enthusiastic support to get more people fishing more often.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Crozier
Directed to: Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Asked on: 24 February 2016

ANSWER:

I understand a VicRoads officer has been in contact with both the Albert Park Primary School and Albert Park College to discuss the situation. Albert Park Primary School provides grade six students with life saving lessons at the Port Melbourne Life Saving Club on Tuesdays three times per year. Grade six children walk from the school to the Port Melbourne Life Saving Club under teachers' supervision.

Albert Park College is currently developing a new campus at Bay Street and has a short-term arrangement where 200 school students have been relocated to classes outside of the school grounds. Fifty students attend classes at the Port Melbourne Life Saving Club. Albert Park College expects the new campus to be completed in June this year after which students will no longer require access to the Life Saving Club.

In both cases, the children are fully supervised as they walk to the Port Melbourne Life Saving Club with staff ensuring students cross at the traffic signals.

Given the temporary nature of Albert Park College's arrangement and the fact that the children are supervised when travelling to the Port Melbourne Life Saving Club, the installation of a school speed zone at this location would not be appropriate.

South Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mrs Peulich
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 25 February 2016

ANSWER:

Preliminary noise modelling by acoustic experts indicates that the proposed design will result in an overall decrease in noise compared to the current rail line. The elevated design will also include noise and visual walls along the structures to help protect community amenity which will comply with the Passenger Rail Infrastructure Noise Policy.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority will continue to assess noise and vibration impacts on the surrounding community during detailed design, which will include peer review processes.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Ramsay
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 25 February 2016

ANSWER:

Since July 2015, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and Public Transport Victoria (PTV) have been in the early stages of the planning process, including the process of confirming the location of this critical facility.

As part of this early stage, landowners of a proposed site in Waurm Ponds have been engaged with early advice regarding the need for PTV to access their property to conduct further field investigations to confirm the viability of the land for potential acquisition.

This includes discussions with the land owners to understand their concerns and farming needs.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Purcell
Directed to: Minister for Sport
Asked on: 8 March 2016

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government has previously provided \$200 000 through the Country Football and Netball Program and Regional Development Victoria for the development of a new netball pavilion, upgrade of netball courts and scoreboard at Reid Oval.

The next round of the Victorian Government's \$100 million Community Sports Infrastructure Fund will open mid-2016 in which grants are provided to Local Government Authorities to upgrade and develop sport and recreation facilities.

Warrnambool City Council are encouraged to liaise with staff from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding potential funding opportunities for Reid Oval.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Dunn
Directed to: Minister for Planning
Asked on: 8 March 2016

ANSWER:

I understand that Council is in the process of reviewing Maroondah's Housing Strategy and this is expected to be completed towards the middle of 2016.

I acknowledge that there is community concern from the residents in Maroondah about the rate of development that is occurring in the area. However, I do not support a moratorium on planning permits within the Ruskin Park area. I believe the best way forward is to expedite the housing strategy so that an amendment process can follow to implement the appropriate planning controls, particularly for Ruskin Park. A public amendment process will provide the rigour and tests to ensure that the controls proposed for this area are appropriate. Until the Maroondah Housing Strategy is completed, Council should continue to consider new planning permit applications against the relevant provisions of the Maroondah Planning Scheme.

I encourage Council to engage with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (the Department) for any future amendments affecting the Ruskin Park area. Where possible, the Department will assist any amendment to implement the housing strategy by expediting the authorisation process as well as by pre-setting panel dates for the amendment.

I look forward to hearing further from Council once it has completed its housing strategy.

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Symes
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 8 March 2016

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to investing in education and school infrastructure. This has been demonstrated through the allocation of \$730 million to school facilities in the 2015-16 State Budget. The funding provided through the Budget represents a crucial first step in creating the Education State, and we will continue to invest in school infrastructure throughout this term of government.

I am advised that the Department of Education and Training has been working with Porepunkah Primary School to ensure that new carpet is laid and, to this effect, I am delighted to confirm that \$4000 has been made available to facilitate the matter. Once again, the students of Porepunkah will be able to enjoy their story time.

We believe that all students deserve the best possible environment in which to learn, and I trust that this funding will help Porepunkah Primary School achieve this.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Crozier
Directed to: Minister for Sport
Asked on: 8 March 2016

ANSWER:

The Andrews Government is leading the way in our strategy to provide opportunities for more women and girls to get and stay active.

The \$100 million Community Sports Infrastructure Fund that includes a \$10 million Female Friendly Facilities Fund which supports facility development to encourage greater participation by women and girls in sporting and recreational activities. In addition the Government has made a commitment of \$9.6 million over four years for the development of 64 competition ready netball courts in four Inner Melbourne municipalities and support for the continuation of the Country Football and Netball Program.

In October last year the Ministers of Sport and Recreation from all states of Australia met here in Melbourne. I initiated a discussion seeking a national approach to enhancing the engagement of women and girls in sport and active recreation. Ministers have now agreed to ask the Committee of Australian Sport and Recreation Officials to develop an options paper on approaches to improve women's participation in sport and leadership roles and the profile of women's sport.

Victoria's ongoing investment in sport and recreation actively seeks to ensure that both program and facility design provides benefits to all Victorians, and I am particularly proud of the focus that we have placed on providing more opportunities for women and girls.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Tierney
Directed to: Minister for Sport
Asked on: 9 March 2016

ANSWER:

I can confirm an application was received through the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund requesting the maximum grant amount of \$100 000 from the Female Friendly Facilities category.

This project is being assessed by the Department of Health and Human Services with a decision anticipated in the coming months.

Surf Coast Shire are encouraged to continue to liaise with staff from the department regarding this application.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Davis
Directed to: Minister for Planning
Asked on: 9 March 2016

ANSWER:

The new zones allowing for residential development were introduced in 2013 and the government has committed to have the zones reviewed by an independent advisory committee (Managing Residential Development).

The Advisory Committee is chaired by Kathy Mitchell with a total of 8 members. Members have a range of expertise across statutory and strategic planning, transport planning in context of residential development and knowledge and understanding of land development practices, planning law and the reformed residential zones.

The Advisory Committee will report on the process by which the zones were implemented, the current application of the zones that allow for residential development in the context of managing growth, advise on the level of evidence and justification needed when preparing relevant planning scheme amendments and recommend improvements to residential zones.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is assisting the Advisory Committee as needed during the process and prepared and released the Residential State of Play reports (the Reports).

The Reports provide a snapshot summary of residential development following the introduction of the new zones within each Metropolitan municipality, including those within the southern metropolitan electorate, as well as the four regional cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Latrobe. The reports were a valuable resource for councils, community members and industry bodies when forming submissions for the residential zone review.

The submissions period is now closed and over 300 submissions were received by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will be holding a directions hearing on 1 April 2016 as well as a series of public hearings across Melbourne and regionally.

The Advisory Committee is expected to provide me with its issues and options report for consideration and implementation options.

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Lovell
Directed to: Minister for Health
Asked on: 9 March 2016

ANSWER:

After \$1 billion in cuts by the former Liberal Government and four years of underinvestment in capital, hospitals right across Victoria are under immense pressure.

The previous Liberal Government let down the Goulburn Valley community by waiting four years in office and failing to invest in Goulburn Valley Health.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to enhancing Goulburn Valley Health and its capacity to fulfil its role as regional health services for the Hume region.

The work resulting from the Government's \$1 million commitment to progress planning and development work for Goulburn Valley Health is well underway with recommendations from the recently released Service Plan incorporated into the subsequent masterplan.

A key focus of this planning has been the improvement of timely access to emergency care and enhanced patient experience through strengthening service capacity.

The Andrews Labor Government is providing additional funding to Goulburn Valley Health to support it to improve emergency access. As a result of last year's budget, Goulburn Valley Health has received \$161 million, an increase of over \$10 million compared to the previous year and funding through the \$200 million Hospital Beds Rescue Fund which has enabled the opening of 8 extra beds to expand inpatient capacity.

In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services is supporting the health services to implement strategies to improve patient flow including a new short stay observation unit and scheduling a nurse practitioner in the emergency department during peak periods.

I am pleased to advise the Member for Northern Victoria that the Goulburn Valley Health Community Advisory Group has held a number of meetings, including an open community forum in December 2015. I look forward to continuing to report on the activities being undertaken by this group.

Western Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Finn
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 9 March 2016

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Labor's first budget included an unprecedented \$730 million package to build new schools, upgrade existing school, and buy land for future demand.

Due to the woeful neglect of the Liberals, we are now faced with the costly task of playing catch-up to deliver primary and secondary schools across the state.

School infrastructure funding fell under the former Government reign to a mere \$200 million a year.

Families across Wyndham have felt the pressure of the former government ripping the guts out of the school infrastructure budget.

The Andrews Labor Government is conscious that the City of Wyndham is one of the fastest growing areas in the state and solutions are being developed for meeting current and future school demand.

There has already been a significant investment to increase school provision in the City of Wyndham with commitments to deliver three new schools in the area: Point Cook South P-9, Davis Creek Primary School and Point Cook Senior Secondary College.

The Government has fast tracked Point Cook South P-9 which will be delivered through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project. It will open its doors to students in Term 1, 2017 and additional community facilities and programs will be incorporated into the design, transforming it into a community hub.

Funding for land acquisition was allocated in the 2015-16 Budget for Davis Creek Primary School and we are committed to funding this school within this term of government.

We have also committed to building Point Cook Senior Secondary College. My Department is working with the City of Wyndham and local schools to finalise an appropriate site for this new school.

Schools in the City of Wyndham received \$17 million in school capital funding in the 2015-16 State Budget with Werribee Secondary College receiving \$7 million to upgrade their buildings and be replaced with 21st century facilities and Tarneit P-9 College receiving \$10 million to complete landscaping works and construct permanent buildings for years 7-9 students.

The Government will continue to work with the City of Wyndham, the Metropolitan Planning Authority and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that future enrolment' growth is properly planned for.

Eastern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Bath
Directed to: Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water
Asked on: 10 March 2016

ANSWER:

The Mitchell River Silt Jetties is an internationally significant example of a digitate (finger like) river delta that will almost certainly be lost to erosion and fragment into a series of islands without a longer term plan and some intervention.

Parks Victoria undertook a careful planning process leading to the proposal. In addition to seeking expert advice, a stakeholder group was established to clarify community priorities and to consider the expert advice and its implications for the future management of the jetties.

Two-thirds, or four of the six kilometres, of the jetty will remain accessible to vehicles, including to all the private properties and to the riverbank that is most popular with fishers.

This more highly-used section will be enhanced with improved fishing sites including car parking and fishing platforms designed for access by those with limited mobility. The government is seeking to encourage more Victorians to engage in fishing and the improved facilities will support this.

It should be noted that a number of interest groups support the proposed change. For example, consultation with local tourism bodies suggested that many visitors would appreciate the introduction of the pedestrian walking and cycling opportunities.

I have asked Parks Victoria to continue discussing the proposals with both VRFish and the local fishing community. As pedestrian and cycle access will remain, it may be possible to allow emergency vehicle access in the future and I will ask that this be considered when implementing the plan.

I would like to emphasise that, in seeking to ensure the protection of the silt jetties for future generations to enjoy, access for fishers and others will not be closed. Access to the whole length will remain, with one third accessible by walkers and cyclists and two thirds by car with access to improved facilities.

South Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Springle
Directed to: Minister for Education
Asked on: 10 March 2016

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government has a strong and ambitious agenda to grow educational opportunity for all Victorians and has provided the single biggest injection of education funding in Victoria's history as part of the 2015-16 State Budget. This includes almost \$4 billion in additional funding to early childhood, schools and training.

The funding provided through the 2015-16 State Budget represents a crucial first step in creating the Education State, and we will continue to invest in school infrastructure throughout this term of government. Providing a first class education for our students starts with investment in school buildings and infrastructure.

Chandler Primary School and Maralinga Primary School, both located in Keysborough, merged to form Chandler Park Primary School for the start of the 2010 school year.

The school council of Chandler Park Primary School met during December 2014 and resolved that the Maralinga Campus should close from January 2015.

The Department of Education and Training uses detailed demographic modelling to monitor demand for school provision and works with State and local planning authorities to ensure that enrolment growth is effectively managed.

There is currently sufficient enrolment capacity at the local Keysborough and Chandler Park Primary Schools to meet short and medium term demand. However, the Department is aware that there is residential development underway in the Keysborough South area and the population is expected to grow in the future.

The Department will continue to review the need for school provision in the area and will work with the City of Greater Dandenong Council, the Keysborough South Action Group and other relevant stakeholders, to ensure all Victorian students have access to high quality education as the population continues to grow.

The nearest school to Jacana Street, Noble Park, is Yarraman Oaks Primary School, which is a 6 minute drive, or 1.9km walk from Jacana Street. Yarraman Oaks Primary School has a capacity of approximately 325 places, and in 2015 it had an enrolment of 191 students.

Eastern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Ms Shing
Directed to: Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water
Asked on: 10 March 2016

ANSWER:

Target 155 and the Victorian Desalination Project are just two of the solutions the government is using to provide secure reliable water supplies to Victoria.

With the ongoing pressures of population growth and climate change, as well as the current dry conditions; the Government has reactivated the Target 155 campaign. This voluntary water efficiency program encourages Melbourne residents to limit their consumption to 155 litres per person per day.

Target 155 will include:

- a reminder that permanent water use rules remain in place in Melbourne, and cities and towns across the State
- detail on water bills about water use and how it compares to the 155 litre target
- promoting the Schools Water Efficiency Program
- working with industry, local government and community groups about using water wisely.

For further water saving initiatives please visit <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/water/using-water-wisely>.

In 2010, the State Government funded a pipeline to provide water from the Lance Creek system to the desalination construction site. After construction of the desalination plant the pipeline became available to South Gippsland Water (SGW) to connect the Lance Creek system to the Melbourne system, including the desalination plant.

A pipeline from the desalination plant to the Melbourne system was constructed as part of the Victorian desalination project. This pipeline also enables water to be transferred in reverse. This provides South Gippsland Water access to other Melbourne system water resources.

SGW states in its most recent water supply demand strategy that the Lance Creek system is a very reliable source of water for the towns of Wonthaggi, Cape Paterson and Inverloch. The availability of a connection to the Melbourne system provides increased drought security to these towns, as well as the potential to connect other less reliable supply systems, including Korumburra.

The desalination water order of 50 billion litres increases the security and supply of water in the Melbourne system, which Gippsland is connected to. This provides Gippsland with greater water security.

The Government will continue to look at how to optimise the water grid to benefit Victorian communities.

Southern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Crozier
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 10 March 2016

ANSWER:

The delivery of public infrastructure projects, particularly of this scale, may result in some temporary disruption. The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) has been working closely with the community, including local traders to minimise disruption where feasible, and provide as much notification as possible.

For example, the LXRA provided notice of the January 2016 road closures in October 2015 and the Easter 2016 road closures was communicated in December 2015.

In addition, specific initiatives have been undertaken to support local traders, including:

- Providing comprehensive information about upcoming works via project updates and construction notifications, including road closures (around 380 000 flyers and notifications have been distributed to the community to date);
- Holding more than 80 briefings with local traders to discuss project works and ways to manage construction impacts;
- Working with trader representatives on an integrated marketing plan which includes the popular 'Open for Business' campaign. The campaign includes a dedicated trader web site and brochure mail drops highlighting trader promotions and offers;

- Hosting a marketing workshop for traders who would like to learn more about marketing their businesses (to take place in April 2016);
- Offering business mentoring services to traders who require additional support;
- Placing advertisements in local papers to communicate closures and the 'Open for Business' message; and
- Sharing traffic management plans with traders, identifying available parking for customers, and providing signage and staff to help direct people. Pedestrian access to local businesses is maintained at all times.

Importantly, careful planning means the project will now be completed in late 2016, six months ahead of schedule. Major road works have also been brought forward to minimise road disruption during the major rail shutdown in June/July 2016.

The LXRA will continue to work closely with local traders to keep them abreast of planned disruptions and enable them to plan ahead.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Leane
Directed to: Minister for Sport
Asked on: 10 March 2016

ANSWER:

I'd like to commend you for your commitment to advocating the importance of sport and recreation in your electorate, especially for women. Providing high quality sport and recreation infrastructure is a key aim of the government, and is integral to the health and well-being of all Victorians.

In July 2015, I launched the \$100 million Community Sport Infrastructure Fund to support the upgrade and development of community sports facilities over the next four years. This includes \$10 million for the Female Friendly Facilities category. The 2017-18 funding round of the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund will be announced later this year and councils in your electorate will be notified of how to apply for funding.

Eastern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Bourman
Directed to: Minister for Finance
Asked on: 10 March 2016

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government has shown great support towards Australian manufactured paper. Last year, over 90 per cent of copy paper purchased by government departments was Australian made.

However, unfortunately, Australian Paper has stated that it will not supply 100 per cent recycled Australian made paper through the Victorian Government's current State Purchase Contract (SPC) distributor.

The Department of Treasury and Finance, acting in its capacity as Lead Department for this SPC, will continue to engage with Australian Paper to seek access to the full range of Australian manufactured, recycled copy paper products. I encourage Australian Paper to allow Government access to the full product range.

In addition, I have asked my department to prepare guidelines that promote the use of Australian recycled paper.

Western Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Ramsay
Directed to: Minister for Emergency Services
Asked on: 10 March 2016

ANSWER:

In April 2014, the CFA responded to a house fire resulting from explosives utilised by the owner of the land in a standoff with Victoria Police. The landowner was Mr Glenn Sanders, who unfortunately died in the incident. Mrs Sanders is the mother of the deceased.

The deployment of significant CFA resources continued over a number of days following the initial response, because of concerns surrounding undetonated explosives. The CFA claim to which you refer, was against the deceased estate of Mr Sanders.

Invoicing for services in instances such as these is in line with legislation and CFA policy. It minimises the costs borne by the wider community for such attendances, and provides an incentive for individuals to be vigilant and avoid dangerous practices.

The CFA has advised that during mediation with the trustee of the deceased estate a confidential settlement was reached.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs Sanders is experiencing financial hardship, but I am unable to intervene in a settlement sanctioned by the courts.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Western Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Hartland
Directed to: Minister for Public Transport
Asked on: 22 March 2016

ANSWER:

Public Transport Victoria will actively monitor public transport patronage data over the coming weeks to determine where extra services are needed.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr O'Donohue
Directed to: Minister for Police
Asked on: 22 March 2016

ANSWER:

Australia's first Royal Commission into Family Violence, established by the Andrews Labor Government, handed down its findings on 29 March 2016. The government allocated \$83.1 million in new funding in the 2015-16 State Budget to support the Royal Commission's work and to address the tragic impacts of family violence on Victorian communities.

As part of the government's election commitment to implement all recommendations of the Royal Commission, on 23 March 2016 the government announced an immediate injection of almost \$10 million to relieve the pressure on vital family violence services across the state.

In recognition of the important role that local government plays in addressing family violence, this includes \$600 000 to help local councils develop family violence prevention programs in their communities. Further details about this funding, and other funding aimed at the prevention of family violence, will be forthcoming.

The government acknowledges the dedication and hard work of the communities and local councils involved in the Reducing Violence Against Women and their Children (RVAWC) grants projects, including Challenge Family Violence.

The RVAWC projects were provided with fixed-term funding for three years (2012 to 2015), and were required to develop plans to ensure the sustainability of key aspects of their individual work following the conclusion of the funding.

A key objective of the grants program was to help build the evidence base for the primary prevention of family violence. Accordingly, under the terms of the funding each project was required to undertake an independent evaluation.

These evaluations will provide a valuable resource for government in implementing the Royal Commission's recommendations.

Northern Victoria Region

Question asked by: Mr Drum
Directed to: Minister for Sport
Asked on: 22 March 2016

ANSWER:

The Bendigo Tennis Centre redevelopment project is already included in the budget.

Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Ms Patten
Directed to: Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Asked on: 24 March 2016

ANSWER:

I can advise that this path is operated by the local council on a licence with VicTrack and therefore this question should be directed to the Minister for Public Transport.

Northern Metropolitan Region

Question asked by: Mr Ondarchie
Directed to: Minister for Creative Industries
Asked on: 24 March 2016

ANSWER:

Federation Square events do not fall within my portfolio responsibilities. The matter should be referred to the Minister for Tourism and Major Events.