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<sup>8</sup> Resigned 25 February 2015

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<sup>12</sup> Appointed 21 February 2018

**PARTY ABBREVIATIONS**

AC — Australian Conservatives; ALP — Labor Party; ASP — Australian Sex Party;  
DLP — Democratic Labour Party; Greens — Australian Greens;  
LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals; RV — Reason Victoria  
SFFP — Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; VILJ — 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.*

**28 May to 8 June 2018****Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Dunn  
**Directed to:** Minister for Local Government  
**Asked on:** 6 March 2018

**ANSWER:**

There are clear legislative requirements that must be followed by all councils before they can sell land. Councils are obliged to give public notice inviting any person to make a submission on a proposed sale and consider submissions before a final decision is made. This ensures that the views of the local community can be, properly considered.

If a council does not follow its statutory obligations in this regard, for example if people are not afforded the opportunity to make a submission as required, or submissions are not considered, any subsequent decision made may be left open to question.

I therefore expect all councils to comply with their legal responsibilities on such important matters affecting their communities.

**South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mrs Peulich  
**Directed to:** Minister for Local Government  
**Asked on:** 8 March 2018

**ANSWER:**

Councillors who elect to run as candidates at Victorian and other parliamentary elections must ensure that their campaigning does not interfere with their existing councillor roles, and that they don't misuse their councillor position to advance their candidacy.

Kingston City Council and other councils are responsible for the development of their policies in this regard, and must ensure they are developed within the confines of legislation.

**Northern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Ondarchie  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 28 March 2018

**ANSWER:**

The claim from the Member for Northern Metropolitan is incorrect. The Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA) has undertaken continuous consultation with George Weston Foods in relation to the impacts of the construction of the Metro Tunnel around their premises in North Melbourne. MMRA has met regularly with representatives from George Weston Foods throughout the project development phase to understand their business operations and any potential unique impacts.

During this consultation, maintaining truck access on Laurens Street was identified as a key priority for George Weston Foods. The construction of the new station will require changes to local traffic conditions to allow trucks to

transport materials and equipment to and from site; however, access to Laurens Street will be maintained at all times for surrounding businesses and residents.

George Weston Foods may experience some disruption during construction works due to its close proximity to the Arden site, mainly due to an increase in traffic on Laurens Street; however, a large impact from the Metro Tunnel Project is not anticipated.

The selected Tunnels and Stations contractor Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP) and MMRA will continue to work with George Weston Foods to help mitigate and manage impacts of the Metro Tunnel Project.

Although construction of the Metro Tunnel Project is not expected to have a significant impact on George Weston Foods, the new Arden (to be renamed North Melbourne) Station will catalyse significant redevelopment in the area.

The greatest threat to the project and the capacity to limit the disruption impacts is the commitment of the Victorian Opposition to put the project on hold and renegotiate the contracts. This will cost billions of dollars, delay the project by at least two years and dramatically increase the impact of construction on businesses, residents and all commuters.

### **Western Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Ramsay  
**Directed to:** Minister for Local Government  
**Asked on:** 28 March 2018

#### **ANSWER:**

Under the Local Government Act 1989, the role of the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate is to examine and investigate any matter relating to a council's operations or council electoral matters, as well as investigate potential breaches of the Local Government Act.

Complaints in relation to the conduct of legal practitioners can be referred to the Victorian Legal Services Board and Commissioner which are the independent statutory authorities responsible for the regulation of the legal profession in Victoria.

### **Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Wooldridge  
**Directed to:** Minister for Emergency Services  
**Asked on:** 1 May 2018

#### **ANSWER:**

The Victorian Government greatly values the work of the Eltham Country Fire Authority (CFA) Brigade and its selfless contribution to the safety and wellbeing of the community.

The former Eltham CFA will not only house Eltham CFA volunteers, but act as a hub for local community organisations.

Eltham CFA career and volunteer firefighters will operate from the fire station on Brougham Street until the former Eltham CFA fire station located on Main Road is operational, and will continue to work side-by-side to respond to emergencies and keep the Eltham community safe now and in to the future.

**Northern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Patten  
**Directed to:** Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
**Asked on:** 1 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

I am also concerned about the welfare of the kangaroos at the property your constituent is referring to. The population is landlocked by development and is faced with limited availability of food resources.

The health of the kangaroos has been monitored by an independent expert since 2010 and there have been Kangaroo Management Plans in place for the management of the kangaroos on the site.

An Authority to Control Wildlife was issued to control the kangaroos in July 2017; however, it is the subject of ongoing legal proceedings. The landowner, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, has, in good faith, not acted on that authorisation since the proceeding was commenced last year. At the request of the landowner, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has now cancelled the authorisation, which was set to expire in July this year in any event.

The landowner has sought further expert advice on management options for the kangaroos which will inform future management actions.

**Western Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Morris  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 1 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

The Andrews Labor Government has publicly announced that it will be negotiating new 10 year contracts with incumbent bus operators across regional Victoria.

While there has been a strong case for reform in the new Melbourne metropolitan bus contracts, the Government recognises the different operating needs of regional areas and will seek to negotiate contracts in keeping with current arrangements.

**Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Dunn  
**Directed to:** Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
**Asked on:** 1 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

Dry conditions across the state during February, March and much of April this year delayed the start of the autumn planned burning program by about five weeks. Between 16 April and 1 May 2018, many burns were undertaken on public land across the state. The majority of burns conducted on public land were important fuel reduction burns undertaken for community safety. Over the same period the Country Fire Authority (CFA) also had a total of 5158 registered burn offs on private land.

During this period Forest Fire Management Victoria worked closely with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) and modified the ignition schedule to minimise impacts on air quality.

**Northern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Ondarchie  
**Directed to:** Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
**Asked on:** 1 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

VicRoads is investigating options, including the installation of traffic lights to reduce the risk of crashes at the intersection of Spencer Street and Dalton Road. Once these investigations are complete, options will be considered for implementation.

**Western Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Finn  
**Directed to:** Minister for Planning  
**Asked on:** 8 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

In May 2016, I decided to refuse Amendment C190 to the Hume Planning Scheme, which sought the application of a Public Acquisition Overlay to land required for the proposed Bulla Bypass and Melbourne Airport Link and an incorporated document to facilitate the projects.

In making my decision I sought to ensure that all feasible road alignment options are explored.

I have asked the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to consider further options for the proposed alignment. I understand that VicRoads, on behalf of the Minister, is actively working on this matter and I will assess any future request on its merits.

**South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Springle  
**Directed to:** Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
**Asked on:** 8 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

The member is incorrect when she refers to the earth resources regulation branch of my department. In fact, Earth Resources Regulation falls under the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and supports the Minister for Resources.

Victoria has environmental protection laws that require contaminated sites proposed to be rezoned for housing to be audited by an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) appointed environmental auditor, to ensure they are suitable for a proposed use or development. Since the environmental audit system was introduced in 1989, some 2500 legacy contaminated sites have undergone a statutory environmental audit in Victoria.

The Andrews Labor Government has provided a record \$182.3 million investment to deliver landmark reforms to Victoria's environment protection system.

**Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Davis  
**Directed to:** Minister for Planning  
**Asked on:** 8 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

Labor's 2014 election policy commitment, *Keeping it Liveable: Labor's Plan for Your Community* (2014) stated that:

A 50-year-old easement covering over 140 properties on Punt Road, from Union Street to Alexandra Avenue, gives locals no control over the fate of their own homes. Under Labor, an independent panel will review the easement and help determine its future. The full report will be public.

I established the Punt Road Public Acquisition Overlay Advisory Committee in February 2015 to review the future of the overlay by seeking input from affected landowners, stakeholders and agencies and to recommend to me whether to retain, modify or remove the overlay. The Advisory Committee received 120 submissions, held hearings in February 2016 and submitted its report and recommendations to me in May 2016.

In accordance with Recommendation 2(a) of the Advisory Committee's report, I requested that VicRoads undertake further technical work to assist in consideration of refinement of the overlay in August 2016. I received this further technical work in December 2016.

In August 2017 after careful consideration of the Advisory Committee's report and the further technical work, I decided to retain the overlay in full and publicly release the Advisory Committee's report and the further technical work. I rejected Recommendation 2(b) of the Advisory Committee's report that the overlay be modified to provide for a road layout generally in accordance with the design based on Modified Concept 5. This would compromise the long-term traffic and transport needs of the Hoddle–Punt corridor and is inconsistent with the VicRoads technical advice.

The government has delivered on the commitment to review the overlay and the process is now complete. The Minister for Roads and Road Safety has advised that a corridor strategy and plan that outlines the staging and program for the future development of the corridor will be prepared. This plan will build on previous work, guide future government decisions, and provide greater certainty for property owners.

**Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Wooldridge  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 8 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

The Hurstbridge Rail Line Upgrade package is \$395 million. The nearby Mernda Rail Extension project is \$588 million.

**South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Springle  
**Directed to:** Minister for Sport  
**Asked on:** 9 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

I refer to your constituency question matter regarding provisions for community sports upgrades. Firstly, I'd like to commend you on your commitment to advocating the importance of sport and recreation in your electorate.

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. On 13 April 2018 I announced a government commitment of \$241 million for community sport, including \$60 million for the continuation of the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and another \$15 million for the Female Friendly Facilities Fund.

Given the important role local government plays in the provision of community sporting infrastructure, an application can only be made through councils. I therefore encourage you to liaise with Casey City Council to see what opportunities may be available through these funds for the Fountain Gate Junior Football Club and other clubs in your electorate.

### **Northern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Dr Ratnam  
**Directed to:** Minister for Tourism and Major Events  
**Asked on:** 10 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

The Victorian Government provides oversight of Fed Square Pty Ltd in accordance with best practice governance arrangements for public entities.

### **Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Mr Davis  
**Directed to:** Minister for Water  
**Asked on:** 10 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

Melbourne Water is duplicating the existing Murrumbena Main Drain to improve community safety during floods, and to reduce flood impacts on adjacent properties.

Regrettably, two trees will be removed from Riley Reserve.

Melbourne Water is working with Glen Eira City Council and the Glen Eira Environment Group to retain existing trees where possible, together with undertaking landscape enhancement works, including tree reinstatement, as part of the project.

Similarly, Melbourne Water and the Level Crossing Removal Authority are working together to improve open space connectivity in Riley Reserve, with the removal of two sections of the existing railway embankment.

### **Southern Metropolitan Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Fitzherbert  
**Directed to:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Asked on:** 22 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Southern Metropolitan Region for her question. This is an opportunity to tell the story of how we are successfully building strong relationships with and supporting local businesses during the construction of the Metro Tunnel.

To date considerable effort has gone into supporting the businesses in the Anzac Station Precinct of the Metro Tunnel Project.

Rail Projects Victoria (RPV) and the managing contractors, John Holland and the Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP) have focussed on three specific business clusters, as each cluster has been or will be affected by Metro Tunnel construction at various times and in different ways. They are:

- Albert Rd South Melbourne businesses and surrounding streets
- Domain Rd and Park St South Yarra businesses
- St Kilda Rd Melbourne businesses.

Engagement with businesses in each area commenced in 2016 and ramped up during the July 2017 St Kilda Rd and Toorak Rd West tram relocation works, the closure of Domain Rd at St Kilda Rd, service relocation works and then April 2018 tram and road works.

Over 30 businesses have had direct case management from RPV or contractors and it has also been offered to other businesses but not taken up. Businesses can accept the offer of support at any time during project construction. Dedicated RPV and CYP staff meet regularly with the business operators to understand their specific issues.

Support measures that have been delivered to date in the Anzac Station precinct include:

- Marketing and promotion of local businesses, including print and social media advertising
- Sponsoring of events for local businesses including during the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2018
- Signage and wayfinding that includes all the relevant businesses
- Promotions and offers including vouchers for residents, commuters and hotel guests
- Shopping directories including special offers, printed and distributed to thousands of residents in surrounding suburbs
- Assistance with business websites to enhance their online presence
- Assistance and advice from the Small Business Mentoring Service
- Changes to parking to increase access to businesses
- Hiring of local spaces for information sessions, regular Community Reference Group meetings and during the July 2017 and April 2018 tram and road works
- Use of local businesses to cater for pop-up events, commuter and resident offers
- Encouraging RPV and contractor staff to shop at and support local businesses
- Funding offset car parking for businesses that require customer car parking
- Funding and support to establish two incorporated trader associations — The Anzac Station Business Association in South Melbourne, City of Port Phillip and the Domain Village Traders Association in South Yarra, City of Melbourne.

There are many other support measures either under consideration or in development, such as media opportunities, pop-up events and other activations that require the support and approval of local councils.

I am advised that the relationship with local businesses is very positive and RPV and CYP are working very hard to ensure that this only improves in the years ahead as we complete this city changing project, which will further benefit local businesses located in and near the new Anzac Station.

The greatest threat to the project is the commitment from the Liberal Party to renegotiate the contract if it is returned to government. This will cost billions of dollars, delay the project by at least two years, and prolong the disruption for local residences and businesses.

**Eastern Victoria Region**

**Question asked by:** Ms Bath  
**Directed to:** Minister for Education  
**Asked on:** 24 May 2018

**ANSWER:**

The Andrews Labor Government has invested more than \$3.8 billion to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across Victoria. This school building boom has delivered more than 1300 school upgrades and 70 new school projects across the State. Our ongoing challenge, however, is to responsibly balance and prioritise the needs of over 1500 government schools across the state, all in varying condition.

I can assure you that the infrastructure needs of all Victorian government schools, including Korumburra Secondary College, will continue to be given fair and equitable consideration in future State Budgets. We will continue to use all available data, including condition assessments and pre-existing project plans, when allocating resources in future State Budgets.

If, however, the college has urgent maintenance or repair issues that are beyond its budget capacity and directly impact on student or staff safety, an application for funding can be made under the Department's Emergency Maintenance Program.

I trust this information is of assistance.