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⁴ Resigned 27 May 2016

⁵ Appointed 7 June 2017

⁶ Resigned 9 February 2018

⁷ Resigned 6 April 2017

⁸ Resigned 25 February 2015

⁹ Appointed 12 October 2016

¹⁰ ASP until 16 January 2018;
RV until 14 August 2018

¹¹ Appointed 18 October 2017

¹² Appointed 21 February 2018

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

AC — Australian Conservatives; ALP — Labor Party; ASP — Australian Sex Party; DLP — Democratic Labour Party;
FPRP — Fiona Patten’s Reason Party; Greens — Australian Greens; Ind — Independent; LP — Liberal Party;
Nats — The Nationals; RV — Reason Victoria; SFFP — Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; VILJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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

Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.

Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.

Tuesday, 18 September 2018

Mental health

11 490. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 490 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 May 2018, page 2325.]

Mental health

11 513. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 513 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 May 2018, page 2325.]

Mental health

11 535. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 535 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 May 2018, page 2325.]

Mental health

11 579. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 579 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 May 2018, page 2326.]

Equality

12 719. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Equality): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Equality

12 720. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Equality): How many full time equivalent staff, employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, were working within your ministerial office located at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

Creative industries

12 721. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Creative Industries): How many full time equivalent female staff, employed by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, were working within your ministerial office located at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

Health

12 722. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many full time equivalent female staff, employed by the Department of Health and Human Services, were working within your ministerial office located at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Treasurer

12 729. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Treasurer

12 730. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018, how many full time equivalent staff were employed by —

- (1) the Department of Treasury and Finance; and
- (2) the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

Women

12 746. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Women): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Health and Human Services worked within your ministerial office located at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Health

12 749. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Health

12 750. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Health and Human Services worked within your ministerial office located at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Local government

12 762. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Trade and Investment (for the Minister for Local Government): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning worked within your ministerial office located at 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

Early childhood education

12 778. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education: In relation to the \$18 million that has been allocated for ten bilingual programs which will be introduced in 2019, as outlined on page 40 of the Budget 2018-19, Budget Paper 3 —

- (1) which ten languages will be selected as part of those programs;
- (2) how many hours per week will a child receive to be able to participate in these programs;
- (3) how many bilingual educators will be recruited to fulfil the program requirements; and
- (4) what consideration for bilingual teachers have been made for rural and regional kindergartens who want to participate in this program.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As part of the \$135.9 million investment in early childhood education in the 2018-19 State Budget, the Andrews Labor Government is delivering \$17.9 million for the first state-funded language program ever to be rolled out in kindergartens.

Starting next year, the Early Childhood Languages Program will give more than 3000 children in up to 130 kindergartens the opportunity to learn in another language. This program will enable specialist language teachers to deliver up to three hours of weekly language sessions and enable a further 10 services to become bilingual, that is, deliver up to half of their program in another language.

The Expression of Interest process has now closed. It was open to all early childhood services with a state-funded kindergarten program and including other eligibility criteria, that will determine the language selection based on the interests of kindergartens and their communities.

Finance

12 813. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): What specific level of funding did WorkSafe provide to the Victorian Trades Hall Council for the OHSRep website or other purposes in —

- (1) 2016-17;
- (2) 2017-18; and
- (3) 2018-19.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government has ensured that WorkSafe Victoria (WorkSafe) is well funded and able to invest in measures to support workers' health and safety.

To that end, WorkSafe provides funding and programs to support external stakeholders, such as employee organisations, employer organisations, and small and medium-sized businesses, to promote workplace safety and prevention.

In 2016/17 grants to support programs included the Victorian Trades Hall Council's Young Workers Centre, which provides counselling, legal advice and education about workplace safety. Funding was also provided to the Victorian Trades Hall Council for the OHSRep website, which provides important guidance and support to OHS health and safety representatives.

[Question 12 813 reinstated by order of President on 24 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4576.]

Roads and road safety

12 829. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): When will the Plenty Road to Greensborough Highway upgrade that is due to start in early 2019 be completed.

ANSWER:

When the upgrade of the M80 Ring Road first commenced, the works were prioritised to improve the sections with the worst road safety history and congestion. Since then work has continued to progress as planned and Plenty Road to Greensborough Bypass section is scheduled for completion in late 2021.

Energy, environment and climate change

12 832. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): Who will have access to the email details of residents who provide that data to the Victorian Energy Saver site.

ANSWER:

Any collection of personal information is held and used in accordance with the corresponding privacy statement, which can be found at: <https://www.victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au/privacy>.

Families and children

12 845. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the Flexible Support Packages the Government announced to assist individuals escaping family violence, how many have accessed the service from January 2017 to June 2018 and how many claimed for the following —

- (1) rent;
- (2) home alarms;
- (3) CCTV;
- (4) clothing;
- (5) beds;
- (6) books;
- (7) medication; and
- (8) education.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government introduced Flexible Support Packages in January 2016. Since this time, the Labor Government has allocated more than \$64 million for more than 19 000 flexible support packages.

I am informed that from January 2017 to June 2018:

Over 10 660 packages were allocated to victim survivors escaping family violence from January 2017 to June 2018.

More than 7480 packages included goods and/or services to keep victim survivors safe and secure. This includes assistance with rent, home alarms and CCTV.

More than 1800 packages included goods and/or services to keep victim survivors healthy and well. This includes assistance with medication as well as other health and wellbeing needs.

More than 3750 packages included goods and/or services to support victim survivors' capability to participate. This includes books and education.

Clothing can be included across a range of categories and cannot be disaggregated.

A package can provide access to goods and/or services across more than one category of expenditure.

Families and children

12 846. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the recent announced funding of \$5.5 million for Community Support Groups with Sudanese communities in Dandenong and Melton —

- (1) how many young people are projected to benefit from these support groups;
- (2) how much funding has been allocated for other culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, such as the Chinese, Vietnamese, and Indian communities, and —
 - (a) where will they be located, by local government area; and
 - (b) who will manage the activities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government has provided funding of \$5.5 million to support a package of initiatives to strengthen youth and community engagement in Wyndham, Melton (with reach into Brimbank) and Dandenong (with reach into Casey).

This includes funding for the establishment, staffing and day to day operations of the three Community Support Groups. (CSGs) and will engage with at least 450 young people and their families across these communities.'

In addition to the CSGs, this funding will deliver youth outreach workers, youth mentoring programs, parenting programs, alcohol and drug outreach workers, family support packages and other community-identified activities to strengthen local communities.

The Wyndham Community and Education Centre has been appointed to auspice the Wyndham CSG, and the Centre for Multicultural Youth has been appointed to auspice the Melton and Dandenong CSGs. These organisations will recruit CSG staff who will work with the local community to design and deliver activities, as well as link in with existing programs, services and activities.

The Andrews Labor Government is providing a range of initiatives and programs across government that will benefit young people from diverse communities.

Families and children

12 847. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the After-Hours Child Protection Emergency Service: From 30 May 2016 to date, per division, how many calls were —

- (1) received;
- (2) dropped; and
- (3) referred to a specialist support service.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

54 719 calls were received by the After Hours Child Protection Emergency Service for the 2017-18 financial year. This is a state-wide service.

As part of the 2015-16 Victorian Budget, \$8.3 million was committed over 4 years to improve the service's capacity including updates to telecommunications infrastructure. As part of the Government's additional child protection practitioners funded in the 2015-16 Victorian Budget, more than 19 additional child protection practitioners have been provided to extend the after-hours service.

This investment was boosted in the 2017-18 Budget with a further \$1.6 million that funded 9 additional positions to meet increasing demand for the service and this funding has been continued in the 2018-19 Victorian Budget.

The investment by the Andrews Labor Government has delivered robust improvement in service performance, from a level of over 41 percent of calls abandoned in November 2014 to less than one percent for the 2017-18 financial year.

As a result, average wait times have fallen by more than 95 per cent in this term of government, with an average wait time of 25 seconds as at 31 July 2018. This compares to an average wait of seven minutes in 2014 when the Liberals were in charge and slashed funding.

It is not possible to calculate the number of calls referred to specialist support services.

Families and children

12 848. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the After-Hours Child Protection Emergency Service, what is the average wait time of calls as at 31 July 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the Member to my answer to QoN.12847.

Families and children

12 849. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the announced recruitment of 450 job roles for Cherry Creek Youth Justice Centre: How many of the following will be employed on an ongoing basis —

- (1) psychologists;
- (2) teachers;
- (3) cleaners;
- (4) gardeners; and
- (5) facility managers.

ANSWER:

Work on the design and operating model for the Government's new \$288 million fit-for purpose youth justice facility is currently underway. The final design and operating model will determine the number of individual roles of each kind that will be required within the facility.

What I can say is that the Andrews Labor Government is committed to ensuring that Youth Justice custodial centres have the right staff in place to ensure young people are safely and securely managed. This year's Budget papers reveal an increase in the number of young people in custody as a result of the Government's reforms to bail and sentencing laws, and this trend is expected to continue.

As part of the Government's unprecedented \$1.2 billion overhaul of the Youth Justice system, we have funded more than 280 new jobs across the system to better manage young people.

This includes recruiting additional Safety and Emergency Response Team (SERT) staff and delivering Tactical Options training to staff to help them prevent and respond to violent and antisocial incidents inside Youth Justice centres. We have also deployed Corrections Victoria Security and Emergency Services Group (SESG) staff at Youth Justice centres, who are authorised to deploy OC spray and to take other measures, in the event of a serious incident.

While the most critical requirement for any Youth Justice custodial centre is to provide a robust and highly secure custodial facility, the Government recognises the need for such environments to support rehabilitation and a reduction in reoffending. This will be the case for Cherry Creek Youth Justice Centre.

That's why this year's Budget commits \$18.7 million to provide additional health and mental health services such as increasing nursing staff and General Practitioner services, additional trained psychologists, improving medication administration and a range of other health initiatives to support young people at Parkville and Malmsbury. This is on top of increased health, mental health and rehabilitation services following investments in the 2017-18 Budget.

The Government also allocated \$2.5 million to expanding structured day programs across both youth justice precincts, outside of school hours, to ensure young people in custody have less opportunity to be disruptive and build pro social skills. This includes reinstating program coordinator positions that ceased under the previous government.

The Government's initial \$50 million investment to address the priority recommendations of the landmark Arnytage Ogloff Youth Justice Review, the first independent review of the Youth Justice system in 17 years, includes the biggest ever expansion of young offender rehabilitation programs.

This means increased delivery of group based rehabilitative programs that address young people's offending or violent behaviour, and alcohol and drug issues. In addition, the department is also procuring and developing new evidence-based offender behaviour programs including AOD, family violence, motor vehicle and a high intensity violence intervention program.

We know the Liberal Party have flagged they will undertake a commission of audit should they win the next election and slash and burn the Victorian public sector including Youth Justice Workers. The last time the Liberal's were in government, they cut 600 positions from the Department of Health and Human Services including 20 Youth Justice staff.

Cutting services is in the Liberal Party's DNA — Jeff Kennett cut services, Ted Baillieu cut services, Denis Naphine cut services, and Matthew Guy will too.

Families and children

12 850. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the announced funding for 30 places for the No to Violence’s Graduate Certificate in Male Family Violence —

- (1) how many of the grantees are currently employed by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS);
- (2) what is the age range of the grantees;
- (3) how much funding has been allocated for these scholarships;
- (4) which local government areas or DHHS divisions the grantees are currently based; and
- (5) which local government areas or DHHS divisions the grantees will be based after completion of the Graduate Certificate course.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All students are employed by DHHS funded organisations, not DHHS employed staff. The age range of students is between approximately 20 and 60 years of age. \$201 000 was provided to No to Violence to support 30 student placements in 2018.

Students are based across the state, including from the following DHHS areas: Wimmera South West, Mallee, Inner Gippsland, Outer Gippsland, Central Highlands, Bayside Peninsula, Southern Melbourne, Inner Eastern Melbourne, Outer Eastern Melbourne, Hume Moreland, North Eastern Melbourne, Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton.

Graduates are not required to work in a specific local government area or DHHS Division on completion. Most graduates complete their course placement within their current agency.

Families and children

12 851. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to emergency carers:

- (1) as at 30 June 2018, how many dedicated emergency carers does Victoria currently have in relation to sibling placements —
 - (a) how many are active;
 - (b) how many are non-active; and
 - (c) how many have left the system from June 2017 to July 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Foster and kinship carers are the unsung heroes of our community. The majority of foster carers are willing to consider the placement of children at short notice or under emergency circumstances and many of these placements involve siblings.

It is unclear what the members question refers to but given her reliance on referring to my media releases I can advise that my department has a foster care model being piloted in the South division, which aims to recruit emergency foster carers to care for sibling groups. This program is called ‘Keeping Connected’.

The Keeping Connected Initiative commenced in February 2018 and is delivered in partnership between Uniting (Victoria/Tasmania), Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency and Alfred Health. Keeping Connected is one of many initiatives tested as part of the Roadmap for Reform: Strong Families, Safe Children reforms, to test new or strengthened approaches to better support children and young people in the out of home care system.

There is currently one active carer delivering the pilot model with recruitment of a second carer underway.

As at 1 July 2018, 36 sibling groups including 107 children and young people, have been supported by the Keeping Connected initiative. These are emergency short term placements to allow for suitable placements to be located with other carers, including kinship carers.

Families and children

12 852. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: As at 1 July 2018, how many siblings groups have been supported by the State Government’s Keeping Connected program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the member to my answer to QoN 12851.

Families and children

12 853. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the establishment of a Ministerial Advisory Committee for Volunteers and for Children in Out-of-Home Care, announced in 2015: Does this body still exist, and if so, how much has been expended on it as at 30 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Ministerial Advisory Committee for Children in Out of Home Care (the Committee) discontinued in late 2016 having successfully fulfilled its work plan. It was superseded by new governance groups under the Andrews Labor Government’s landmark Roadmap for Reform: strong families; safe children. The Roadmap is our blueprint for once-in-a-generation transformation designed to improve the lives of vulnerable Victorian children, young people and families by shifting the system from crisis response to prevention and early intervention.

The 2018-19 Victorian Budget provided an unprecedented investment of \$858.6 million to further support vulnerable children, young people and their families.

The Ministerial Council for Volunteers (the Council) commenced in December 2015. The Council was established to provide strategic policy advice to government and to inform a whole-of-sector approach to supporting and strengthening the volunteer sector in Victoria.

As part of the 2018-19 Victorian Budget, an additional \$500 000 was provided to a number of initiatives focused on making it easier for people to volunteer — which is often a pathway to employment. This investment builds on \$145 000 that was provided in 2017-18 and supports the strategic priorities of the Council, which aims to improve volunteering processes and create equity, as well as further opportunities for the sector.

Members of neither council were remunerated for their services.

Families and children

12 854. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the announcement of additional funding for spot audits in residential care, how many spot audits have been undertaken in 2017-18.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In March 2014, the Victorian Auditor-General found that “there has been a fundamental failure to oversee and ensure the safety of children in residential care.” At a time when serious issues relating to residential care facilities was made public, the former Coalition Government failed to take measures to keep children living in residential care safe.

The Andrews Labor Government's reform agenda is focused on ensuring as many children as possible live in home-based care. For some children this means intervening early to ensure they can remain living safely at home with their families. For others, who can not live safely with their families, the Labor Government is committed to supporting home-based carer options. Residential care is an option of last resort.

In February 2015, the Andrews Labor Government announced a range of immediate actions to improve the safety and wellbeing of Victorian children and young people in out of home care. This investment included \$16 million to increase staff in standard residential care units, including stand-up overnight staff and for the first time, \$1.5 million for spot audits of residential care facilities.

The spot audits are designed to ensure that the Department can enter a residential care unit at any time and make an independent assessment of what may be happening as well as have discussions with the young people in those units.

In 2017-18, 77 spot audits were completed on residential care services.

Families and children

12 855. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the State Government's program on Energy Concessions: According to local government area or Department of Health and Human Services division, how many concession card holders applied for the following concession programs for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 —

- (1) annual electricity concession;
- (2) excess electricity concession;
- (3) controlled load electricity concession;
- (4) electricity transfer fee waiver;
- (5) medical cooling concession;
- (6) service to property charge concession;
- (7) winter gas concession;
- (8) excess gas concession; and
- (9) non-mains energy concession.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Concession payments are delivered directly by energy retailers, water corporations and municipal councils.

The Department of Health and Human Services does not collect concessions data at a local government area or departmental division level.

Concessions output data for 2017-18 will be available when published in the Department of Health and Human Services' annual report.

Families and children

12 856. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the State Government's program on Water Concessions: According to local government area or Department of Health and Human Services division, how many concession card holders applied for the following concession programs for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 —

- (1) water and sewerage concession; and
- (2) non-mains water concession.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the member to my answer to Question on Notice 12855.

Housing, disability and ageing

12 864. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): In relation to the announced initiative on Social Housing Investment Planning (SHIP), how many social housing units will be built in the following areas —

- (1) Cardinia;
- (2) Casey;
- (3) Darebin;
- (4) Frankston;
- (5) Geelong;
- (6) Glen Eira;
- (7) Hobsons Bay;
- (8) Knox;
- (9) Moonee Valley
- (10) Mount Alexander;
- (11) Port Phillip;
- (12) Warrnambool;
- (13) Whittlesea;
- (14) Hume;
- (15) Mitchell;
- (16) Wyndham; and
- (17) Yarra Ranges.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Social Housing Investment Planning (SHIP) Grants were provided to successful Local Government Authorities (LGAs) to identify, unlock and create land parcels for future social housing.

Local government is a significant land holder in Victoria. Just as importantly it is also central to most key land use and planning issues in Victoria. It is the natural vehicle to drive new land and project packaging for social housing development.

Unlike the Liberal Party that opposes social housing developments across our state, many Councils recognise the importance of growing social housing in their neighbourhoods, and the SHIP grants will help them plan how to do that. The SHIP Grants will also foster a pipeline of future social housing by helping local government to establish the key partnerships necessary at a local level within their communities.

The SHIP grants enable Councils to prepare for the many opportunities to grow social housing thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's Social Housing Growth Fund, which see an additional 2200 social housing dwellings created in five years.

Housing, disability and ageing

12 865. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): In relation to the 6500 state public housing tenants whose heaters have been disconnected in April 2018 —

- (1) how many tenants have been provided with replacement heaters;
- (2) how many tenants are still waiting for their heaters to be installed; and
- (3) when will the replacement heaters be completely installed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am advised that all affected tenants have been offered replacement heating.

Housing, disability and ageing

12 866. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): According to local government area, how many public housing tenants whose heaters have been found to be faulty have applied for a rent subsidy.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Tenants do not need to apply as subsidies are credited to their rent directly.

Housing, disability and ageing

12 867. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): In relation to repair and maintenance procedures in public housing sites in Victoria —

- (1) how much is provided for garden maintenance;
- (2) how many public housing tenants have lodged claims for garden maintenance;
- (3) how many public housing tenants have lodged claims due to injuries caused while undertaking garden maintenance; and
- (4) how many people are employed to undertake garden maintenance at each public housing site and are any of these people employed public housing tenants themselves, and, if so, how many.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Under the Public Tenants Employment Program (PTEP), public housing tenants are employed as part of the garden maintenance contracts.

The Andrews Labor Government has reversed the Liberals' \$330 million cuts to housing, tripled investment in housing initiatives with over \$1 billion invested in this term of government. Details of this expenditure and staffing are available via the DHHS annual report.

Housing, disability and ageing

12 868. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): According to each public housing facility, how many public housing tenants operate a family day care program in public housing sites.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested data is not available.

Housing, disability and ageing

12 869. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): In relation to the Department of Education and Training’s Navigator Program —

- (1) how many children have been supported since its commencement;
- (2) have any participants of the program come from the youth justice system and, if so, how many;
- (3) have any participants of the program come from Victoria’s out-of-home care system and, if so, how many; and
- (4) have any participants of the program been on child protection orders and, if so, how many.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Education and should be directed as such.

Police

12 871. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): In relation to firearms recorded on the firearms register established pursuant to section 113 of the Firearms Act 1996, how many firearms were reported stolen in the following financial years —

- (1) 2012-13;
- (2) 2013-14;
- (3) 2014-15;
- (4) 2015-16;
- (5) 2016-17; and
- (6) 2017-18.

ANSWER:

I am advised that neither Victoria Police nor the Crime Statistics Agency publish information on the number of firearms recorded on the firearms register that were reported stolen during the relevant years. Victoria Police does not report on information on the firearms register or through the crime statistics data.

However, I am able to provide the number of firearms stolen in theft or burglary/break and enter offences where ‘firearm type’ is recorded. I have provided data on ‘firearm types’ recorded in Victoria Police’s LEAP system that largely correspond with the definition of ‘firearms’ in the Firearms Act 1996. These are firearm types that would ordinarily require registration.

Type	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Rifle	386	344	362	334	354
Shotgun	266	252	240	230	254
Air Rifle	64	55	50	51	46
Gun	33	49	36	9	6
Other Firearm	15	6	22	154	63
Pistol	23	6	19	20	10
Revolver	8	2	10	15	1
Total	795	714	739	813	734

Please note that for the 2017-18 financial year, data is not yet available.

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Wednesday, 19 September 2018

Police

12 872. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How many female prisoners were held in police cells at 7.00 a.m. on the following dates —

- (1) 30 June 2018; and
- (2) 31 July 2018.

ANSWER:

The number of female prisoners held in police cells at 7.00 am on the specified dates is as follows:

Date	Number of female prisoners
30 June 2018	19
31 July 2018	9

Police

12 873. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How many male prisoners were held in police cells at 7.00 a.m. on the following dates —

- (1) 30 June 2018; and
- (2) 31 July 2018.

ANSWER:

The number of male prisoners held in police cells at 7.00am on the specified dates is as follows:

Date	Number of male prisoners
30 June 2018	160
31 July 2018	295

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Thursday, 20 September 2018

Ambulance services

10 191. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Ambulance Services): Regarding the thunderstorm asthma event across Victoria on 21 November 2016 —

- (1) which of the Minister’s advisors was first advised by Ambulance Victoria of the unfolding thunderstorm asthma event;
- (2) at what time was that ministerial advisor advised by Ambulance Victoria of the unfolding thunderstorm asthma event;
- (3) at what time was the Minister first informed of the thunderstorm asthma event; and
- (4) who first informed the Minister of the thunderstorm asthma event.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The final report of the Inspector General of Emergency Management into the emergency response to the thunderstorm asthma event in November 2016 is available at www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/researchandreports/thunderstorm-asthma-igem-review-final-report-April-2017.

[Question 10 191 reinstated by order of President on 7 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4947.]

Health

10 921. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Victorian Supercare Pharmacy in Yarraville South —

- (1) on what date did the onsite nurse start taking appointments;
- (2) how many hours a week is the onsite nurse employed; and
- (3) how many appointments has the onsite nurse undertaken from commencement of offering that service to 28 February 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The onsite nurse started taking appointments at the Victorian Supercare Pharmacy in Yarraville South on 29 August 2016.

An onsite nurse is employed four and a half hours per day at every Supercare Pharmacy — for a total of 31.5 hours a week. The onsite nurse sees patients for four hours a day — for a total of 28 hours a week.

As at August 2018, more than 235 000 visits have been made to Supercare Pharmacies, between 10pm and 7am since the initiative commenced, with patient numbers increasing every month. There have been more than 16 000 patients seen by nursing staff across the Supercare Pharmacies.

[Question 10 921, parts (1) and (3), reinstated by order of President on 4 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 August 2018, page 4579.]

Health

10 922. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Victorian Supercare Pharmacy in Craigieburn —

- (1) on what date did the onsite nurse start taking appointments;
- (2) how many hours a week is the onsite nurse employed; and
- (3) how many appointments has the onsite nurse undertaken from commencement of offering that service to 28 February 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The onsite nurse started taking appointments at the Victorian Supercare Pharmacy in Craigieburn on 26 August 2016.

An onsite nurse is employed four and a half hours per day at every Supercare Pharmacy — for a total of 31.5 hours a week. The onsite nurse sees patients for four hours a day — for a total of 28 hours a week.

As at August 2018, more than 235 000 visits have been made to Supercare Pharmacies, between 10pm and 7am since the initiative commenced, with patient numbers increasing every month. There have been more than 16 000 patients seen by nursing staff across the Supercare Pharmacies.

[Question 10 922, parts (1) and (3), reinstated by order of President on 4 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 August 2018, page 4579.]

Health

10 924. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Victorian Supercare Pharmacy in Ballarat —

- (1) on what date did the onsite nurse start taking appointments;
- (2) how many hours a week is the onsite nurse employed; and
- (3) how many appointments has the onsite nurse undertaken from commencement of offering that service to 28 February 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The onsite nurse started taking appointments at the Victorian Supercare Pharmacy in Ballarat on 24 August 2016.

An onsite nurse is employed four and a half hours per day at every Supercare Pharmacy — for a total of 31.5 hours a week. The onsite nurse sees patients for four hours a day — for a total of 28 hours a week.

As at August 2018, more than 235 000 visits have been made to Supercare Pharmacies, between 10pm and 7am since the initiative commenced, with patient numbers increasing every month. There have been more than 16 000 patients seen by nursing staff across the Supercare Pharmacies.

[Question 10 924, parts (1) and (3), reinstated by order of President on 4 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 August 2018, page 4580.]

Health

11 231. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Dental Services “Total Output Cost” in each of 2015-16 \$223.6 million, and 2016-17 \$247.6 million —

- (1) how much funding is from the Federal Government;
- (2) how much funding is from the State Government; and
- (3) how much funding is from third party revenue or other sources.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to improving the oral health of Victorians.

The Government signed the new National Partnership Agreement on Public Dental Services for Adults, which covers the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2019 to ensure that Victoria continues to receive this vital funding from the Commonwealth.

However, the Government remains disappointed that funding under this new Agreement represents a cut of approximately 30% on previous Commonwealth investment.

In Victoria, this is a loss of almost \$30 million over two and a half years.

Had the Commonwealth maintained its previous level of investment, Victoria’s dental health program would be able to treat approximately 20 000 additional disadvantaged people per annum.

In stark contrast to the Commonwealth Liberal Government, we have taken action to drive down dental waiting lists with a \$12 million boost to fast track people with urgent needs to the front of the queue.

I encourage the community who will be affected by the Turnbull Government’s cuts to contact their local Federal Liberal MP’s to urgently restore funding to public dental.

Special Minister of State

11 475. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I have been surprised that the member has sought the reinstatement of this question on two separate occasions given that I showed him the specific information (in written form) in the chamber during a sitting of the parliament.

[Question 11 475 reinstated by order of President on 27 March 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 15 December 2017, page 7065.]

Finance

11 478. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 478 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4947.]

Industry and employment

11 479. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 479 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4948.]

Industrial relations

11 481. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the premier.

[Question 11 481 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 7 August 2018, page 4105.]

Planning

11 485. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Small Business Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 485 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 May 2018, page 2316.]

Health

11 489. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 489 reinstated by order of President on 23 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4530.]

Training and skills

11 492. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 492 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 July 2018, page 3819.]

Special Minister of State

11 497. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I have been surprised that the member has sought the reinstatement of this question on two separate occasions given that I showed him the specific information (in written form) in the chamber during a sitting of the parliament.

On the 21st August 2018 I drew and showed him a venn diagram of my staffing profile from which he could then deduce how many female staff are working in my office.

[Question 11 497 reinstated by order of President on 27 March 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 15 December 2017, page 7065.]

Industry and employment

11 501. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 501 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4949.]

Industrial relations

11 503. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the premier.

[Question 11 503 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 7 August 2018, page 4107.]

Planning

11 508. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Small Business Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 508 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 May 2018, page 2316.]

Health

11 512. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 512 reinstated by order of President on 23 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4531.]

Training and skills

11 515. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2017.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 515 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 July 2018, page 3819.]

Special Minister of State

11 520. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I have been surprised that the member has sought the reinstatement of this question on two separate occasions given that I showed him the specific information (in written form) in the chamber during a sitting of the parliament.

[Question 11 520 reinstated by order of President on 27 March 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 15 December 2017, page 7066.]

Finance

11 523. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 523 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4949.]

Industry and employment

11 524. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 524 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4950.]

Industrial relations

11 526. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the premier.

[Question 11 526 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 7 August 2018, page 4109.]

Planning

11 530. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Small Business Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals road and rail projects and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 530 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 May 2018, page 2317.]

Health

11 534. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 534 reinstated by order of President on 23 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4531.]

Training and skills

11 537. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many full time equivalent ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 537 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 July 2018, page 3820.]

Special Minister of State

11 542. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I have been surprised that the member has sought the reinstatement of this question on two separate occasions given that I showed him the specific information (in written form) in the chamber during a sitting of the parliament.

On the 21st August 2018 I drew and showed him a venn diagram of my staffing profile from which he could then deduce how many female staff are working in my office.

[Question 11 542, part (3), reinstated by order of President on 8 May 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 15 December 2017, page 7066.]

Finance

11 545. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 545 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4950.]

Industry and employment

11 546. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 546 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4951.]

Industrial relations

11 548. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the premier.

[Question 11 548 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 7 August 2018, page 4110.]

Planning

11 552. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Small Business Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no Victorians employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals road and rail projects and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 552 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 May 2018, page 2318.]

Health

11 556. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 556 reinstated by order of President on 23 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4531.]

Training and skills

11 559. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many female ministerial staff (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) were working within your ministerial office, as of 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 559 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 July 2018, page 3820.]

Special Minister of State

11 564. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I have been surprised that the member has sought the reinstatement of this question on two separate occasions given that I showed him the specific information (in written form) in the chamber during a sitting of the parliament.

[Question 11 564 reinstated by order of President on 27 March 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 15 December 2017, page 7067.]

Finance

11 567. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 567 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4951.]

Industry and employment

11 568. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 568 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4952.]

Industrial relations

11 570. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the premier.

[Question 11 570 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 7 August 2018, page 4112.]

Planning

11 574. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Small Business Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Planning): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 574 reinstated by order of President on 7 June 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 May 2018, page 2318.]

Health

11 578. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 578 reinstated by order of President on 23 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4531.]

Training and skills

11 581. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How many new employees commenced work within your ministerial office (including those working on secondment from departments or agencies) between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

ANSWER:

Unlike the Liberals who did nothing but cut services for four years — we make no apology for employing the people we need to deliver the things that matter most to Victorians.

Whether it's building thousands of new and upgraded schools, better hospitals, road and rail projects, and removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings — we're working hard to deliver for all Victorians.

I refer you to the updated response from the Premier.

[Question 11 581 reinstated by order of President on 21 August 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 25 July 2018, page 3820.]

Health

12 294. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 295. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 296. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 297. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 298. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 299. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 300. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 301. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 302. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 303. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 304. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 305. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 306. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 307. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 308. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 309. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Health

12 310. DR CARLING-JENKINS — To ask the Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to ambulance call out data, what is the number of Victorian ambulance call outs for illicit drug overdoses each month during the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 in —

- (1) the City of Port Phillip;
- (2) the City of Wyndham;
- (3) the City of Yarra;
- (4) the Greater Melbourne region; and
- (5) the state of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data as you requested is not available however the number of ambulance calls out for illicit drug related attendances can be found here: <https://www.aodstats.org.au>.

Ambulance services

12 525. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Ambulance Services): In relation to the Emergency Medical Response (EMR) program—

- (1) how many events have been attended by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) firefighters first since the commencement of the EMR program; and
- (2) according to media reports, 28 CFA brigades are delivering EMR, can the Minister advise which CFA brigades are participating.

ANSWER:

I am advised that Emergency Medical Responders attended 5372 events in 2017/18.

There are currently 30 Country Fire Authority locations delivering EMR: Berwick, Edithvale, Pakenham, Patterson River, Rosebud, Rowville, South Warrandyte, Springvale, Whittlesea, Boronia, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Frankston, Hallam, Mornington, Melton, Craigieburn, Greenvale, Sunbury, Caroline Springs, Point Cook, Hoppers Crossing, Eltham, South Morang, Traralgon, Morwell, Shepparton, Ballarat City, Lucas, and Bendigo.

[Question 12 525, part (1), reinstated by order of President on 4 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4561.]

Health

12 614. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health):
In relation to home-based hospital services in Victoria —

- (1) what were the estimated number of days of Hospital in the Home during the 2015 16 and 2016-17 financial years;
- (2) how many calculated bed equivalents were there for Hospital in the Home during the 2015 16 and 2016-17 financial years;
- (3) what were the estimated number of episodes of Rehabilitation in the Home during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years;
- (4) how many calculated bed equivalents were there for Rehabilitation in the Home during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years;
- (5) what were the estimated average number of patients in home-based renal dialysis during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years; and
- (6) how many calculated bed equivalents were there for home-based renal dialysis during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The estimated number of days of Hospital in the Home for the period were over 450 000.

The calculated bed equivalents for Hospital in the Home for the period were over 1450.

The estimated number of episodes of Rehabilitation in the Home for the period were over 28 000. Some Rehabilitation in the Home episodes are also classified as Hospital in the Home episodes and bed equivalents for Rehabilitation in the Home cannot be calculated.

The estimated average number of patients in home-based renal dialysis during both 2015-16 and 2016-17 was over 1660.

The calculated bed equivalents for home-based renal dialysis during both 2015-16 and 2016-17 was over 430.

Health

12 701. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health):
In relation to funding for health services to meet additional electricity costs —

- (1) what was the additional cost of gas and electricity to health services in 2017-18.
- (2) how many Victorian hospitals have alternative power generation capacity to give certainty of supply and save costs;
- (3) which hospitals have alternative power generation capacity and —
 - (a) what is their alternative source of energy;
 - (b) what percentage of power consumption does it offset;
- (4) how many hospitals are solely reliant on power supplied by the electricity grid, excluding emergency backup; and
- (5) does the Department of Health and Human Services monitor the maintenance and testing of emergency backup power.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of energy to Victorian health services is reported annually and is publicly available.

Details of hospitals with alternative sources of power is available on the Department of Health and Human Services website.

The Department of Health and Human Services monitors the maintenance and testing of emergency backup power.

[Question 12 701, parts (1) to (4), reinstated by order of President on 4 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 21 August 2018, page 4566.]

Health

12 702. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to funding for health services to meet the additional costs of the doctor’s Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) —

- (1) what was/is the total cost in each of the following financial years of the new doctor’s EBA —
 - (a) 2017-18;
 - (b) 2018-19;
 - (c) 2019-20;
 - (d) 2020-21;
- (2) what is the cost base for doctor’s salaries on which estimates for increases are based; and
- (3) how much additional funding has been provided to hospitals and health services specifically to meet the additional cost from the doctor’s EBA.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As has been publicly announced, pay rises associated with the most recently agreed doctors’ EBA are as follows: 2017-18 — 6% plus 3%, 2018-19 — 3%, 2019-20 — 3% and 2020-21 — 3%.

The total salaries and wages base (inclusive of allowances and penalties) for all doctors directly employed by Victorian public hospitals and health services as at 30 June 2017 was \$2.75 billion, inclusive of salary-related on-costs.

Funding for Victoria’s public hospitals and health services, enabling them employ staff including doctors, under the terms of the new EBA, is part of the Acute Health Services output of the Victorian Budget. This has risen from \$10.3 billion in the 2014-15 Budget to \$14.1 billion in the 2018-19 Budget.

Further detail about staff costs for health services and other public hospitals is publicly available, found in annual reports, tabled in the Victorian Parliament.

Health

12 704. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the cost of the Ambulance Work Value Case —

- (1) what is the estimated dollar cost in 2018-19 and 2019-20 of the Paramedic Work Value Case;
- (2) how much of the additional costs were already built into the 2018-19 Budget; and
- (3) how much is funded from the additional \$15.2 million in the 2018-19 Budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Funding to support Ambulance Victoria to deliver services in line with the Government's expectations, outlined in its Statement of Priorities, and for other purposes will be made available in due course. This funding enables Ambulance Victoria to pay its workforce in line with its obligations under existing enterprise arrangements, including those announced with the outcome of the Fair Work Commission Work Value Case.

Ambulance Victoria was provided \$15.2 million in additional funding in this year's State Budget to support it to meet growth and continue to improve Ambulance response times.

Industry and employment

12 723. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

[Question 12 723 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4953.]

Industry and employment

12 724. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry and Employment): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources worked within your ministerial office located at 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 12 724 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4953.]

Roads and road safety

12 725. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Roads and road safety

12 726. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to staff, employed working in your ministerial office located at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018, how many full time equivalent staff were employed by —

- (1) the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;
- (2) the Transport Accident Commission; and
- (3) VicRoads.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

Special Minister of State

12 731. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: There were 9.6 full time equivalent employees located in my office that were employed by the Premier between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018, in which 7.6 full time equivalent employees were females and 2 were males.

Special Minister of State

12 732. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018, how many full time equivalent staff were employed by —

- (1) the Department of Premier and Cabinet; and
- (2) the Department of Treasury and Finance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: There are no employees employed by the Premier and the Department of Premier and Cabinet or the Department of Treasury and Finance during the period mentioned above.

Energy, environment and climate change

12 735. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 8 Nicholson Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

[Question 12 735 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4954.]

Energy, environment and climate change

12 736. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning worked within your ministerial office located at 8 Nicholson Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 12 736 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4954.]

Finance

12 737. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Macarthur Street, East Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Finance

12 738. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to staff, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Macarthur Street, East Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018, how many full time equivalent staff were employed by —

- (1) the Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (2) the Victorian WorkCover Authority; and
- (3) the Transport Accident Commission.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Multicultural affairs

12 739. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet worked within your ministerial office located at 1 Macarthur Street, East Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Industrial relations

12 743. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to ministerial staff, employed by the Premier, working in your ministerial office located at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018 —

- (1) what was the number of full time equivalent employees and what were their specific job titles; and
- (2) how many of these full time equivalent employees were female and what were their specific job titles.

ANSWER:

I am informed that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier. Information regarding staffing numbers would be best addressed to the Premier.

Industrial relations

12 744. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources worked within your ministerial office located at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

Aboriginal affairs

12 745. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Trade and Investment (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): How many full time equivalent staff employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet worked within your ministerial office located at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2018.

ANSWER:

I am informed that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 12 745 reinstated by order of President on 5 September 2018. Hansard reference to original answer: 4 September 2018, page 4955.]

Aboriginal affairs

12 857. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Trade and Investment (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): In relation to the \$49 000 grant funding for the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) to develop a business case on the viability of youth foyer to provide disadvantaged young people with secure accommodation, case management, education and training —

- (1) when is the business case expected to be completed; and
- (2) how many young people are projected to benefit from this youth foyer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) When is the business case expected to be completed.

(2) How many young people are projected to benefit from this youth foyer.

- (1) It is expected that the business case will be completed, and the Victorian Government provided with a copy, by 3 June 2019. The business case process will enable The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) to undertake preliminary planning by engaging with potential partners and the broader community.

The Youth Foyer Model intends to establish a culturally safe environment that supports disadvantaged Aboriginal young people. It will respond to individuals who are disengaged from education and employment, who are homeless or facing homelessness, and who are part of the Victoria's Justice or Child Care Systems.

The Youth Foyer Model will aim to achieve improved outcomes for Aboriginal young people by providing secure accommodation, case management services and education and training opportunities.

- (2) VACCA anticipates that this model of service delivery might benefit annually up to 40 Aboriginal people aged 16 to 24 years in the Casey, Cardinia, Latrobe Valley, Greater Dandenong, Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Nillumbik and Whittlesea areas.

At this stage funding has been provided to develop a business case on the viability of the youth foyer service model. The business case is likely to determine, with greater specificity, the number of young people that are projected to benefit from the youth foyer. The capacity and service reach of the proposed facilities would ultimately depend on the quantum of any future capital works investment in the youth foyer.