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¹ Resigned 28 September 2017

² Appointed 15 April 2015

³ DLP until 26 June 2017

⁴ Resigned 27 May 2016

⁵ Appointed 7 June 2017

⁶ Resigned 6 April 2017

⁷ Resigned 9 February 2018

⁸ Resigned 25 February 2015

⁹ Appointed 12 October 2016

¹⁰ ASP until 16 January 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; Greens — Australian Greens;
LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals; RV — Reason Victoria
SFFP — Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; VILJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs

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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, 6 March 2018

Police

11 040. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): Have any of the new 300 frontline police officers been appointed to the Eltham or Greensborough police stations, if so, how many and to which stations.

ANSWER:

I thank the member for her question.

The first 300 frontline police officers were deployed based on Victoria Police's Staff Allocation Manual (SAM). The SAM, which was developed in consultation with The Police Association, takes into account various measures of demand such as calls for assistance, travel time, recorded crime, event management and traffic incidents.

These 300 officers were allocated to the areas with the highest demand for additional resources, such as Casey, Dandenong and Hume Police Service Areas. The level of policing is continuously monitored by respective command officers, with a view to ensuring community safety.

The Andrews Labor Government's landmark commitment to fund an additional 3135 additional frontline police over the next five years, on top of attrition, means there are now more police in Victoria than there were under the former Coalition Government.

It is a fact that not one additional sworn police officer was funded by the Coalition Government in Eltham or Greensborough or elsewhere.

Our investment of more than \$190 million on police station infrastructure projects, including the new \$15 million Mernda Police Station has also helped to focus the response zones for police stations on local communities, such as in Eltham and Greensborough.

Residents of Eltham and Greensborough continue to receive a 24-hour police response from across the Nillumbik and Banyule Police Service Areas. Police are deployed in a flexible manner to ensure police can respond quickly, where and when they are needed.

Analysis of crime statistics in the year ending 30 September 2017 further shows that the rate of offences per 100 000 population decreased by 9.1 per cent in the Shire of Nillumbik and 1.3 per cent in the City of Banyule.

The Government will continue to work with Victoria Police to give them the resources and powers they need to keep our community safe now as well as into the future.

[Question 11 040 reinstated by order of President on 17 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 19 September 2017, page 4993.]

Police

11 440. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): How many former members of the Victorian police force returned to employment with the Victoria Police in the following periods —

- (1) 2015;
- (2) 2016; and
- (3) 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017.

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Office of the Chief Commissioner of Police has advised that in the years 2015 and 2016, 11 and 14 police members respectively returned to employment with Victoria Police.

During the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017, four police members had returned to the Victorian police force.

Water

11 483. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Water): 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 can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11476.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 483 reinstated by order of President on 31 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 20 October 2017, page 5403.]

Water

11 506. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Water): 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 can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11498.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 506 reinstated by order of President on 31 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 20 October 2017, page 5403.]

Water

11 528. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Water): 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 can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11521.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 528 reinstated by order of President on 31 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 20 October 2017, page 5403.]

Water

11 550. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Water): 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 can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11543.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 550 reinstated by order of President on 31 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 20 October 2017, page 5404.]

Water

11 572. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Water): 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 can advise that no ministerial staff are employed by myself but rather employed by the Premier.

I refer you to his answer to Question on Notice 11565.

Please note that numbers regarding departmental staff on secondment are not held by my office or the Premier's office but their own relevant agency.

[Question 11 572 reinstated by order of President on 31 October 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 20 October 2017, page 5404.]

Emergency services

11 784. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 2 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 785. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 12 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 786. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 14 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 787. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 15 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 788. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 17 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 789. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 18 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 790. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 22 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 791. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 24 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 792. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 25 January 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 793. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 5 February 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 794. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 6 February 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 795. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 11 February 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 796. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 17 February 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 797. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 24 February 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 798. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 11 March 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 799. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 16 March 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 800. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 18 March 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 801. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 21 March 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 802. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 22 March 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 803. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 26 March 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 804. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 27 March 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 805. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 8 April 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 806. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 13 April 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 807. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 14 April 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active, volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 808. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 15 April 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 809. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 1 May 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 810. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 6 May 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 811. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 11 May 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 812. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 14 May 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 813. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 16 May 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 814. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 24 May 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 815. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 31 May 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms

- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 816. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 3 June 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier's QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA's policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Emergency services

11 817. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) callout at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility on 6 June 2017 and the 30 per cent discount on the total fee on invoices the CFA can apply when a callout location employs CFA volunteers —

- (1) what was the reason for the callout;
- (2) what was the associated cost for the callout;
- (3) what was the tax invoice number for the callout; and
- (4) was the 30 per cent discount applied to this particular invoice.

ANSWER:

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Question on Notice (QoN) PM/17/251 asked by Ms Crozier provides reasons for the callouts to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Facility (MYJF) by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) between 2 January and 6 June 2016. Callouts to MYJF during this period were due to —

- Fire
- False alarms or malfunctioning alarms
- Cooking fumes/burnt food
- Assisting police or government agencies.

A response tabled in the Legislative Council on 10 August 2017 to Ms Crozier’s QoN PM/17/253 provides an explanation of the associated cost of callouts to the MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

The CFA only charged the MYJF for false alarm callouts and did not charge for any other attendance between 2 January and 6 June 2017. Regulation 101 (1) of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 states that CFA can charge for attending callouts to system generated false alarms where it is not satisfied there is a reasonable excuse for the false alarm.

CFA’s policy *Fees and Charges — Discount Exemptions where Volunteer Involvement* provides a 30% with the discretion to apply a 30% discount to businesses, organisation and municipalities not owned by active volunteers, but that allow volunteers to respond to emergency incidents or provide other support to CFA. A 30% discount was applied by CFA to all invoices issued for callouts to MYJF between 2 January and 6 June 2017.

Energy, environment and climate change

11 867. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details that Parks Victoria manages 58 playgrounds throughout Victoria, can the Minister list each park where these playgrounds are located.

ANSWER:

Information about parks with playgrounds is freely available on the Parks Victoria website. The list of playgrounds include locations of other play equipment such as fitness stations, basketball & tennis courts.

Park Name	# Facilities
Buchan (AT) Cave Reserve	1
Nyerimilang Park G.L.R.	1
Mount Buffalo National Park	1
Albert Park	12
Dandenong Ranges National Park	5
Silvan Reservoir Park	1
Maroondah Reservoir Park	1

Park Name	# Facilities
Yarra Ranges National Park	1
Dandenong Valley Parklands	4
Wattle Park	4
Yarra Bend Park	4
Yarra Valley Parklands	3
Plenty Gorge Parklands	1
Yan Yean Reservoir Park	1
Point Gellibrand Heritage Park	1
Braeside Park	2
Cardinia Reservoir Parks	1
Karkarook Park	1
Arthurs Seat State Park	1
Greenvale Reservoir Park	2
Maribyrnong Valley Parklands	3
Point Cook Coastal Park	2
Werribee Park	1
Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park	3
Peter Francis Points Arboretum F.R.	1
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[Question 11 867 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7043.]

Energy, environment and climate change

11 870. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details that Parks Victoria was promoted at 80 public events in Victoria throughout 2016-17, what is the list of those 80 events, and were there any costs to the organisation associated with this promotion.

ANSWER:

The events are categorised as follows:

Event Type	Number of Events
Community and Stakeholder Events	30
Conferences and Expos	13
Family and Children’s Programs	19
Public Consultation	12

The other six events were promotional events for Parks Victoria staff which support delivery of agency priorities.

Expenditure associated with the 80 public events was in line with relevant Government policies and procedures.

[Question 11 870 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7044.]

Energy, environment and climate change

11 873. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): What was the total printing and promotion cost invoiced to Parks Victoria for the new Junior Ranger activity book and the Junior Ranger turtle totem sticker and what was the quantity printed of each.

ANSWER:

The Junior Ranger program is one of Parks Victoria's most popular activities to connect children with nature. In 2016/17 the Junior Ranger program was implemented in 58 parks attracting 10 208 participants. The Junior Ranger website received 140 000 page views from 16 800 users. Over 5200 self-guided activities were uniquely downloaded.

Expenditure associated with the Junior Ranger program was in line with relevant Government policies and procedures. The quantity of books printed was 5000 copies and the quantity of stickers was 500. There were no promotional costs associated with either.

[Question 11 873 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7045.]

Energy, environment and climate change

11 877. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details that Parks Victoria has developed a centralised asbestos register —

- (1) has this work been concluded;
- (2) what role will the Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency have in the removal of asbestos from the parks estate; and
- (3) can the Minister please provide the list of the 1500 assets, detailing in which park each asset is located, that Parks Victoria has identified as having asbestos.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Asbestos Eradication Authority (VAEA) have been provided with a copy of the completed Parks Victoria Asbestos Register.

The role of the VAEA is to plan for and advise the government about removing asbestos in government buildings.

Under the Operational Health and Safety Regulations, the Asbestos Register must be made available to any person whose business is located at the workplace, or intends to be located at the workplace, and any person who may undertake activities at a work place that may disturb asbestos containing materials. The Member for South-Eastern Metropolitan area does not fall into these categories.

[Question 11 877 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7046.]

Energy, environment and climate change

11 888. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): What were the names and positions of the Parks Victoria staff members that attended the International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress in Hawaii and what was the final cost of flights and accommodation for staff members to attend the Congress.

ANSWER:

The Chief Executive and two Executive Directors attended the 2016 World Conservation Congress, along with the Director of Customer Relations, two Managers and the State-wide Volunteer Coordinator.

All expenditure was incurred in accordance with Parks Victoria policies for travel and accommodation.

[Question 11 888 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7049.]

Energy, environment and climate change

11 889. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): In relation to interstate flight travel during the 2016-17 financial year, in a table form, what were the names and positions of the Parks Victoria staff members who undertook interstate travel, what was the purpose of the travel and what was the cost of flights and accommodation to Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

Parks Victoria staff travel interstate for a range of reasons: to attend conferences, to share information with other agencies and to gain skills and information to help Parks Victoria manage public land in Victoria.

31 staff members took approved, work-related interstate travel in the 2016-17 financial year.

All expenditure was incurred in accordance with Parks Victoria policies for travel and accommodation.

[Question 11 889 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7050.]

Energy, environment and climate change

11 899. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): What is the current balance of the Parks and Reserves Trust.

ANSWER:

See page 65 of the Parks Victoria Annual Report.

[Question 11 899 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7051.]

Energy, environment and climate change

11 902. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): The Parks Victoria Annual Report 2016-17 details that changes to the Australian Accounting Standards Board 16 Leases will result in an increase to net debt of Parks Victoria from 1 January 2019, on the current advice, what is the expected impact on the net result that Parks Victoria has identified.

ANSWER:

Under the new Australian Accounting Standards Board 16 Leases will require all leases to be capitalised as assets by recognising a “right of use asset” and lease liabilities at the same time on the balance sheet.

Over the term of the leases, Parks Victoria will recognise two kinds of expenses in its Comprehensive Operating Statement which are:

- Interest expense on the lease liabilities, based on the interest rate implicit in the leases; and
- Depreciation expense on the “right-of-use asset.”

The total of both expenses (interest plus depreciation) over the life of the leases will be equivalent to the lease payments currently recognised under the existing accounting standard.

Therefore, the impact of new lease accounting standard on Parks Victoria’s net result is expected to be zero over the life of the leases.

[Question 11 902 reinstated by order of President on 14 December 2017. Hansard reference to original answer: 12 December 2017, page 7051.]

Police

12 281. 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 30 September 2017 and 31 October 2017.

ANSWER:

At 7.00 am on the requested dates there were the following number of female prisoners in police cells:

- 17 female prisoners on 30 September 2017; and
- 7 female prisoners on 31 October 2017.

Roads and road safety

12 292. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the North East Link, the proposed Corridor A may pass through or over one or more of several former rubbish disposal tips (Musca Street Reserve, corner of Doncaster Road and the Eastern Freeway in Doncaster and Carey Grammar Sporting Grounds at Bulleen Park) which were capped with topsoil before any regulations about asbestos and contaminated soil existed, can the Minister guarantee that during ongoing test drilling and potential construction works the contaminated soil and asbestos will not be disturbed.

ANSWER:

Site investigations are undertaken to identify the potential for these types of areas. An Environmental Management Plan will be implemented during construction and will include a Spoil Management Plan in accordance with EPA Guidelines.

Roads and road safety

12 430. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will the Government, through VicRoads, compensate traders along Bolton Street, Eltham who have suffered massive losses in income and customers as a result of the construction works in the last three months.

ANSWER:

VicRoads has taken appropriate steps to maintain access to business premises and to inform customers that business is still open on Bolton Street.

While there may be some short-term impacts, the construction strategy is to finish the works in the shortest time and provide benefits to the wider community.

VicRoads advises me that it does not have access to a fund for compensating traders or business owners for inconvenience or loss of access to their business, which they say result in reduced income.

I understand that any claim for loss of income, which is described as economic loss, is a civil claim and the trader or business owner must establish that the loss is due to VicRoads' works and that the lost income is a direct result of VicRoads' actions. Traders may wish to seek legal advice, which can be referred to the Law Institute Referral Service <liv.asn.au/Referral>.

Roads and road safety

12 432. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will the Government increase the funds allocated to its marketing campaign 'Bolton Street Open for Business' as a result of the hardship being faced by local traders.

ANSWER:

VicRoads does not require additional funds for its marketing campaign 'Bolton Street Open for Business'. Any future funds required for the marketing campaign can be accommodated within the existing allocation.

Roads and road safety

12 433. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): As the Government has budgeted \$10.5 million to upgrade Bolton Street, Eltham and the contract for Bitu-mill to do pavement widening, drainage improvements, pedestrian operated signals and public lighting is \$5 865 621.44, what will the remaining \$4 634 378.56 be spent on.

ANSWER:

The budget of \$10.5 million for the Bolton Street upgrade in Eltham includes project development, project management, preconstruction and design, construction, service relocations and program administration costs.

Roads and road safety

12 453. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In the marketing material for the North East Link, it is stated that the North East Link will take 20 000 to 30 000 vehicles off Greensborough Road, can the Minister advise if that is a reduction on today's traffic numbers, or future traffic numbers.

ANSWER:

The North East Link Authority has undertaken strategic transport analysis to assess the changes in traffic volumes on Greensborough Road due to North East Link. The analysis forecasts a decrease in traffic volumes by 20 000 to 30 000 vehicles a day in 2036 compared to if there was no North East Link

Police

12 463. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): In the written response to my question without notice raised on 12 December 2017, the Minister stated 'Victoria Police has advised that it is not possible to list all organisations which may have been billed for more than the agreed amount' —

- (1) is this because Victoria Police do not track the invoices issued; and
- (2) is this because the number of invoices is too voluminous, if so, how many invoices are there.

ANSWER:

As advised in my previous response to this matter, Victoria Police has advised that it is not possible to list all organisations which may have been billed for user pays services for more than the agreed amount.

Victoria Police delivers a range of services to the community through a dispersed service delivery model. Records associated with invoicing for the use of police resources at events are not centrally located.

Roads and road safety

12 464. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): What is the Government doing about the spread of invasive weeds and litter on the median strips and shoulder areas of the —

- (1) Eastern Freeway;
- (2) EastLink;
- (3) Peninsula Link;
- (4) Geelong Freeway;
- (5) Heidelberg Road; and
- (6) Bell Street.

ANSWER:

Eastern Freeway

VicRoads undertakes periodic litter collection prior to grass cutting and garden bed maintenance. Where VicRoads receives reports about illegally dumped material, arrangements are made for these items to be removed as soon as practicable.

Invasive weeds such as Blackberry, Broom and Gorse are treated as infestations occur. Control of these weeds is generally undertaken during Spring and Summer. Other notable work includes a significant project to remove Boneseed from the Eastern Freeway's Reserve, which was completed in July 2017, and a program of ongoing monitoring and control of Serrated Tussock.

EastLink

EastLink undertakes litter control on a regular basis. The presence of litter is identified through condition monitoring of the tollway. The operator aims to remove visually intrusive litter within seven days, subject to safe access.

Weed control along the tollway is undertaken twice a year with herbicide spraying. Further to this, additional removal and spraying of noxious weeds identified from condition monitoring are treated within 30 days.

Peninsula Link

Litter collection is undertaken on a fortnightly basis along the entire freeway.

Weeds are sprayed annually along the entire length of the freeway. Further to this, maintenance teams undertake additional removal and spraying of noxious weeds when identified.

Geelong Freeway, Heidelberg Road and Bell Street

VicRoads has two contracts in place for the control and management of weeds across the north and west of Melbourne. This includes network surveillance and identification of works, treatment of various high threat weed species, and recording/reporting of weed treatments.

Furthermore, VicRoads contractors undertake litter collection before and after grass cutting and garden bed maintenance. Where VicRoads receives reports about illegally dumped material, arrangements are made for these items to be removed as soon as practicable.

In addition, minor maintenance agreements with respective councils adjacent to Bell Street and Heidelberg Road also include grass mowing and weed control.

Energy, environment and climate change

12 478. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change): Why did the Government not take active measures in 2017 to prioritise a fuel reduction load burn in high fire risk areas such as Eltham and North Warrandyte.

ANSWER:

This question is factually incorrect. The Andrews Labor Government continually takes active measures across Victoria to protect communities from the threat of bushfire. Planned burning is prioritised in high fire risk areas.

Two planned burns in the Eltham area were programmed for Autumn 2017:

- Eltham-Overbank Road
- Eltham-Laughing Waters Road

As the Honourable Member should know, planned burning can only be undertaken when weather and other conditions make it safe and effective to do so. Both planned burns were unable to be undertaken as programmed due to the conditions.

Public transport

12 484. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): What, if any, investigations have been made into removing level crossings in the shire of Nillumbik.

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Eastern Metropolitan for her continued interest in the Andrews Labor Government's investments along the Hurstbridge line, as we are planning ahead for more long term solutions for the north-east including in the Shire of Nillumbik.

The Hurstbridge duplication rail line project is being delivered as a single package of works, together with two level crossing removals (at Grange Road in Alphington and Lower Plenty Road in Rosanna), and a new Rosanna Station. Works are ongoing and there will be a 44-day major construction blitz beginning in mid-March 2018 and running until the end of April. Once complete, the brand new Rosanna Station will be open to commuters, and trains and cars will be safely separated for the very first time at Lower Plenty Road in Rosanna and Grange Road in Alphington, with the dangerous level crossings gone for good — and ahead of schedule.

Additionally, there is a \$5 million project for planning and development for the second stage of the Hurstbridge line upgrade, with a focus on addressing the single track between Greensborough and Eltham.

These two level crossing removal projects — currently scheduled for completion in the coming months — are part of the 50 which comprise the Andrews Labor Government's Level Crossing Removal Program.

While the current priority is to remove these 50 level crossings, I welcome suggestions to remove further crossings, including those in the Nillumbik Shire.

Roads and road safety

12 539. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Will the North East Link Authority conduct community consultations in the Boroondara and Whitehorse local government areas on the proposed North East Link toll road, similar to consultations already conducted in Manningham and Banyule since the public announcement of the chosen corridor.

ANSWER:

The North East Link Authority has hosted 15 community drop-in information sessions in Balwyn North, Bulleen, Eltham, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Lilydale, Ringwood, Rosanna, Warrandyte, Wantirna South and Melbourne CBD since August 2017. They have also spoken and answered questions at public forums organised by four local councils (Nillumbik, Banyule, Boroondara and Manningham).

The next round of community drop-in information sessions, along with the first Community Workshops, are planned for late February and March in Blackburn North, Kew, Rosanna, Greensborough, Bulleen and Melbourne CBD. A further round of sessions will take place during July and August.

These community consultations are in addition to the large volume of feedback received via the project's online engagement platforms. The Authority has already heard from thousands of people across council municipalities both inside and outside the project area and their feedback continues to help shape the project.

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.*

Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Sport

4984. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): As at 29 February 2016 —

- (1) How many ministerial staff based in the Ministers Office are employed or engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations;
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers; and
- (3) What is the job title.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Ministerial staff are employed in accordance with the Public Administration Act 2004. The tenure and funding is consistent with best practice for Ministerial Staff.

The salary band, remuneration and roles of Ministerial Staff vary depending on the level of responsibility and experience.

Families and children

11 634. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: Of the calls the Department of Health and Human Services received, as at 31 July 2017, how many were referred to child protection services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The member's question is unclear as to what information she is seeking.

Attorney-General

11 862. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): As at July 2017, how many lawyers or legal aid workers are currently supporting children who have been admitted for child protection.

ANSWER:

Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) is an independent statutory authority established under the Legal Aid Act 1987 (Vic). VLA is responsible for determining the types of legal aid services that will be made available to the community, how these services should be provided, and the priority clients and matters in respect of those services.

VLA makes decisions on whether individuals, including children, can access funding assistance in order to obtain advice and representation in legal matters. These decisions are made in accordance with eligibility guidelines which take a range of factors into account, including the age and maturity of the child and their ability to provide instructions. VLA seeks to promote the best interests of children by ensuring that people affected by decisions or

actions of the child protection system, particularly children, are informed and supported to participate, have a voice in decisions that affect them, and have their rights protected and upheld.

Almost every party who is legally represented in Children’s Court Family Division (Child Protection) proceedings in Victoria is assisted through a grant of legal assistance. VLA reported that it provided 8206 child protection grants of legal assistance in 2016-17, an increase of six per cent on the previous year (7718 in 2015-16).

As an independent statutory authority, VLA operates independently of government and has complete discretion in respect of individual applications for funding assistance. The Department of Justice and Regulation does not hold the data you have requested.

Prevention of family violence

12 381. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): In relation to the Family Violence Perpetrator Interventions Grants Program which was launched in November 2017, can the Minister please identify the specific assessment criteria for a project to be funded and the specific measures to determine how much funding will be allotted to a program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The assessment criteria are described in detail in the Family Violence Perpetrator Intervention Grants Program Guidelines which are available on the Department of Justice and Regulation’s website.

Prevention of family violence

12 382. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): In relation to the Family Violence Perpetrator Interventions Grants Program which was launched in November 2017, will there be special considerations for projects which will be carried out in regional Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Yes, the Grant Program. Guidelines stipulate that:

Additional weighting will be given to applications that engage and target perpetrators in regional and rural areas in Victoria or initiatives which target perpetrators from Aboriginal communities.

Public transport

12 483. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): What were the patronage figures for the Hurstbridge line between 18 and 23 January 2018 when sections of the line were closed and how did they compare with patronage during the same week in 2017.

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Eastern Metropolitan for her continued interest in the Andrews Labor Government’s upgrades to the Hurstbridge line.

Average weekday patronage for the Hurstbridge line during the period when sections of the line were closed (due to 24 hour a day works on the upgrade project) was 28 310 boardings per day; 1560 fewer boardings when compared to the same week in 2017.

Average weekend patronage during the disruption period was 10 459 boardings per day; 4900 fewer boardings when compared to the same week in 2017.

The patronage figures include passengers boarding a replacement bus service.

Planning

12 518. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Trade and Investment (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to signing the development agreement with Apple Corporation for the proposed flagship retail store at Federation Square —

- (1) what planning amendments/changes have been made to accommodate this proposal, when were they made and by whom; and
- (2) what public consultation took place in relation to these planning changes.

ANSWER:

On 10 December 2017 I used my powers under Section 20 Part 4 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to prepare, adopt and approve an amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme (Amendment C314).

The amendment inserts an incorporated document titled Project Core Building, Federation Square, December 2017 in the Schedule to Clause 52.03 and the Schedule to Clause 81.01 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme. The incorporated document will allow the land identified in the incorporated document to be developed and used for the purposes of the project in accordance with the conditions included in the document.

The government has deemed this to be a project of state significance because of its wide-ranging social and economic benefits for Victoria and therefore I have exercised my powers fully in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to exempt the planning scheme amendment from public notice.

Health

12 526. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the \$3 million to treat and fight Motor Neurone Disease —

- (1) was this new funding, and if so from what budget item; and
- (2) if this was not new funding, to what was the funding previously allocated and why was it no longer needed for that project.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In April 2017, the Andrews Labor Government announced a \$3 million contribution to a \$5 million partnership between the Cure for MND Foundation, the Florey Institute, and the Government, to fast-track research into this devastating disease. Funding was allocated from within the health budget.

Roads and road safety

12 546. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): What were the average daily traffic volumes and number of reported crashes on Bolton Street, Eltham in —

- (1) 2010;
- (2) 2011;
- (3) 2012;
- (4) 2013; and
- (5) 2014.

ANSWER:

VicRoads advises me that its records indicate that there is no documented traffic data between 2011 and 2014, as Bolton Street was a local road.

Since 2010 to date, there are 12 recorded and verified serious and fatal injuries to people. One of which was seriously injured and tragically one live lost.

These statistics reinforce the importance of the safety upgrades the Andrews Labor Government is delivering for all users of Bolton Street as it is upgraded.