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<sup>4</sup> Resigned 27 May 2016

<sup>5</sup> Appointed 7 June 2017

<sup>6</sup> Resigned 9 February 2018

<sup>7</sup> Resigned 6 April 2017

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

<sup>9</sup> Appointed 12 October 2016

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RV until 14 August 2018

<sup>11</sup> Appointed 18 October 2017

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

**PARTY ABBREVIATIONS**

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



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## WRITTEN ADJOURNMENT RESPONSES

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

**Tuesday, 4 September 2018**

**Bowel cancer screening**

**Raised with:** Minister for Health  
**Raised by:** Ms Fitzherbert  
**Raised on:** 21 June 2017

**REPLY:**

In April 2018, the Andrews Labor Government announced an additional \$12 million funding for Victorian public hospitals to fast-track access and cut waiting list times for colonoscopy procedures. This funding has been delivered and hospitals have commenced work, prioritising those requiring urgent care.

On 1 July 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with public hospitals implemented the *Colonoscopy categorisation guidelines*, a risk-based approach for determining which patients need a colonoscopy, their clinical risk and the urgency with which the procedure should be performed. The guidelines, developed in partnership with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, will ensure that colonoscopy patients are prioritised in the same way irrespective of the specialist or hospital to which they are referred. Additionally, the guidelines will support the collection of comparable data to facilitate consistent system-wide public reporting of colonoscopy performance in Victoria.

**Palliative care**

**Raised with:** Minister for Health  
**Raised by:** Ms Wooldridge  
**Raised on:** 23 May 2018

**REPLY:**

In 2018-19, the Andrews Labor Government is investing close to \$30 million more funding in palliative care than was the case in 2014-15.

In November 2017 this Government announced more than \$62 million in additional funding over the next five years for palliative care and end-of-life services.

This investment stands in stark contrast to the demonstrable record of Liberal National Governments in Victoria, which is to cut health funding and services.

**HaiR-3Rs**

**Raised with:** Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence  
**Raised by:** Ms Patten  
**Raised on:** 20 June 2018

**REPLY:**

As part of the Andrews Labor Government's commitment to the prevention of family violence and all forms of violence against women, the Eastern Domestic Violence Service was funded in 2017-18 to develop the HaiR project. The funding was provided through the government's \$3.85 million Community Partnerships for Primary Prevention grants program, which funded 34 primary prevention partnerships across Victoria.

Each project funded through the Community Partnerships for Primary Prevention program is currently preparing individual acquittals/evaluations. The outcomes from these will inform future project funding decisions about which programs to scale up, as part of the Andrew's Labor Government *Free From Violence* primary prevention strategy and action plan.

### Chiltern health services

**Raised with:** Minister for Health  
**Raised by:** Ms Wooldridge  
**Raised on:** 22 June 2018

**REPLY:**

Indigo North Health is open to discussions with interested parties regarding the leasing of rooms, including the potential for a general practice.

The Department of Health and Human Services will continue to work alongside key stakeholders to seek the best outcomes for the Chiltern community.

### Mair Street, Ballarat

**Raised with:** Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
**Raised by:** Mr Morris  
**Raised on:** 24 July 2018

**REPLY:**

I note Mr Morris' continued opposition to improving road safety in Ballarat without providing any solution of his own.

I had the pleasure of announcing the Mair Street Stage 1 works in Ballarat during March this year, at which time I issued a Media Release about the upgrades and parking.

VicRoads, in collaboration with key stakeholders, has undertaken extensive consultation during the development of the upgrades. At all stages of consultation, VicRoads has ensured traders and property owners along Mair Street have opportunity to provide input into the plans.

A Project Monitoring Group comprising VicRoads, the City of Ballarat and trader representatives, has been formed to work together and help with the practicalities of the upgrade to minimise the impact on businesses. This group has been meeting regularly as the project gets closer to construction.

### Community safety

**Raised with:** Premier  
**Raised by:** Mr Finn  
**Raised on:** 24 July 2018

**REPLY:**

The latest release of quarterly crime statistics shows that there is now a clear trend of the crime rate coming down in Victoria. The most recent crime statistics show a significant decrease in crime across Victoria. This includes an 8.4 per cent decrease in the number of criminal incidents across the North West Metro police region.

This is a demonstration that the Victoria Labor Government's historic \$2 billion investment is delivering 3135 new police officers over the next five years to ensure communities have the police they need, when they need them.

There are thousands more police officers on their way — and they will have the equipment, the facilities and the laws they need to fight crime.

We will continue our work to keep Victorians safe. While we do that, you should apologise to people in Western Metro for lying about going to church on Good Friday.

### Sports funding

**Raised with:** Minister for Sport  
**Raised by:** Ms Bath  
**Raised on:** 24 July 2018

**REPLY:**

Active Victoria's strategic direction of meeting demand identifies the necessity to find new sources of investment to deliver community infrastructure. In response to this, an innovative \$100 million Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme was announced in the 2018-19 Victorian Budget.

This scheme is in addition to, not instead of, our Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. In fact, since 2014 we have committed a record level of funding, over \$420 million towards community' sport and recreation facilities.

We have a number of grant programs including the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund, Female Friendly Facilities Fund, The World Game Facilities Fund, Better Indoor Stadiums Fund and the Country Football and Netball Program to support community clubs develop or upgrade their sport and recreation infrastructure.

During this term of Government, Latrobe City has benefited from a number Victorian Government community sports infrastructure grants, having received over \$1.4 million for projects such as; the construction of the Latrobe City Synthetic Field Pavilion in Churchill; and the development of new netball courts at Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

In addition to these programs, the Andrews Labor Government has provided an \$85 million investment in sport infrastructure and support programs for the Latrobe Valley which will create more than 575 local jobs through the construction and operation of facilities and support for local community programs, which will have flow on benefits to the rest of the Valley.

There are many larger sporting organisations, facility managers, education institutions and local councils that have the capacity to take on a loan.

The Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme is a significant addition to existing grants programs that support community sport and recreation infrastructure projects across Victoria.

I would encourage Churchill Rams to continue working with Latrobe City Council to develop an application for future grants.

### Glen Eira planning scheme

**Raised with:** Minister for Planning  
**Raised by:** Mr Davis  
**Raised on:** 24 July 2018

**REPLY:**

I have approved planning scheme Amendment C157 to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme, which will help protect the Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick Activity Centres from inappropriate development while the local council proceed through a full amendment process for permanent controls.

Amendment C157 introduces built form controls with a range of mandatory and discretionary building height and setback controls. The council's adopted structure plans for Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick have informed the built form controls and the council's vision for the role of each Activity Centre in the city's future development. Each structure plan went through a 12-month community consultation process.

The scale and density of development approved and proposed in Glen Eira's activity centres has increased significantly in recent years. Amendment C157 will ensure new development does not compromise the character of the activity centres.

The prompt approval of interim controls will allow for an orderly planning process to proceed for the implementation of the council's adopted structure plans on a permanent basis. This process will ensure that in the interim period development does not occur that will compromise the liveability of the area and prevent the permanent controls from having their full effect.

### Lal Lal wind farm

**Raised with:** Minister for Planning  
**Raised by:** Mr Morris  
**Raised on:** 25 July 2018

**REPLY:**

The Lal Lal wind farm was approved in April 2009. Preliminary construction works have commenced.

An amendment to the planning permit was considered by a planning panel during November 2016. The panel found that testing undertaken by Marshal Day Acoustics was acceptable.

Since the panel process, the wind farm developer has engaged Sonus to undertake a follow-up noise assessment. The Sonus report comes to the same conclusion as the Marshal Day Acoustics report considered by the planning panel in November 2016, that the operating wind farm can comply with the noise limits specified in the planning permit.

The Sonus report introduces a 'curtailment strategy' whereby selected turbines are operated in a noise-reduction mode. The report does not state that this is required for the wind farm to meet limits specified in the planning permit.

### Ambulance services

**Raised with:** Minister for Ambulance Services  
**Raised by:** Ms Fitzherbert  
**Raised on:** 26 July 2018

**REPLY:**

The implementation of a new funding model in 2014-15 under the previous Liberal Government has seen Ambulance Victoria increase its fees annually, consistent with annual indexation. Further, these fees are published annually in the Department of Health and Human Services Policy and Funding Guidelines, which are readily available on their website.

The 'Cost per Road Incident' figure, which continues to be published in Ambulance Victoria's annual report, is calculated by dividing the total costs of providing emergency care by the number of road incidents. The total cost of providing care includes, but is not limited to, equipment and fleet, medications, wages, and a proportion of corporate costs. The figure has risen as investment in additional staff, new equipment, training, clinical procedures and medications have been delivered to provide better response times and improved patient outcomes.

### Poker machines

**Raised with:** Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation  
**Raised by:** Ms Patten  
**Raised on:** 27 July 2018

**REPLY:**

The Victorian Government is not currently considering reducing the maximum bet limit on gaming machines or reducing the operating hours of gaming venues.

Victoria already has the equal lowest bet limit for gaming machines in Australia at \$5 per spin on gaming machines outside the Melbourne casino.

Under the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003*, all gaming venues must not operate gaming machines for at least four consecutive hours each day.

This government has introduced a range of measures to reduce the harm associated with gaming machines, following extensive consultation with community and industry stakeholders.

These measures include limiting EFTPOS cash withdrawals in gaming venues to \$500 per card in a 24 hour period, prohibiting venue operators cashing cheques for patrons and imposing new harm minimisation requirements in relation to cashless gaming.

The government has also increased the number of municipal districts subject to regional caps on gaming machine entitlements. Regional caps on gaming machine entitlements apply to a total of 25 regions throughout the State.

These are important harm minimisation measures that build on other work of the Victorian government to reduce gambling-related harm.

### Merri Creek

**Raised with:** Minister for Planning

**Raised by:** Ms Dunn

**Raised on:** 27 July 2018

#### REPLY:

I thank the Member for Eastern Metropolitan for her question, and note that she has raised a related adjournment matter with the Minister for Water, the Hon Lisa Neville MP, about this same issue.

In responding with regards to planning issues, there are two components to the question. The first component relates to the management of sediment during the construction process, which generally occurs through planning permit conditions in a construction management plan.

State land use planning policy in all planning schemes stipulates that the *Victorian Environment Protection Authority's Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (1996)* and *Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (1991)* should be considered in new development to protect water quality, where relevant, and consider best practice environmental management objectives.

The guidance details strategies to avoid and reduce the risk of erosion and sediment pollution through a variety of measures. Developers are required to consider these measures as relevant. Councils are required to consider the degree of erosion hazard in approving an application or plan.

The second component relates to the management of erosion through land management practices.

At a local government level, Hume City Council has identified in their planning scheme that an integrated Growth Area Plan will be developed to guide planning of Hume's rural areas, including identifying areas at risk of significant erosion.

The development of Precinct Structure Plans that will be incorporated into the local planning scheme is also underway in this area. These plans establish the future structure for a suburb and guide development accordingly.

The Victorian Planning Authority has set out guidelines for the preparation of Precinct Structure Plans, which include guidance for managing erosion as part of integrated water management.

In addition to current land management processes, there is a clear commitment through the implementation of *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050* to improve planning scheme responses to natural hazards and risks, to ensure the built environment responds appropriately to the impacts to people, infrastructure and in this instance, the environment. Improvements to the Erosion Management Overlay are being considered by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

### Illegal tobacco

**Raised with:** Minister for Police  
**Raised by:** Mr O'Sullivan  
**Raised on:** 27 July 2018

**REPLY:**

Legislative responsibility for the regulation of the illegal tobacco industry is a matter for the Commonwealth government.

The Australian Border Force (ABF) is responsible for the protection of Australia's border in partnership with a range of intelligence, law enforcement and other agencies.

The *Australian Border Force Act 2015* established the ABF as the frontline operational border control and enforcement entity of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection charged with enforcing customs and immigration laws and protecting Australia's borders.

I can assure you that Victoria Police is undertaking proactive work with major cigarette distributors to gather intelligence at the local level in order to disrupt the sale of illegal tobacco in Victoria.

In addition, the Andrews Labor government is giving police the powers they need to disrupt serious and organised crime such as the illegal trade of tobacco in Victoria through new legislation.

The Justice Legislation Amendment (Unlawful Association and Criminal Appeals) Bill 2018 will amend and clarify laws designed to prevent the formation of criminal networks, by prohibiting those convicted of serious offences from associating with others.

These laws were developed in consultation with Victoria Police, and are designed to help police prevent serious offending by outlaw motorcycle gangs, organised crime families and small numbers of violent young people.

### Bendigo rail line

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Ms Lovell  
**Raised on:** 7 August 2018

**REPLY:**

The Andrews Labor Government's \$1.75 billion Regional Rail Revival package includes \$91 million for important track and signalling upgrades between Bendigo and Echuca that will improve reliability and deliver extra services to Epsom; Eaglehawk and Echuca. This upgrade will deliver better public transport for Bendigo's growing community.

This is in direct contrast to the previous Liberal-National Coalition Government which cut funding from V/Line and filed to order a single regional carriage in two years.

### Jobs Victoria Employment Network

**Raised with:** Minister for Public Transport  
**Raised by:** Mr Leane  
**Raised on:** 7 August 2018

**REPLY:**

The Andrews Labor Government's major transport infrastructure projects are strongly encouraged to create additional social and economic value as part of the delivery of the infrastructure projects.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) has a target that 3 per cent of the total contract spend will go to social enterprises, Aboriginal businesses, and direct employment of disadvantaged jobseekers in the supply chain,

utilising the Andrews Labor Government's Jobs Victoria program and its network of partners under the Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN).

Programs such as the Veterans in Construction program on the Caulfield to Dandenong Level Crossing Removal Project, and the TRANSIT (Transition into Transport) and GROW (Gain Real Opportunities in the Workforce) programs create pathways for disadvantaged job seekers into LXRA projects.

The TRANSIT and GROW programs showcase the breadth of opportunities available across the rail and public transport sector, including rolling stock manufacturing, plant maintenance and operations.

The programs focus on the practical skills and training required to work in a construction and railway environment. TRANSIT focusses on showcasing new opportunities to workers from declining industries, including automotive, while GROW introduces people from marginalised or disadvantaged backgrounds to training and employment opportunities within the industry. GROW aims for a 50 per cent female participation rate.

Through these initiatives, investments in Aboriginal businesses and employment through LXRA's program of works has resulted in the removal of 26 level crossings with 316 617 Aboriginal employment hours, along with a \$31.5 million investment in Aboriginal businesses and social enterprises. In addition, 155 people from marginalised and disadvantaged backgrounds, including those from refugee and asylum backgrounds (33.1 per cent), Aboriginal backgrounds (5.6 per cent) and people with disability (2.8 per cent) had completed the GROW program, with 23 securing employment outcomes as a result. This includes 37 retrenched auto workers in the TRANSIT program.

For further information regarding the use of JVEN in other sectors of Victoria's infrastructure programs, I refer to you to my colleague, the Minister for Employment.

### **Nursery equipment program**

**Raised with:** Minister for Health

**Raised by:** Ms Fitzherbert

**Raised on:** 8 August 2018

#### **REPLY:**

The Nursery equipment program is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister Jenny Mikakos MP.

### **Broadmeadows Primary School site**

**Raised with:** Minister for Planning

**Raised by:** Mr Ondarchie

**Raised on:** 9 August 2018

#### **REPLY:**

On 12 March 2018, I approved planning scheme Amendment C222 to the Hume Planning Scheme. The intent of the amendment was to rezone former Commonwealth land east of Blair Street, Broadmeadows (Lot 2 TP4812A) from Commonwealth Land Commercial 2 Zone and Road Zone-Category 2 to Public Park and Recreation Zone. The zoning map correctly showed the changes in the planning scheme.

This rezoning was necessary to help support the Victorian Government's commitment of \$2 million to construct the Meadowlink Shared Trail. The project will construct a new shared walking and cycling path connecting the Merlynston Creek to Broadmeadows Railway Station.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) became aware of an administrative error in the amendment documentation shortly after gazettal in April 2018. The documentation incorrectly included reference to other nearby land owned by the Victorian Government west of Blair Street, Broadmeadows, including 2-16 Nicholas Street, Broadmeadows. DELWP officers have contacted the Broadmeadows Progress Association and Hume City Council to explain the error and apologised for the confusion.

On 14 June 2018, a corrigendum was gazetted which stated the amendment should read “The Amendment rezones land parcel Lot 2 TP4812A”.

The land at 2-16 Nicholson Street, Broadmeadows is part of the Inclusionary Housing Pilot since February 2017, along with five other surplus government sites with potential for mixed housing types in Boronia, Parkville, Wodonga, Reservoir and Noble Park.

The pilot offers the opportunity to be part of a collaborative approach to providing additional housing for Victoria’s growing population, including housing for the most vulnerable members of our community.

A minimum of 100 social housing dwellings and additional affordable housing homes will be provided across the sites.

On 8 August 2018 I released an expression of interest for the future development of the Broadmeadows site. The development of the site will include an area of 0.75 hectares for open space / parkland consistent with the open space requirements of the Development Plan Overlay-Schedule 30.



**WRITTEN ADJOURNMENT RESPONSES**

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**Wednesday, 5 September 2018**

**School-wide Positive Behaviour Support**

**Raised with:** Minister for Education  
**Raised by:** Dr Carling-Jenkins  
**Raised on:** 26 July 2018

**REPLY:**

I am informed as follows:

School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) has been developed from evidence and data, demonstrating the most effective ways to prevent and respond to problem behaviour at school. Research has shown that SWPBS is successful in reducing problem behaviour, improving school culture, and increasing academic performance.

In August 2017, the Government committed to enhancing and extending the uptake of SWPBS with the establishment of a state-wide SWPBS team, which includes 17 coaches who will support schools to implement the framework.

To date, each area has now appointed a coach and with the establishment of our state-wide coordination team we will be able to monitor the progress and implementation of SWPBS to provide targeted support to schools to increase wellbeing, engagement and achievement and in turn reduce behaviours of concern.



**WRITTEN ADJOURNMENT RESPONSES**

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**Thursday, 6 September 2018**

**Berwick public housing tenants**

**Raised with:** Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing  
**Raised by:** Mrs Peulich  
**Raised on:** 26 July 2018

**REPLY:**

I am advised that the Department of Health and Human Services has completed all requests for maintenance works that Mr and Ms Banks' have requested.

Mr and Ms Banks are aware that they can contact the department's Maintenance Call Centre to report any future maintenance concerns. The property will continue to be maintained in accordance with the department's responsibilities under the Residential Tenancies Act.

**RTR-Planeta**

**Raised with:** Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing  
**Raised by:** Mr Davis  
**Raised on:** 27 July 2018

**REPLY:**

The transmission of a Russian TV service, RTR-Planeta, has been available to many public housing residents in the Prahran and South Yarra areas since my colleague Minister Wynne as Minister for Housing introduced the service in the last Labor Government.

The service is provided by accessing a free satellite service, utilising specific centralised equipment, managed and installed by the Department of Health and Human Services. The equipment is fully maintained and is operational, and will remain so under the Andrews Labor Government, contrary to the baseless smears of an irrelevant opposition.

The ongoing provision of this service relies upon the source broadcaster maintaining its satellite service in its current configuration. As it is a free service, the department does not have any service agreement in place for access to the service.

There are occasional intermittent service issues as a result of the source broadcaster re-configuring the transmission of its satellite service. When any service interruption becomes known to the department, the equipment is reconfigured to re-establish transmission.