



- Question:** 1 ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS — Mr Wakeling to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Government's election commitment to establish a technical school in Gippsland, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Monash, Casey, Wyndham, Banyule, Yarra Ranges and Whittlesea:
- (1) How much funding has been allocated to cover the construction cost of each school.
 - (2) How much will the annual operational cost of each school be.
 - (3) Where will each school be located.
 - (4) Are any schools to be located on a Greenfield site; if so:
 - (a) which schools;
 - (b) are the sites currently owned by the Crown; if not, how much funding will be required to purchase the sites.
 - (5) With regard to each school, has the Government held discussions with:
 - (a) local schools; if so, with whom;
 - (b) local community representatives; if so, with whom;
 - (c) local industry; if so, with whom.
 - (6) When will construction at each site commence.
 - (7) When will construction at each site conclude.
 - (8) Will each school operate autonomously, or as part of an existing entity.
 - (9) What technical subjects will be offered at each school.

Answer: I am informed as follows:
 The Government made an election commitment of \$100 million in capital funding and \$25.37 million in operating funding over four years to establish 10 Tech Schools in Gippsland, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Monash, Casey, Wyndham, Banyule, Yarra Ranges and Whittlesea. These Tech Schools will help our secondary school students get the head start they need on their careers, in industries which have the highest prospects for growth.
 During the election campaign, we identified a number of developing industry sectors that have the potential for extraordinary economic growth across the state, including medical technology and pharmaceuticals, food and fibre, new energy technology, and transport, defence and construction technology.
 These are some of the areas that will create the high skill, high wage jobs that will help secure Victoria's economic future. Tech schools are a fundamental part of our plan to help Victoria seize the opportunities that these sectors represent.
 Tech Schools will enable local industries to work in partnership with schools, TAFEs and universities to identify and design school programs that will provide students with the skills and capabilities required by local industry, and to help them compete in a global economy. Tech Schools will be run by local schools, TAFEs, universities and industries.
 These schools will deliver general and industry-specific vocational programs to school students across Years 7 to 12. The Tech Schools will not be stand-alone schools. All schools from across the state, both government and non-government, will be able to use and access the Tech Schools. Students will maintain their enrolment at their home school and attend the Tech School for specific programs, not in place of a comprehensive education, but as part of it.
 Work is already well underway on engaging with industry, training providers, unions, schools and other key stakeholder groups. Extensive consultation will be crucial to getting the best outcome for each technical school.
 The Government is currently looking at potential sites for the location of the technical schools, including co-location options with existing TAFEs and Universities, and undertaking feasibility studies. Funding to deliver the ten Tech Schools will be sought in the 2015-16 State Budget. Further information will be available following the State Budget.

The Hon. James Merlino, MP
 Deputy Premier
 Minister for Education

Answer received: 28/1/2015.

Attachments: No Attachments

Answer Published Date: 09/02/2015

Question: 2 KNOX INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY AND SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE — Mr Wakeling to ask the Minister for Education —
Has the Government made any funding commitments to the Knox Innovation, Opportunity and Sustainability Centre in Wantirna; if so:

(1) How much funding.

(2) How will it be utilised.

Answer: **Answer received on 30/4/2015**

The Minister for Education: I provide this correction to the previous reply and I am informed as follows:

This Government is committed to providing students with practical learning experiences to equip them with skills for their future careers.

That is why we have based our Tech School initiative on elements of successful models such as the Knox Innovation, Opportunity and Sustainability Centre (KIOSC) at Swinburne University in Wantirna.

As the KIOSC was established under the previous Australian Government's Trade Training Centres in Schools Program, funding required to construct and equip the facility was provided by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of a Project Specific Schedule.

The Government has committed \$1 million per annum to KIOSC to provide professional development, training and support and act as a demonstration centre for the implementation of our ten Tech Schools.

Answer received on 14/04/2015

I am informed as follows:

This Government is committed to providing students with practical learning experiences to equip them with skills for their future careers.

That is why we have based our Tech School initiative on elements of successful models such as the Knox Innovation, Opportunity and Sustainability Centre (KIOSC) at Swinburne University in Wantirna.

As the KIOSC was established under the previous Australian Government's Trade Training Centres in Schools Program, funding required to construct and equip the facility was provided by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of a Project Specific Schedule.

A Joint Use Agreement between the Minister for Education, the School Council of Rowville Secondary College (as the Lead School) and Swinburne University of Technology (on whose land the facility is constructed) states that the Government and the Department of Education and Training are not required to make any financial contribution to recurrent costs. The School Council is responsible for the cost and insurance of its own staff participating in KIOSC programs.

The Government is providing KIOSC \$1 million over four years to provide professional development, training and support and act as a demonstration centre for the implementation of our ten Tech Schools.

Attachments: No Attachments

Answer Published Date: 30/04/2015

Question: 3 THE BASIN COMMUNITY HOUSE — Ms Victoria to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Families and Children —
When does the Minister expect works on The Basin Community House to commence and will the House be relocated.

Answer:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government recognises the important role that facilities like neighbourhood houses play in creating social inclusion, providing education and training pathways and providing opportunities for volunteering in local communities.

In 2014-15, \$25 million is being provided through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program to fund over 370 neighbourhood houses across Victoria, as well as to support the Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres and sixteen neighbourhood house networks.

The Basin Community House Inc. is one of the neighbourhood houses that receives funding through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program.

The Basin Community House runs its programs from a building owned by the City of Knox. I have been advised that the City of Knox has committed \$40,000 for amenity upgrades to the Basin Community House as part of its capital works program.

The City of Knox has advised the Department of Health and Human Services that the upgrades will commence in late January 2015 and that minimal disruption is

expected to the community house's programming of activities. The council does not believe that relocation of the community house will be necessary.

Hon Jenny Mikakos MP
Minister for Families and Children
Answer received: 23/1/2015

Attachments: No Attachments

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Question: 4 SPEED LIMIT ON CANTERBURY ROAD IN HEATHMONT — Ms Victoria to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety —
When will the speed limit through the shopping precinct on Canterbury Road in Heathmont be lowered from 70 kilometres per hour to 60 kilometres per hour.

Answer: The Minister for Roads and Road Safety - I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised: As a safety measure to address the high number of crashes that have occurred on Canterbury Road between Great Ryrie Street and Bedford Road, VicRoads will lower the speed limit along this section of road from 70 km/h to 60 km/h. The decision to lower the speed limit was made in consultation with Victoria Police and the Maroondah City Council. VicRoads has advised me that the 60 km/h speed zone will be implemented by the end of May 2015.

Attachments: No Attachments

Answer Published Date: 27/04/2015

Question: 5 MAROONDAH CANCER CENTRE — Ms Victoria to ask the Minister for Health —
When will works on the Maroondah Cancer Centre begin and where will the centre be located.

Answer:
I am informed that:

Planning for the new, comprehensive breast cancer centre has commenced. Eastern Health, in collaboration with my department, is considering the range of planning exercises (service plan, model of care, masterplan) which need to be undertaken to inform the capital build.

This work will inform the likely start date for construction and the best location of the new centre.

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Hon Jill Hennessy MP
Minister for Health

Answer received: 27/1/2015

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Answer Published Date: 09/02/2015

Question: 6 THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL — Ms Victoria to ask the Minister for Education —
With reference to the promised rebuilding of The Basin Primary School:

(1) When will building works commence.

(2) Is funding available for 2015/16.

Answer: I am informed as follows:
The new Victorian Government has a strong and ambitious agenda to grow educational opportunity for all Victorians. We understand that education is the window of opportunity for people as well as a key

driver of economic success and prosperity for our state. Our immediate priority is to progress the election commitments in our portfolios - in particular our promise to provide \$530 million to upgrade and build new schools, \$50 million to build new and refurbish existing kindergartens, and \$320 million to support TAFEs. We also plan to establish 10 new Tech Schools across the state for students in Years 7 to 12.

The Government has committed to providing \$5.7 million to The Basin Primary School to build new classrooms, physical education and administration areas and new joint facilities with the Basin Community House. The Government is committed to upgrading government primary and secondary schools across the state; however, it must responsibly balance and prioritise the needs of over 1500 government schools in Victoria.

The Government is in the process of prioritising its election commitments for funding in the 2015-16 State Budget.

The Department of Education and Training will work with the school to plan and deliver the project, ensuring the best outcome for the school and local community. In the meantime, the school is encouraged to maintain its facilities as usual, using funds allocated annually through the Student Resource Package.

Attachments: No Attachments

Answer Published Date: 14/04/2015

Question: 7 LEVEL CROSSINGS IN BAYSWATER — Ms Victoria to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety

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With reference to the removal of level crossings at Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road in Bayswater:

(1) When will removal works commence.

(2) Will the overall outcome include the relocation of the maintenance sheds and sidings.

Answer: The Minister for Roads and Road Safety - I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised: As the question you ask falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Public Transport, the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, you may wish to raise this question with her in Parliament.

Luke Donnellan MP

Minister for Roads and Road Safety

Attachments: No Attachments

Answer Published Date: 17/02/2015