



**Question:** 156 QUESTION ON NOTICE — Mr Hibbins to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing —  
With reference to each of the public housing estates in the Prahran electorate, including the Horace Petty Estate, Kings Street, Bangs Street, Union Street Windsor and Inkerman Heights St Kilda:

(1) When was the last time the external windows were cleaned.

(2) What is the external window cleaning policy.

(3) Is there a pigeon management plan.

**Answer:** The department, on a case by case basis, cleans the external face of high-rise tower windows as appropriate. The department does not have a specific pigeon management plan, however the department is reviewing options for the installation of bird deterrents at problematic high rise towers.

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**Answer Published Date:** 10/06/2015

**Question:** 157 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Northe to ask the Minister for Education —  
My constituency question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister advise if his government is intending to deliver the Morwell primary schools regeneration project, and if so, what are the time lines?

The Morwell primary schools regeneration project seeks to merge Commercial Road Primary School, Tobruk Street Primary School and Morwell Primary School, in addition to redeveloping Morwell Park Primary School. The coalition pledged \$13 million for this important initiative. Whilst Labor also pledged funding, it offered \$1 million less than the coalition. Morwell residents have advised me that they are concerned as to when and if the project will be delivered and indeed if \$12 million is sufficient to complete the project in totality. Many of Morwell's primary schools are currently in poor condition. The delivery of this project will bring together around 450 Morwell students who will be able to learn in modern facilities, not only enhancing learning outcomes but also providing a boost for our inspiring local teachers and principals.

**Answer:**

Investment in education and school infrastructure is a priority for the Victorian Government, and that is why we have announced a \$730 million package for Victorian school infrastructure. This funding will enable the refurbishment and renovation of schools, the delivery of brand new relocatable classrooms, and the construction of desperately-needed new schools for the State.

I am pleased to advise that the Victorian Government has allocated \$10.45 million in the 2015-16 State Budget for the first stage of the Morwell Schools Regeneration Project. The remaining funding required to complete this project will be allocated in a future year's budget.

Planning for this exciting project is already underway. To assist with the planning process, schools receiving capital funding will develop, in consultation with the Department, a five-year integrated Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP will outline the capital and maintenance tasks to be performed over the following five-year period, using all available sources of funding.

I am advised that the Morwell school community have been consulted throughout this planning process and local priorities and concerns have been taken into account. I am further advised that, following this consultation, the architects for the project have recently finalised its design. It is anticipated that the project will go to tender in June 2015 and a builder will be appointed once all tenders have been suitably assessed.

I have asked the Department to continue to work closely with the school throughout this capital works project.

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**Deputy Premier  
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**Question:** 158 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Staikos to ask the Minister for Education —  
My question is to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education. Will the minister ensure that funding for the redevelopment of McKinnon and Bentleigh secondary colleges is included in the upcoming state budget? Labor has a proud record of rebuilding schools, and both these secondary colleges have been beneficiaries of this. By contrast, the last Liberal Premier to turn his attention to these schools was Henry Bolte, such is the level of contempt those opposite have for public education. My community is eagerly awaiting the funding the Andrews government has committed to, which will provide new classrooms and learning areas to replace old temporary, asbestos-ridden buildings and portables.

The funding will also provide two additional basketball courts for McKinnon Basketball Association, which has 2500 members. Labor has made these commitments, and I ask that they be fulfilled in the 2015 state budget.

**Answer:**

Investment in education and school infrastructure is a priority for the Victorian Government, and that is why we have announced a \$730 million package for Victorian school infrastructure. This funding will enable the refurbishment and renovation of schools, the delivery of brand new relocatable classrooms, and the construction of desperately-needed new schools for the State.

In alignment with this commitment, I am pleased to announce that the Victorian Government has allocated funding to both Bentleigh Secondary College and McKinnon Secondary College in the 2015-16 State Budget.

Bentleigh Secondary College will receive \$9.6 million in 2015-16 to complete the rebuild of the school, including new classrooms and a new technology wing. The Victorian Government will also build additional basketball courts at the school, thereby establishing a permanent base for the McKinnon Basketball Association.

McKinnon Secondary College will receive \$9 million in 2015-16 to build new classrooms, a library, a canteen and specialist teaching spaces.

Planning for both of these exciting projects is already underway. To assist with the planning process, schools receiving capital funding will develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and Training, a five-year integrated Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP will outline the capital and maintenance tasks to be performed over the following five-year period, using all available sources of funding. The AMP will also consider local priorities and school provision needs.

I have asked the Department to work closely with both schools on their respective capital works projects to ensure that they are completed in a timely and effective manner.

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**Question:** 159 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Dr Napthine to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — My question is to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety. The Myamyn-Macarthur Road is a 24-kilometre road linking the Henty Highway with the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road. It is a very busy road with many large woodchip trucks, milk tankers, quarry trucks, livestock trucks, farm vehicles and local and tourist traffic. It is also used by the Macarthur school bus. Some 11 kilometres of the road is a two-way carriageway and 13 kilometres of it is a single lane of bitumen, which is dangerous

and in poor condition. My Previous HitquestionNext Document to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety is: will the minister guarantee the \$2.6 million provided by the previous Liberal coalition government to begin work to upgrade this dangerous road will actually be spent on this road?

**Answer:** I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:  
I am aware that approximately 10 kilometres of Myamyn-Macarthur Road has a sealed width of four metres or less and that this road caters for 230 vehicles per day including 60 commercial vehicles. Maintenance funding is being prioritised to ensure the continued safe operation of our arterial roads and bridges.  
As part of routine maintenance, VicRoads undertakes activities like grading the gravel shoulders to minimise edge drop-offs, road patching of defects and vegetation trimming to ensure a clear driving envelope.

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**Question:** 160 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms Couzens to ask the Minister for Public Transport — My question is to the Minister for Public Transport. The announcement by the former Labor government of the regional rail link project provided for the first time that Geelong trains would have their own dedicated tracks through the metropolitan system from Sunshine to Southern Cross station, improving the capacity and reliability of services. I note with concern that the former coalition government did not order a single V/Line carriage for two years after it came to office and had planned to open the regional rail link in April 2015, despite knowing there would not be enough trains to guarantee reliable services on the regional network. I also note that the safest option was to defer the implementation to get the basics right and ensure that there were enough trains to deliver a reliable service. The information I seek is an update on the activation of the regional rail link and the benefits it will have for Geelong commuters.

**Answer:** I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:  
On 14 June 2015 the Regional Rail Link Project was officially opened by the Premier of Victoria, the Hon. Daniel Andrews and the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Warren Truss.  
On 21 June 2015, passenger services will commence between Geelong and Melbourne using the new Regional Rail Link tracks between West Werribee Junction and Southern Cross, via the new Wyndham Vale and Tarneit stations, and then via Sunshine.  
Passengers on the Geelong line will benefit from a massive boost in frequency, with the current service of one train an hour in the off-peak, tripling to three trains per hour in the off-peak to a 20 minute frequency from South Geelong, Geelong, and North Geelong stations. The 20 minute off-peak frequency will also apply at Lara station, while every second train will continue beyond South Geelong to Marshall and the new Waurm Ponds station.  
Passengers travelling in the peak period will also see additional trains. Trains will depart six times per hour in the peak.  
This improvement in frequency wouldn't have been possible without Regional Rail Link providing the track capacity needed to run more trains between Melbourne and Geelong.

On top of the frequency benefits, Geelong line passengers will no longer be stuck behind stopping all stations metropolitan trains, with V/Line Geelong services being fully separated from metropolitan services. This will improve reliability and give certainty to passengers about train departure and arrival times.

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**Answer Published Date:** 22/06/2015

**Question:** 161 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Battin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services — My question is to the Minister for Emergency Services. I ask the minister if she can guarantee funding in this budget for the Emerald State Emergency Service (SES) station, which is a station in the Dandenong Ranges with a volunteer unit whose members do a wonderful job. This SES unit has more than 1000 turnouts each calendar year. Currently the unit manager, Ben Owen, has no room for any new vehicles or safety equipment in that facility. The unit members require an upgrade urgently. I understand they have been speaking to the minister about this and that they have gone back and forth with it but at this stage have had no response at all. They turn out for storms, car accidents, education and training, and when trees are down. They also assist on high fire-risk days. They are highly skilled volunteers, and they need extra support at the facility up there. I ask the minister to ensure that funding will be available so that she can respect the volunteers as do we on this side.

**Answer:** The Victorian Government greatly values the work of Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) volunteers, including volunteers of the Emerald SES unit who selflessly devote their time and skills to promote the safety and wellbeing of the community.  
The Emerald SES unit has 52 volunteer members and is headed up by a Unit Controller. The Unit responded to an average of 1,000 requests for assistance over the last three years. It has two rescue

trucks, one four wheel drive, a storm trailer and a multi-purpose trailer.

Under the present arrangements, local government is primarily responsible for the provision of SES Unit accommodation, and I would encourage the Unit to continue to work with the council on this matter.

Day-to-day operations costs for SES Units is provided by the Victorian Government through a municipal subsidy, with an understanding that local councils will match the Government's subsidy.

Furthermore, the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) is an ongoing program funded by the Victorian Government, which provides local emergency services volunteer groups including SES Units access to grants of up to a maximum of \$100,000 excluding GST, for operational equipment, vehicles, trucks, tankers, watercraft, trailers and minor facility improvements.

The Victorian Government is currently working on a State-wide framework that will ensure the best use of its resources to support emergency service organisations. Emergency Management Victoria is developing an asset strategy to identify the current and future equipment and facility needs of emergency service organisations. This strategy will include identification of service co-location opportunities and will take a sector-wide approach to achieve joined up outcomes that are community focused.

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**Answer Published Date:** 04/05/2015

**Question:** 162 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms Kilkenny to ask the Minister for Education — My constituency question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister provide an update on the progress of the government's funding commitment of \$3 million for Seaford Park Primary School in my electorate of Carrum and confirm that it is included in the upcoming state budget? The minister will know Seaford Park Primary School is in desperate need of upgrading and rebuilding, as all its current classrooms are portables. That is why Labor committed \$3 million to Seaford Park Primary School to replace the old and outdated portables and to build new classrooms and learning spaces. Unfortunately the former Liberal government abandoned Labor's plan to modernise Seaford Park Primary School, so this project is long overdue. Seaford Park's enrolment is growing rapidly, with the school introducing a second prep class this year, creating further stress on the existing infrastructure and making these works all the more urgent. The school desperately needs new classrooms and learning spaces. I know the local school community is very keen to hear about funding to build new classrooms and learning spaces, and I look forward to the minister's update.

**Answer:**

Investment in education and school infrastructure is a priority for the Victorian Government, and that is why we have announced a \$730 million package for Victorian school infrastructure. This funding will enable the refurbishment and renovation of schools, the delivery of brand new relocatable classrooms, and the construction of desperately-needed new schools across the State.

I am pleased to announce that the Victorian Government has allocated \$3 million to Seaford Park Primary School in the 2015-16 State Budget. This funding will build new classrooms and learning spaces to replace the relocatable classrooms currently in use.

The Department of Education and Training understands the crucial need for these capital works and, as such, has commenced planning for this project. To assist with the planning process, schools receiving capital funding will develop, in consultation with the Department, a five-year integrated Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP will outline the capital and maintenance tasks to be performed over the following five-year period, using all available sources of funding. The AMP will also consider local priorities and school provision needs.

I have asked the Department to continue to work closely with the school to ensure the timely completion of this exciting project.

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Deputy Premier  
Minister for Education**

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**Answer Published Date:** 22/05/2015

**Question:** 163 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Wells to ask the Minister for Emergency Services — My question is to the Minister for Emergency Services. The Scoresby Country Fire Authority brigade in my electorate of Rowville urgently requires a larger, more modern station to improve emergency response capabilities for the Scoresby and surrounding communities. The previous coalition government committed, if re-elected, to fund a new \$2.5 million station. The brigade is supported by 60 dedicated volunteers and attends 600 emergency calls per year. Funding of \$2.5 million for such a redevelopment would provide for a new station to be built on the current site. A redevelopment would also allow for re-engineering of the intersection of Sara Road and Ferntree Gully Road in Scoresby to allow for traffic lights and for brigade vehicles to safely use the major arterial Ferntree Gully Road. The new Scoresby station would have supplemented the coalition's previous investment in delivering a new \$5.84 million integrated station at Rowville. On behalf of the Scoresby Country Fire Authority brigade I ask the minister to match the coalition government's funding commitments in the upcoming state budget.

**Answer:** The Victorian Government greatly values the work of volunteer firefighters of the Scoresby Country Fire Authority (CFA) Brigade who selflessly devote their time and skills to promote the safety and wellbeing of the Scoresby, Knoxfield and Wantirna South community as well as providing support to surrounding CFA brigades at Boronia, Rowville and Ferntree Gully. The brigade also provides support to the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB).  
The government has committed to a range of measures to better support firefighters, including the recruitment of 350 CFA career firefighters; new CFA stations and upgrades; installation of toilet and washroom facilities at up to 100 rural CFA stations; delivery of 50 Medium Tankers; and expansion of the Emergency Medical Response Program.  
Furthermore, the government has committed to implementing presumptive legislation for career and volunteer firefighters.

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**Answer Published Date:** 04/05/2015

**Question:** 164 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Howard to ask the Minister for Education — My question is for the Minister for Education. I ask the minister to advise of the opportunity for Phoenix P-12 Community College in Sebastopol to receive a funding allocation in this year's budget that will enable the school to continue with its reconstruction program. The secondary school component of Phoenix P-12 was built in the 1960s, and the school community have been excited to see several stages of rebuilding over the past four years. They are very hopeful that this work will be able to continue to a timely conclusion over the coming year. Although the school community know that ahead of the election Labor committed \$10 million for the school reconstruction, they would be very pleased to learn that this funding will come forward in Labor's first budget. Principal Scott Dellar and his staff have done a great job in raising the aspirations of the students. This funding announcement will help the school to continue with its great work.

**Answer:** Investment in education and school infrastructure is a priority for the Victorian Government, that is why we have announced a \$730 million package for Victorian school infrastructure. This funding will enable the refurbishment and renovation of schools, the delivery of brand new relocatable classrooms and construction of desperately-needed new schools for the State.

I am pleased to announce that Phoenix P-12 College will receive \$10 million in the 2015-16 State Budget to complete Stage 3 of school upgrade. This will include the construction of new classrooms and administration, food technology and visual arts facilities.

Planning for this exciting project is already underway. To assist with the planning process, schools receiving capital funding will develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and Training, a five-year integrated capital and maintenance Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP will outline the capital and maintenance tasks to be performed over the following five-year period, using all available sources of funding. The AMP will also consider local priorities and provision.

I have asked the Department to work closely with the school on its future plans for capital improvement.

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**The Hon. James Merlino MP**

**Deputy Premier  
Minister for Education**

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**Answer Published Date:** 25/05/2015

**Question:** 165 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Mr Dixon to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — My constituency question is for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water. I refer to the minister's statement that dogs should be allowed in Mornington Peninsula National Park, despite their proven negative impact on the hooded plover, which is endangered. Given that only three chicks survived this year, when will the minister increase enforcement of the current rules, which she stated are the best way to deal with this very dangerous and alarming situation?

**Answer:** Dog walking is a very popular activity on the Mornington Peninsula and a significant proportion of the community support the ongoing access to the national park for dog walking. As such, dog walking continues to be allowed in a number of beach locations in the Mornington Peninsula National Park. Dog walking in the park is subject to regulations that minimise the impact of dogs on the Hooded Plovers breeding habitat and the other natural values in the park. Dogs are not permitted on 35 kilometres of the 40-kilometre coastline of the national park. Moreover, Dogs on leash are only allowed between sunrise and 9am.  
The management practices relating to dog walking within the Mornington Peninsula National Park were reviewed by Parks Victoria in 2013, predominantly for the protection of Hooded Plovers. This review involved extensive community consultation over a number of months and resulted in additional restrictions on where dogs can be walked.

Research conducted by Birdlife Australia over many years in the Mornington Peninsula National Park demonstrates that there are many other factors that impact on Hooded Plover survival and breeding success including king tides, storm surge, human activity and predation by other birds, cats and foxes. Parks Victoria staff work in partnership with Birdlife Australia and the Friends of the Hooded Plover to undertake priority Hooded Plover protection activities each breeding season, including regular compliance patrols, to enforce breaches to the dog walking regulations.

**Attachments:** No Attachments

**Answer Published Date:** 06/05/2015

**Question:** 166 CONSTITUENCY QUESTION — Ms Williams to ask the Minister for Police — My constituency question is to the Minister for Police, and it relates to a Victoria Police trial that is currently taking place in my electorate of Dandenong. The receipting proof of concept initiative involves the provision of receipts by police to people in situations where police have initiated contact - for example, where a person has been asked to provide their details. I ask that the minister provide an update on the trial to date. In particular I am keen to know whether the trial has been effective in building and promoting trust and transparency between police and the local community in Dandenong.

**Answer:** Victoria Police is piloting a program where police officers and protective services officers issue a written record, or 'receipt', of their interaction with members of the public. This is a Victoria Police initiative and is part of a range of commitments made by Victoria Police following a review of its operational policies, initiated in 2013.

The receipting trial commenced across the local government areas of Greater Dandenong and Moonee Valley on 29 March 2015. I understand that stage two of the trial is scheduled to commence on 29 June 2015, with receipting to commence in Mildura and the local government area of Boroondara.

I am advised by the Acting Chief Commissioner that local working groups, comprised of community stakeholders and local police representatives, were established to assist with the design and introduction of receipting. Victoria Police representatives are continuing to meet and consult with these groups throughout the proof of concept and they continue to be a valuable source of feedback throughout the program. I understand that Victoria Police is in the process of identifying additional local community groups across the pilot sites to provide further information on receipting and feedback on the value of receipting to the community.

Victoria Police has established a webpage to provide a range of information for the community on the trial. The webpage includes multi-lingual information and invites people to provide feedback on their interactions with police and protective services officers. The webpage also includes the contact details of police unit and community organisations that are represented on the local working groups.

In addition, Victoria Police has engaged with local media outlets, including culturally and linguistically diverse media, across Dandenong and Moonee Valley to provide information on the trial.

Victoria Police will undertake an extensive evaluation of the trial. That evaluation will consider the extent to which the trial has been effective in promoting trust and transparency between police and the local communities in the trial sites, including Dandenong.

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