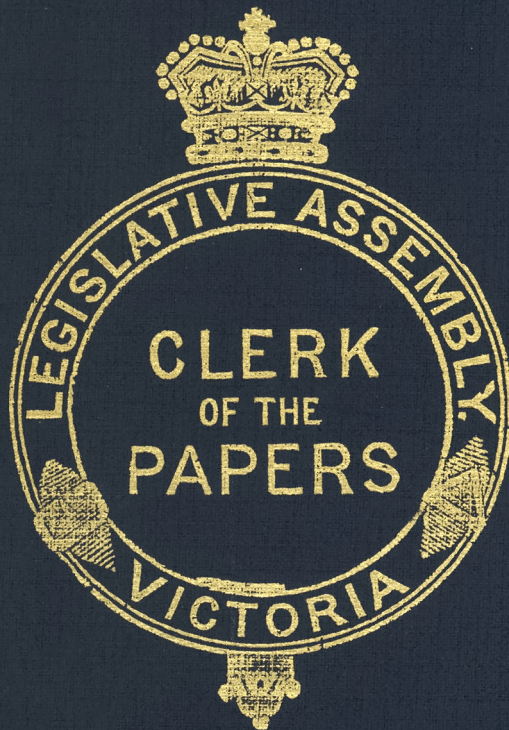


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WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. MACLELLAN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Motor Car Traders Act 1973 '* ".
- \*2. MR. DUNSTAN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend section 11 of the ' Architects Act 1958 ' with respect to the Penalties which may be imposed on Persons who are guilty of Offences relating to the Professional Conduct of Architects* ".
- \*3. MR. DUNSTAN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Marine Act 1958 ' with respect to Licences to act as Pilots for Port Phillip, Charges payable by the Masters of Ships and other Matters* ".
- \*4. MR. SMITH (Warrnambool) : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 8 of the ' Aerial Spraying Control Act 1966 '* ".
- \*5. MR. SMITH (Warrnambool) : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to repeal the ' Dairy Products Act 1958 ' and for other purposes* ".
- \*6. MR. THOMPSON : To move—
1. That unless otherwise ordered, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business ; that half-past Three o'clock shall be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, Two o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday.
  2. That during the present Session, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business (but not including Want of Confidence Motions nor Motions pursuant to Standing Order No. 26) on each sitting day except on each Thursday when business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—  
On the third Thursday, pursuant to Standing Order No. 59—
    1. Grievances.
    2. Government Business.
    3. General Business.On the next two succeeding Thursdays—
    1. General Business—
      - (a) Notices of Substantive Motions.
      - (b) Private Members' Bills—Notices of Motion.
      - (c) Orders of the Day—Resumption of Debate on Motions.
      - (d) Private Members' Bills—Orders of the Day.
    2. At 1.00 p.m.—  
Government Business.
- \*7. MR. HAMER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' State Savings Bank Act 1958 ' and for other purposes* ".
- \*8. MR. HAMER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Victorian Film Corporation Act 1976 ' to make Provision for and with respect to Committees* ".
- \*9. MR. BORTHWICK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to make further provision with respect to the Management of certain special Areas of Crown Land and for other purposes* ".
- \*10. MR. BORTHWICK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Fisheries Act 1968 ', to increase the Fees payable for certain Licences, to make further Provision with respect to the Fisheries Research Fund, to make Provision for Special Amateur Fishing Licences and for other purposes* ".
- \*11. MR. BORTHWICK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Environment Protection Act 1970 ', and for other purposes* ".

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

## Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. HANN : To move, That the Treasurer and Minister of Housing no longer possess the confidence of the House for their failure to initiate a full inquiry into the affairs of the Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd. particularly prior to the company being placed in receivership in 1975.
- \*2. MR. ROPER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be introduced to control the fees charged by private medical practitioners and to ensure that members of the public are not charged more than fees set by the Medical Fees Tribunal.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

- \*1. CONSTITUTION BILL—Second reading.
- \*2. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*4. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate.*

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TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

- \*1. GAS AND FUEL CORPORATION (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)

- \*1. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of schools and pre-schools in the electoral district of Werribee for the years 1976 and 1977 respectively—
1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive their initial routine medical examination.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-school Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
- \*2. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster, respectively, what are— (a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
- \*3. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department investigated home blood pressure monitoring kits such as those advertised in the *Bulletin* on 18th June, 1977 by the J. S. and A. National Sales Group ; if so—(a) which kits it has investigated and with what results ; and (b) what action has the Government taken to ensure that those kits are—(i) adequate ; and (ii) being properly advertised and sold.
- \*4. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments by residents and patients in State subsidised or controlled nursing homes in geriatric hospitals—
1. What amount is at present charged against the pension of residents and all patients, specifying the increases which have occurred in each of the past three years and the sum left to the person for personal expenditure, in each case.
  2. Whether proposals are before the Minister to vary the present contribution ; if so—(a) what proposals ; and (b) whether a decision has been made and, if so, what decision.
  3. What income was derived in each State subsidised institution from the collection of such pension moneys.
- \*5. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of waiting lists for hospitals for the aged—
1. What was the waiting list for each hospital as at—(a) 30th April, 1976 ; (b) 30th August, 1977 ; and (c) 31st January, 1978, indicating the category of urgency in each case.
  2. What projects are under way or proposed to reduce the waiting list, indicating the dates of commencement and completion of construction in each case.
- \*6. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
1. What amounts were requested for Victoria in 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively, indicating what allocations were agreed to by the Commonwealth and what amounts were actually transmitted to the State in each of those years.
  2. Whether, in 1976-77, any amounts—(a) approved by ; or (b) received from the Commonwealth were unspent at the end of the financial year ; if so, what amounts, indicating whether those sums are to be subsequently spent and, in that event, on what projects.
  3. Whether any unspent funds from 1975-76 were used during 1976-77, specifying the amount and the subsequent use.
- \*7. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
1. Which health centres are presently receiving funds, specifying the funding for each centre for 1977-78.
  2. Which health centres or committees have made submissions but are not yet receiving funds.
  3. Which new centres are proposed to be funded in 1977-78.
  4. What other organizations—(a) are receiving funds under the Community Health Programme, specifying the amount received in 1976-77 ; and (b) will be receiving funds in 1977-78.
- \*8. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Development Programme, which hospital works were discussed and agreed on for funding during 1976-77 by the Joint Hospital Works Advisory Committee, specifying which works were subsequently funded by—(a) the Commonwealth Government ; (b) the State Government ; or (c) by both Governments.

- \*9. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of 1976-77 and 1977-78, what proportion of Community Health Programme grants were or will be applied to—(a) community health centres ; (b) community mental health centres ; (c) early childhood development ; and (d) other purposes.
- \*10. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of medical and surgical supplies purchased by hospitals—
1. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission agreed to fund all or part of spending in excess of budget limits which resulted from devaluation ; if so, on what basis.
  2. Whether the Commission has prepared a report on the effect of devaluation ; if so, whether a copy of such report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  3. What amount was requested by hospitals to offset over-expenditure due to devaluation and what amount was allowed.
- \*11. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what amounts were paid to visiting medical staff in hospitals during the years ended 30th June, 1975, 1976, and 1977, respectively.
- \*12. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of section 31.1 of the Hospitals Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, and since question No. 1639 answered on 22nd March, 1977—
1. Whether any recognised hospitals have applied to the Minister for the exemption of " superior accommodation " ; if so, which hospitals and how many beds are involved in each case.
  2. Which hospitals have received the approval of the Minister to charge higher daily bed charges on account of superior accommodation, specifying the date on which exemption was given, the number of beds, and the daily rate permitted.
  3. Whether the Minister has refused any application for exemption ; if so, from which hospital and why.
  4. Whether any hospitals are charging more than the charge set out in paragraph (b) of clause 28.2 without approval from the Victorian Minister of Health ; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed.
- \*13. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What zoonoses are recognized as endemic to Victoria.
  2. What records are maintained of the human incidence of each zoonosis and whether the records are accepted as complete in each case ; if not, why.
  3. How many human cases of each zoonosis were diagnosed and recorded in Victoria in each of the past ten years.
  4. What steps are being taken to control or eradicate each of these zoonoses in Victoria.
- \*14. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of genetic engineering—
1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.
- \*15. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
- \*16. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of swimming pool operators—
1. Whether a recent meeting of interested parties agreed that the Department of Health examine the possibility of the Local Government Department being given responsibility for the overall supervision of the Swimming Pools (Water Purifications) Regulations 1969 ; if so, what action is proposed.
  2. Whether an amendment has been sought to the Regulations to place dual responsibility for water sampling with the municipality through its municipal engineer and/or health inspector and the Commission of Public Health ; if so, what is the current status of the proposed amendment.
  3. What other steps are being taken by the Department of Health to improve the training of swimming pool operators and whether it is proposed that the system of registration be introduced.

- \*17. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of Women's Refuges or Half Way Houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. Whether the State has purchased, or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.
  3. Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities; if so, what facilities and indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis.
- \*18. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals have been surveyed by the Australian Council of Hospital Standards in each of the past three years, specifying which hospitals—(a) have been given full accreditation ; (b) have been given provisional accreditation ; and (c) have not been granted accreditation and for what reasons.
- \*19. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of proposals for a community health centre or service at Nangiloc—
1. Whether such a proposal was put to the Hospitals and Charities Commission ; if so—(a) when ; (b) by whom ; (c) on what basis ; and (d) whether such proposal has been made on a formal basis.
  2. Whether a community health centre or service at Nangiloc is being considered ; if so, when a decision will be made.
- \*20. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the provision of services for elderly and disabled people—
1. Whether plans have been approved in principle to build up to 2,000 nursing home beds throughout the State during the next five years ; if so—(a) when the decision was made ; (b) when the five-year programme will commence ; and (c) where it is proposed that the nursing home beds will be constructed.
  2. Whether plans have been approved in principle to build up to 2,700 hostel units throughout the State during the next five years; if so—(a) when the decision was made ; (b) when the five-year programme will commence ; and (c) where it is proposed that the units will be constructed.
- \*21. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission is currently giving assistance to the Mercy Hospital for the extension of nurses' quarters ; if so—(a) what assistance ; (b) how many nuns and other staff are to be accommodated in the new area ; (c) where staff are presently accommodated ; (d) whether any of such staff will be employed in the private rather than the public section of the hospital ; and (e) whether it is intended that existing accommodation space will be used to extend private hospital facilities.
- \*22. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portland and District Hospital—(a) what additional works are currently being planned by the hospital ; (b) what future works have been agreed to by the Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (c) whether any estimate can be given of when funds will be available ; and (d) whether any funds are to be made available for planning.
- \*23. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments made in Victoria under the Commonwealth *Home Nursing Subsidy Act 1956*—
1. What subsidy was paid to each home nursing organization in 1975-76 and 1976-77 and what is the estimate for 1977-78.
  2. What average number of nurses was employed by each organization.
- \*24. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the special scheme commenced earlier this year to assist local government and schools in the detection and treatment of such problems as head lice—
1. How many municipalities requested subsidies, indicating—(a) for how many nurses ; and (b) which municipalities—(i) requested ; and (ii) actually, received assistance.
  2. Whether any municipalities have terminated the arrangements.
  3. What was the cost to the Department of Health and what was the cost to municipalities for the period since the scheme's inception.
- \*25. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooropna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.

- \*26. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portarlington and District Community Health Centre—
1. What proposals have been made by the Centre for capital works, when these were first made and what is the estimated cost.
  2. Whether any funds have been made available ; if so, when, and for what building works.
  3. When it is expected that State funds will become available for the proposed building.
  4. Which centres are above Portarlington on the priority list.
- \*27. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health have examined snake bite kits on sale in Victoria ; if so, which brands have been examined, indicating when and with what result.
- \*28. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hatley Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced ; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hatley Hostel ; and (b) other similar hostels.
- \*29. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2318 answered on 19th October, 1977, what recommendations were made by the Commission of Public Health and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*30. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of health services in non-metropolitan areas—
1. What use is being made in Victoria of funds available under the Commonwealth Family Medicine Programme to encourage young post-graduate general practitioners who practice in rural areas.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth Minister for Health has written to the State seeking co-operation under the Hospitals Cost Sharing Arrangement to share the cost of travel and accommodation, as well as hospital and medical attention, in a case where a patient is removed from one country hospital to another location to receive more expert medical attention ; if so—(a) when the letter was received ; (b) what response has been made by the State ; and (c) whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*31. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Geelong West, what are—(a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
- \*32. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of surgical operations to the brain—
1. Whether any such operations have been carried out under the auspices of the Mental Health Authority, specifying in each of the past five years the number of cases classified as unsuccessful.
  2. Whether officers of the Authority have examined a draft Bill prepared by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights relating to such surgery ; if so, what recommendations have been made to the Minister ; if not, whether it will be examined and a report prepared.
- \*33. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers ; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.
- \*34. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mooroopna and District Base Hospital and the development of the Shepparton site—
1. When the decision was taken to develop the site.
  2. When work commenced.
  3. Which stages of the work have now been completed, specifying the—(a) cost ; (b) date of completion ; and (c) occupation date.
  4. Which stages are presently under construction, specifying the estimated cost and the expected completion date.
  5. Which stages are still to be constructed, specifying the estimated cost and the estimated date of commencement and completion, respectively.
  6. Whether part of Stage 2 has to be reconstructed ; if so—(a) which part ; (b) why ; and (c) what is the estimated cost and completion date.
  7. What services will remain at the Mooroopna site and what works are proposed at that site.

- \*35. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Colac District Hospital—
1. What funds were provided for recurrent expenditure in 1976–77, specifying the extent of any over or under expenditure.
  2. What funds are to be provided in 1977–78, specifying the amount originally requested by the hospital.
  3. What new activities originally proposed for 1977–78 will not proceed.
  4. Whether any existing activities will have to be reduced ; if so, what activities and to what extent.
- \*36. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Austin Hospital—
1. What was the agreed building programme over the past four financial years and in 1977–78, specifying the work to be undertaken and the amount provided for such work.
  2. Whether it is intended to provide a guarantee to ensure the conclusion of works already agreed upon ; if so, on what basis.
- \*37. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975–76, 1976–77 and 1977–78 at—  
(a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and  
(d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
- \*38. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
- \*39. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of uniform foods legislation—
1. When the Australian Health Ministers set up a joint working party of State and Commonwealth Government officers to draw up model food legislation suitable for uniform application throughout Australia, indicating the membership of that working party, and when it has met.
  2. Whether a Food Law Revision Task Force was set up to undertake the detailed work ; if so—(a) who are the members of such task force ; (b) on what occasions they have met ; and (c) whether the task force report has been completed ; if so, when ; if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. When it is expected that model food legislation will be referred to the Health Ministers for consideration.
- \*40. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of computed tomography (CAT) scanners—
1. How many scanners are now in operation in Victoria, specifying where they are situated and whether they are full-body or part-body scanners.
  2. Which hospitals have made application to or approached the Hospitals and Charities Commission concerning the purchase of such a scanner, indicating which hospitals have received approval.
  3. Whether the Commission knows of additional private groups which intend to purchase or have purchased such equipment ; if so, which groups.
  4. Whether the Government now has a policy relating to the introduction of such scanners ; if so, what policy.
- \*41. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.



- \*42. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; and (c) number of beds in respect of each public, charitable and private hospital, respectively, located in the electoral district of Evelyn which offers—(i) casualty ; (ii) outpatients ; (iii) midwifery ; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in the electoral district of Evelyn.
- \*43. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State Government contribution to expenses for immunization campaigns carried out in conjunction with municipalities outside the metropolitan area—
1. What claims for expenses are met by the Department of Health, specifying the date on which the amounts were set and the Government's contribution to those expenses.
  2. Whether the Minister will review the scale of contributions by the Department with a view to bringing them into line with current costs ; if so, what will be the new rate of expense reimbursement.
- \*44. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association—
1. What amount is being paid by the Government for services provided by or through the Association in the 1977-78 financial year, indicating for what purpose these grants are being made.
  2. Whether the Government is at present considering an increase in funds to the Association or its services and, if so, when it is expected a decision will be reached.
- \*45. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of a statement that appeared on page 5 of *The Age* newspaper on 1st November, 1977, concerning hospital bed fees—(a) who was the spokesman for the Minister ; and (b) whether the statement was authorized by the Minister.
- \*46. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital—
1. What was the Budget allocation for 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively.
  2. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission has agreed to fund all or part of the hospital's deficit for 1976-77 ; if so, to what extent.
  3. Why the hospital received below average grants in May and June of 1977.
  4. What funds have been made available to the hospital in each of the past five years for capital works, and what proposals for improvements are presently before the Commission, indicating when it is expected these will be agreed to.
- \*47. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Caulfield Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of cuts which have had to be made in services at the hospital ; if so, which cuts.
  2. Whether he is also aware that one of the cuts made is the cessation of the only evening activity organized for patients, namely, a regular film evening.
- \*48. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed community health service at Werribee, whether it is intended that funds will be made available this year ; if so, when the decision will be announced and what funds will go to the service, stating for what purposes.
- \*49. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the regional activities for the Department of Health reported in paragraph 10.2.1 of the September, 1977, State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report, whether the Minister will make available to the House details of the regional boundaries, regional policies, and regional programmes operated by the Department.
- \*50. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many doctors are currently registered, specifying the category of registration.
  2. How many persons paid fees to the Medical Board of Victoria in 1976-77, specifying the income derived from each type of fee, the number paying the fee, and the amount and source of any other income.
  3. What costs were incurred by the Board in 1976-77 and how such costs have been met.
  4. What services are provided to the Board by the Department of Health and other Government Departments, specifying the cost of such services.
  5. What is the estimated income and expenditure for 1977-78.

- \*51. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital and further to question No. 2177 answered on 6th September, 1977—
1. Whether funds have been made available for the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, what funds, if not, why.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that facilities, particularly in the casualty area are totally inadequate ; if so, whether special funds will be made available for the upgrading of facilities, particularly during the holiday season.
- \*52. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister and/or the Department of Health is studying the Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare report on drug problems in Australia ; if so—(a) what are the results of that study ; and (b) whether, in the event that the study is not finished, when the study will be finished and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*53. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.
- \*54. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of "J" Ward at Ararat—
1. Whether the Government has plans to improve facilities at "J" Ward ; if so, when it is proposed that work will start.
  2. Whether the Government is considering moving the maximum security hospital to an area of the State other than Ararat ; if so, how far plans have progressed and when it is proposed that work would commence.
- \*55. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Foreign Practitioners Qualification Committee has now examined Mr. Thirumuppath Achuthan ; if so, with what result, in what matters was Mr. Achuthan tested, and in which areas he was found not satisfactory.
- \*56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4.6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.
- \*57. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Department of Health charges municipal authorities for the examination of plans and specifications of such buildings as pre-school centres and other municipal activities ; if so, when this practice commenced.
- \*58. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2664 answered on 11th October, 1977 concerning a report prepared on the on-call and re-call amounts paid to doctors in 1976-77, when the report mentioned in part (c) will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*59. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of questions Nos. 2541 and 2543 answered on 25th October, 1977, which changes occurred in the allocation of municipalities to the statistical regions and which municipalities are contained in the new statistical division included as Region 10 (a).
- \*60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
- \*61. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. Whether any doctors who did not pay their registration fee were subsequently registered ; if so, how many.
  2. How many doctors failing to pay the registration fee were subsequently dropped from the list.

- \*62. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of statistics comparing hospital resource use, commonly known as "Hospower", whether the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with the figures for all hospitals for the past four quarters.
- \*63. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of public swimming pools, the Department of Health or the Commission of Public Health has received requests for the Swimming Pools (Water Purification) Regulations 1969 to be amended ; if so, whether amendments will be agreed to and, in that event, in what respect and when ; if not, why.
- \*64. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
- \*65. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of food standards—(a) whether the Minister will provide full details of the difficulties encountered by the officers of the Department of Health with the New South Wales company which produced the suspect egg-pulp ; and (b) whether the Minister or the Department has received representations from the Food Industry Council concerning the Health (Control of Pathogens) Regulations 1977 ; if so, what is the basis for the approach, what changes are proposed, and when a decision will be made.
- \*66. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each—(a) teaching hospital ; (b) non-teaching hospital with more than 200 beds ; and (c) base hospital, what were the numbers on waiting lists for public or standard patients and private patients, respectively, as at 30th June, 1975, 30th June, 1976, 30th June, 1977 and 30th October, 1977.
- \*67. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
- \*68. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.
- \*69. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public ; (b) charitable ; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services ; (ii) outpatients' services ; (iii) midwifery ; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977 ; (b) 1978 ; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria ; (b) Melbourne ; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
- \*70. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of community health centres located in or servicing the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each centre.
  2. What additional community health centres are scheduled to open in—(a) 1977 ; (b) 1978 ; and (c) 1979.
- \*71. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of building works being carried out at the Portland hospital by Prentice Builders—(a) what was the successful tender price for each section of the work ; (b) what were the names of the unsuccessful tenderers and their quotes for the above works ; and (c) whether tenders were called and let on the basis that all carpenters and other building tradesmen employed on the job would be paid the National Building Trades Construction Award E.L.S.A. Melbourne rates of pay or on the Elsewhere Rates of pay (country rates) ; if so, what were the details of the basis of payment.
- \*72. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes, whether any research is presently being conducted in the Department of Health, or by outsiders with the co-operation of the Department, to evaluate their effectiveness ; if so—(a) what projects are being evaluated, in which regions, who is carrying out the research, and what is the expected date of the completion of each evaluation ; (b) whether it is proposed to introduce any more complexes prior to the completion of such research and, if so, why ; and (c) whether copies of the research material will be made available on completion to the Member for Brunswick.

- \*73. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of pre-school medical examinations, whether the Department of Health has up to date figures, by region, as to—(a) the number of examinations per 1,000 of population ; and (b) number of children of pre-school age, as used in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Hospital and Health Services in Victoria ; if so, whether those figures will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*74. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes—
1. At what locations complexes have been set up to date, specifying the resources available to each complex.
  2. What proposed complexes will be set up in 1977–78.
  3. Which municipal councils have been approached to participate in such complexes, specifying those municipalities which have agreed to participate.
  4. How many complexes are expected to be created in Victoria, specifying the municipalities to be involved in each complex.
  5. What was the expenditure on such complexes in 1976–77 and what expenditure is proposed in 1977–78, specifying State, Commonwealth and other contributors.
- \*75. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Commonwealth Childhood Services Programme 1974–75 for the establishment of pre-school and child care services—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government asked the State to delete certain commitments from the programme ; if so, when, on what basis and which projects.
  2. Which organizations have been sent letters by the Secretary of the Department of Health asking that projects be not proceeded with for the present, specifying the nature of the project concerned, the date of original Departmental approval and the estimated cost.
  3. Which organizations have not been asked to delay commencement of projects.
- \*76. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Dental Centres at Footscray and North Fitzroy, which schools receive services from each of these centres, specifying the last year at which a full service was carried out.
- \*77. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
- \*78. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child-care places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the district, indicating in each case, what arrangements are available for free or reduced-fee accommodation to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
- \*79. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
- \*80. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What steps are to be taken to establish dental clinics at schools in the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster.
  2. What consideration has been given to providing mobile clinics to service schools with no permanent dental clinics.
- \*81. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Whether he had deferred a decision on a subsidy to Melton Shire Council for the construction of the Kingsway pre-school ; if so—(a) why ; and (b) when he will make a decision.
  2. In which other cases a decision on a subsidy has been deferred.
- \*82. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, further to his answer to the question without notice asked by the Member for Evelyn on 23rd November, 1977 concerning questions on notice, what was the time taken and cost involved in answering each question asked by the Member for Brunswick during the Spring sitting.

- \*83. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age in the districts whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child care places is available at centres within the districts.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the districts, indicating in each case, what arrangements for free or reduced-fee accommodation are available to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the districts in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
- \*84. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what suburbs of Melbourne the Country Roads Board has conducted or sponsored studies of traffic noise, indicating—(a) who carried out such studies ; (b) when ; and (c) whether copies of such studies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*85. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2680 asked on 20th October, 1977—
1. Whether the Country Roads Board has purchased any properties in this area ; if so, which properties.
  2. In respect of Nicholson-street, Coburg, and Holmes-street, Brunswick, what plans exist for road widening and intersection improvement, indicating whether any properties have already been acquired for these purposes.
- \*86. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the reconstruction of the Lygon-street Main Drain Park-street Diversion, whether the Country Roads Board still intends to finance the work ; if so, for what purpose and when it is expected that the work will be carried out.
- \*87. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
- \*88. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977 ; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
- \*89. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated ; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
- \*90. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools are to be allocated the thirty additional migrant English teachers approved by him, when additional appointments are to be made and to which schools they will be appointed.
- \*91. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to the question without notice on services for the mentally retarded answered on 20th September, 1977—
1. When the Committee sent the report to the Premier's Department indicating, when it was received by the Department, who received it, and what has occurred from the report in the intervening period.
  2. When he expects to—(a) see the report ; and (b) release it.
- \*92. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved ; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
- \*93. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of an emergency road rescue vehicle, whether, following the deputation organized by the Member for Brunswick to him on behalf of the Hospital Employees' Federation (No. 1 Branch), the Fire Fighters Union and the Police Association, he will now agree to make funds available for such a vehicle ; if so, when the funds will be made available.

- \*94. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the Report on the Building and Development Control System in Victoria, whether a committee has been set up to examine the report with a view to the introduction of legislation ; if so, who is on the committee, whether it is seeking submissions from outside organizations, and when it is expected to report.
- \*95. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Chief Secretary has requested the Minister of Health or his Department to study the possibility of registering massage parlors and health studios ; if so, when such a request was made and with what result.
- \*96. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of health insurance organizations in Victoria—
1. Whether the Chief Secretary is aware that the Commonwealth Minister of Health has established a working party on the subject of the democratic right of contributors to elect managing boards of health funds ; if so, whether he or his officers have provided any material or views to the working party and, in that event, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. What conditions apply for election to the managing boards of each Friendly Society and Benefit Fund registered in Victoria.
- \*97. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- \*98. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What moneys have been made available to councils in the Mildura area for the relief of unemployment, indicating on what basis these moneys were made available.
  2. Whether any of those persons subsequently employed were previously employed by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ; if so, when they were discharged from the Commission's employment.
- \*99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme ; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
- \*100. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Which properties are owned by the Housing Commission in the Lee-street-Princes-street area of Carlton, specifying the address, date of purchase, and purchase price.
  2. What is the Commission's intention in respect of each property, indicating—(a) which properties are to be renovated to welfare standards ; (b) which properties are to be renovated to investment standard ; (c) which properties are to be demolished to make way for flats ; and (d) whether the flats will be available for rental to Commission tenants or will be used in some other way.
  3. Who will occupy the proposed five new in-fill houses and where they will be constructed in the block.
  4. Whether the Commission has an estimated date for the commencement of the various upgradings of the properties.
- \*101. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons—
1. Whether submissions have been received requesting the Public Service Board and other public Instrumentalities to adopt special policies on the question of recruitment ; if so, from whom and with what result.
  2. Whether the Board and/or other public Instrumentalities adopt special criteria, in the recruitment of such persons ; if so, what criteria and how many persons have been recruited in each of the past three years.
- \*102. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the reception organized by the Government for the former Governor-General, Sir John Kerr—(a) how many people were invited ; (b) on what basis invitations were sent out ; and (c) what was the estimated cost of the function to the State.
- \*103. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, in respect of each friendly society and benefit association medical service and/or hospital benefit fund in Victoria for 1976-77, the Minister will supply the Member for Brunswick with details as soon as they are available as to—(a) the income of each body, specifying the amount received by way of contribution, interest, and Commonwealth Benefit subsidies ; (b) the expenditure of each body, specifying the amount expended on medical benefits, hospital benefits, management, and Commonwealth Government benefits ; (c) the total of each fund as at 30th June, 1976 ; and (d) the number of contributors to each fund at the beginning and end, respectively, of the 1976-77 financial year.

- \*104. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of hospital construction in Victoria, which hospitals have been permitted to borrow funds guaranteed by the State, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the date, amount and period of the guarantee ; (c) the works to be done ; and (d) whether State funds are to be made available towards the works and, if so, when.
- \*105. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.
- \*106. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, in respect of pamphlets prepared by the Department of Health, whether he is aware that very few of the leaflets are available in Arabic ; if so, whether he has approached the Department to overcome this problem and when it is expected that the range of leaflets which are available in Italian and Greek will also be available in Arabic.
- \*107. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What are the present and projected arrangements, respectively, for providing dental services at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of students at each school who had a school dental examination in each of the past five years for which information is available.
- \*108. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) the Moorabbin hospital and (b) the Oakleigh District Community hospital, what is the average waiting period for—(i) standard ward patients with Medibank levy cover ; and (ii) intermediate patients, in each category of hospital service.
- \*109. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
- \*110. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
- \*111. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
- \*112. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients at community health centres being charged fees for the centres—
1. When discussions commenced with the Commonwealth Government on this subject and at whose initiative.
  2. When negotiations between the State and Commonwealth Governments concluded.
  3. Whether any surveys or studies have been completed on the subject of the payment of fees or on the existence of salaried services at community health centres.
  4. What proportion of users of community health centres are insured patients and on what basis this estimate is made.
  5. On what services fees are to be charged.
  6. Whether income will be additional to allocations already made to the community health centres or whether their allocation will be reduced on the basis of fee income received.
  7. What is the expected revenue to the State in this financial year and in a full year.
- \*113. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of studies which suggest that two pesticides, chlordane and heptachlor, are carcinogens.
  2. Whether the two pesticides are used in products on sale in Victoria ; if so, in which products and for what purpose.
  3. Whether the Government proposes any action to restrict the use of these pesticides.

- \*114. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Government's announcement that the F2 Freeway, south of Bell-street, Coburg, will not proceed—
1. Which properties south of Bell-street are owned by the Country Roads Board, at what expense they were obtained, and when.
  2. What are the Board's plans in respect of each property.
- \*115. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether the Minister is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
- \*116. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2356 answered on 20th September, 1977, in respect of the use of rapeseed oil in foodstuffs—
1. Whether a report has now been received from the National Health and Medical Research Council ; if so, whether the Minister will make available a copy of such report to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. What action and recommendations have been made by the Food Standards Committee, and what action has been taken, or is proposed, by the relevant Department on this matter.
- \*117. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. On what grounds the Medical Board refused to restore Dr. Sender to the Register and whether the refusal was for an indefinite or a fixed term.
  2. Whether any doctors who did not pay their fee for re-registration and whose registration thus lapsed on the 1st January, 1977, subsequently made application for re-registration and were re-registered ; if so, how many.
- \*118. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.
- \*119. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what amounts have been allocated this financial year for grants to ethnic organizations and welfare programmes, indicating to whom grants have been made and on what basis, and what money remains to be spent in this financial year.
- \*120. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Youth Job Centre which it was claimed was set up by the State Government—
1. How many persons are employed on the staff of the Centre, specifying each category of staff.
  2. In each month since the Centre was opened—(a) how many young people have contacted the Centre ; (b) how many people have applied to the Centre for assistance in finding a job ; and (c) how many persons have been placed in jobs.
  3. What State Government commitment has been made to the Centre.
- \*121. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.



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CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES (JOINT)—Mr. Amos, Mr. Cathie, Mr. Evans (*Gippsland East*), Mr. McClure, and Mr. Plowman.

HOUSE (JOINT)—Mr. Speaker (*ex officio*), Mr. Crellin, the Hon. R. C. Dunstan, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Evans (*Gippsland East*), and Mr. Fordham.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. McInnes, Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Skeggs.

MEAT INDUSTRY (JOINT)—Mr. Fogarty, Mr. Ginifer, Mr. McKellar, Mr. Suggett, and Mr. Trewin.

PRINTING—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ebery, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hann, Mr. Roper, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wilton.

PRIVILEGES—The Hon. V. J. Doube, Mr. Evans (*Gippsland East*), Mr. McCabe, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Suggett, Mr. Templeton, and Mr. Wilkes.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. Crabb, The Hon. V. J. Doube, Mr. Hann, Mr. Mackinnon, Mrs. Patrick, Mr. Reese, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Trezise.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT)—Mr. Billing, Mr. Burgin, Mr. Culpin, Mr. McArthur, and Mr. Mutton.

STANDING ORDERS—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fordham, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Reese, Mr. Ross-Edwards, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Wilkes.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—Mr. Ebery, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Evans (*Ballarat North*), Mr. McInnes, Mr. Skeggs, Mr. Smith (*South Barwon*), and Mr. Wilton.

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (JOINT)—Mr. Birrell, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Roper, and Mr. Williams.

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## NOTICE PAPER

No. 2

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THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1978

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### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROPER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be introduced to control the fees charged by private medical practitioners and to ensure that members of the public are not charged more than fees set by the Medical Fees Tribunal.
- \*2. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes*".

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*2. VICTORIAN FILM CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*4. AERIAL SPRAYING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*5. DAIRY PRODUCTS (REPEAL) BILL—Second reading.
6. CONSTITUTION BILL—Second reading.
- \*7. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
8. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*9. REFERENCE AREAS BILL—Second reading.
- \*10. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*11. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*12. ARCHITECTS (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*13. MARINE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
14. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate*.
- \*15. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TENDERS—To be considered.

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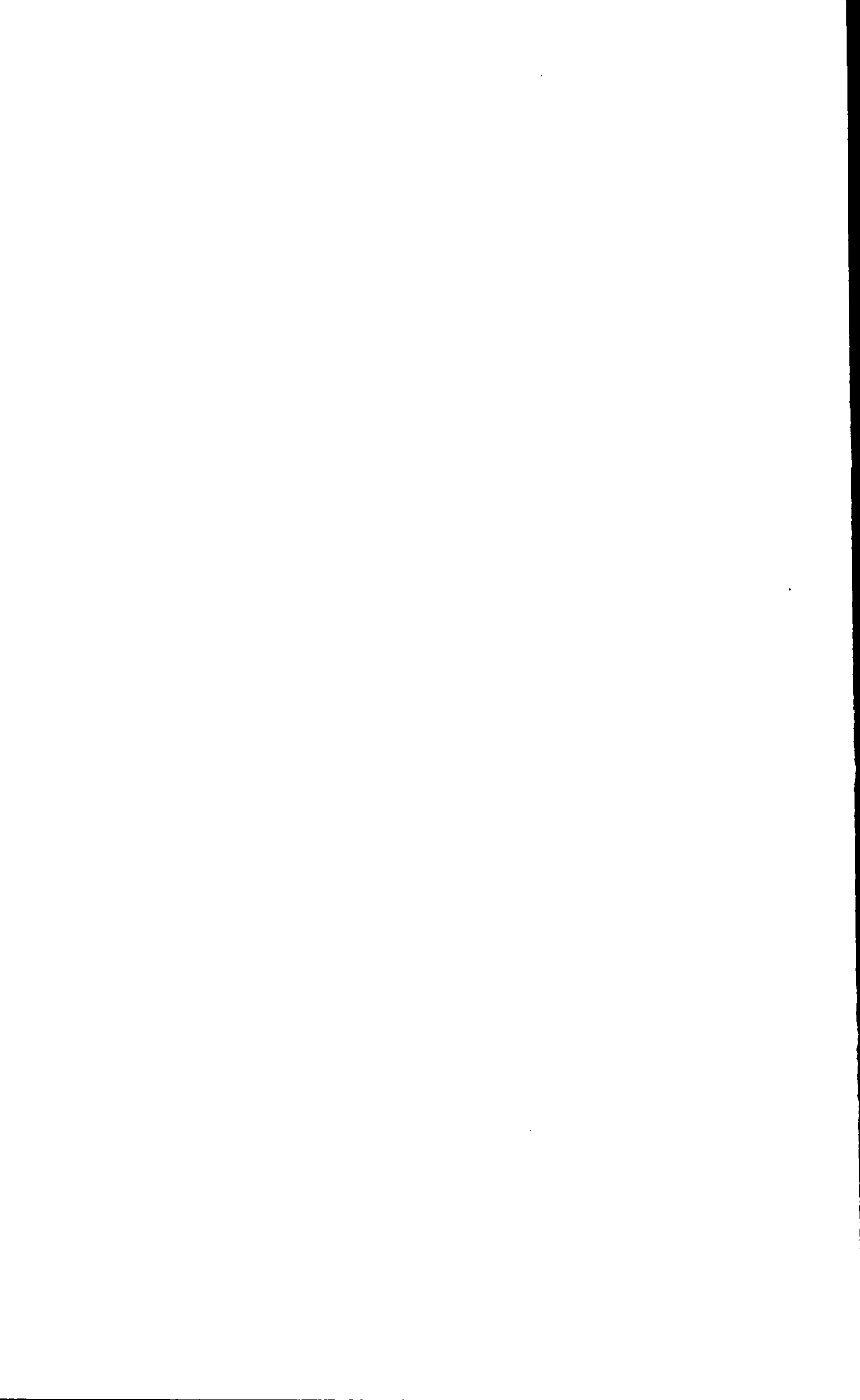
TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Order of the Day

1. GAS AND FUEL CORPORATION (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time.



## QUESTIONS

*(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)*

- \*122. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date, the Department received reimbursement for the cost.
- \*123. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, further to question No. 2576 answered on the 19th October, 1977, whether any further action has been taken in respect of the offer of \$1 million for community purposes made by the Smorgon family ; if not, why.
- \*124. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to question No. 2749 answered on 20th October, 1977—
1. What progress has been made in examining the Australian Law Reform Commission's report on human transplants.
  2. Whether legislation is to be introduced ; if so, on what basis and when.
- \*125. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of Division 6 of the *Summary Offences Act* 1966 relating to juvenile smoking, in each of the past five years—
1. How many persons have been charged under section 43 and what has been the result of each case.
  2. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (1) and with what result.
  3. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (2) (b), specifying the result in each case.
- \*126. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport why modern passenger rail carriages, similar to those provided on Melbourne suburban routes, are not made available for the Geelong-Melbourne rail route.
- \*127. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many Bingo licences have been issued for the Geelong region.
  2. What was the total fee collected or due to the State by each such operating licence for 1977.
- \*128. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Which Housing Commission estates in the Geelong region have planned for local shopping facilities in the near future.
  2. Where such shops will be situated.
  3. When such shopping facilities will be available.
- \*129. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the additional storage facilities were not proceeded with.
- \*130. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what salaries and expenses etc. were paid in 1977 in respect of the Chairman and members of the—(a) Trotting Control Board ; and (b) Greyhound Racing Control Board.
- \*131. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
- \*132. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
- \*133. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
- \*134. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.

- \*135. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—  
 (a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.
- \*136. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
  2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.
- \*137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
  2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.
- \*138. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. On what dates the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment produced background papers.
  2. What was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the names of the persons and groups who received copies in each case.
- \*139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.
- \*140. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which evaluations of the Community Youth Support Scheme, the Special Youth Unemployment Training Programme and the Job Relocation Scheme in Victoria were submitted to the Commonwealth Government, indicating—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each report.
- \*141. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
  2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary on 29th April, 1978.
  3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
  4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.
- \*142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—
1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively have been successful.
  2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
  3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
  4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
  5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.
- \*143. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier what are the dates on which the Victorian Government has held consultations concerning the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry—  
 (a) within its own structure ; (b) with employer groups ; (c) with consumer groups ; and (d) with trade unions, specifying in each case—(i) the subject ; (ii) the substance of the outcome ; and (iii) the names of the participants.
- \*144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.

- \*145. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to the recommendation of the Norgard Inquiry that all Government Departments and Authorities should register vacancies with the Commonwealth Employment Service ; if so, on what dates and by what means action has been taken to give effect to the recommendation.
- \*146. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what arrangements have been made for maintenance of the monitoring of regional employment patterns in the event of the Commonwealth Government discontinuing the Commonwealth Employment Service series.
- \*147. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme—
1. What mechanism is used to monitor the training and experience received by each employee during the subsidy period.
  2. What record or report is sent to the department and employee, respectively, after the subsidy period has expired.
- \*148. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, on what dates he has—(a) sought; and (b) received assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs that services for Australians of ethnic origin which were previously administered by the department of Social Security will be retained at least at the present level following their transfer to the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.
- \*149. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier, on what dates and by what means the Victorian Government has communicated views to the Commonwealth Government on—(a) the Green Paper on Manufacturing Industry; and (b) the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry, and what was the subject and substance of the views expressed in each case.
- \*150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.
- \*151. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many manufacturing firms have discontinued production in Victoria in the past two years in order to resume activities—(a) interstate ; and (b) overseas, indicating the number of jobs and the value of production lost to Victoria in each case.
- \*152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.
- \*153. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has executed any Government guarantee under section 94 of the *Co-operation Act* 1958 on behalf of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operative Limited.
- \*154. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the incidence of asbestosis amongst Victorian employees—
1. Whether surveys have been taken to ascertain the extent of the disease.
  2. Whether new protection standards are proposed and what other action has been taken or is proposed.
- \*155. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture how many brucellosis reactors have been slaughtered in Victorian abattoirs during the two year period ending 31st December, 1977, indicating the name and address of each abattoir and the number of reactors slaughtered at each abattoir during the two year period.
- \*156. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what counselling, guidance and clerical services, respectively, are currently available in the Swan Hill area; and what services were available in 1977.
- \*157. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education why the special educational programme for deaf/blind children at Kew Cottages has been abandoned.

- \*158. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area ; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type ; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
- \*159. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Council for Christian Education in Schools for an increase in the government grant to a level of 50 per centum of the Council's expenditure ; if so, whether the request will be supported.
- \*160. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Who are the members of each of the twelve task forces appointed to examine different aspects of special education in Victoria.
  2. What are the qualifications on each of the members.
  3. What are the terms of reference of each of the task forces.
- \*161. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a survey was undertaken by the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory in 1975 regarding the design and function of 69.1.900 building type schools ; if so—(a) whether a report has been prepared ; and (b) whether he will supply the results to interested Members.
- \*162. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why teachers are not allowed to take leave without pay or to be seconded to the position of Community Education Officer in schools.
  2. Whether the departmental policy on this matter was determined prior to consultation with the Community Education Committee and what is the view of the Committee on this issue.
- \*163. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office ; (b) converted shelter-shed ; (c) assembly hall cloak room ; (d) condemned ex-army hut ; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
- \*164. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school ; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.
- \*165. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to Highvale primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. What was the expected maximum enrolment when the present permanent buildings at the school were constructed.
  3. How many portable class-rooms are at the school.
  4. When the proposed new primary school at Weedon-drive will be able to take students from Highvale.
- \*166. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.

- \*167. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
- \*168. MR. WILKES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
- \*169. MR. WILKES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme; (b) Bridging Training Programs; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
- \*170. MR. WILKES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the N.E.A.T. scheme, how many people in Victoria have applied for training under each industry or skill statistical group, and what is the—(a) number and (b) percentage, respectively, who have—(i) been accepted; and (ii) successfully completed training in each case.
- \*171. MR. WILKES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment; (b) found other employment; and (c) become unemployed, following the six-months subsidy period.
- \*172. MR. WILKES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
- \*173. MRS. TONER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property; (b) number of lives lost; (c) number of people injured; (d) number of livestock destroyed; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive.
- \*174. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of information on provision for moderately handicapped children in Mental Health Authority residential institutions, day training centres and St. Nicholas hospital, respectively, at June 1973, set out in Appendix H of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education in Victoria, whether he is able to give comparable information for each subsequent year.
- \*175. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 1 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that consultant specialist teacher services should be extended and developed to provide support for teaching staff to enable handicapped children to be educated as far as possible in normal groups, has been accepted by the Government; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
- \*176. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 15 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that in order to take full advantage of the grant recommended by the Interim Committee which will provide for the training of 230 additional teachers, the Education Department should offer the following for 1974:—270 places for the Trained Special Teacher's Certificate; 25 places for the Trained Homecraft Teacher's Certificate; 50 places for the Trained Teacher's Certificate for Teacher of the Deaf, has been accepted by the Government; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.



- \*177. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 18 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that as many places as are available to Education Department teachers in the School of Speech Science should be filled through studentships and normal study leave provisions, and the present system of bursaries should be continued, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
- \*178. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 17 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that as many places as possible should be made available to Education Department teachers through studentships and normal study leave provisions to undertake approved courses towards professional qualifications in psychology and social work, and a system of bursaries should be initiated, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
- \*179. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 19 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that teacher Education Division should be asked to ensure that studentship holders are made aware of the opportunity to undertake a course in special education through extension of studentships, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
- \*180. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 25 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that there should be overseas recruitment and airlift of 180 teachers with qualifications and experience in special education, 80 of whom will be required in Term III. of 1973 and preferably should be qualified and experienced in the field of remediation of learning difficulties ; and there should be similar provision for 1974 of 100 teachers with basic primary qualifications and experience to replace teachers from primary schools who secure study leave for a course in special education, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
- \*181. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 26 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that a site of 100 acres be acquired and reserved for the purpose of a College of Special Education and associated educational complexes has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
- \*182. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 36 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that the Director-General should initiate a feasibility study to examine the desirability of establishing a classified roll of special teachers within the Special Services Division, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
- \*183. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
- \*184. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
- \*185. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what additional school and other facilities are to be provided for the handicapped in the western suburbs over the period 1978-80.
- \*186. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
- \*187. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a decision has been made on the recommended increase of subsidy for the construction of school swimming pools ; if not, why ; if so, what is the current position.
- \*188. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many temporary teachers have been employed in each of the past three years and how many of such teachers are women.
  2. Whether there are any restrictions at present on the employment of temporary teachers.
  3. Whether any new restrictions are to be applied for the employment of temporary teachers in 1978.
- \*189. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.

- \*190. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
- \*191. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.
- \*192. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
- \*193. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.
- \*194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
- \*195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
- \*196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
- \*197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
- \*198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
- \*199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
- \*200. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether teachers recruited from the United States of America can remain in the teaching service beyond their original contract period ; if so, whether they can be appointed as permanent teachers without relinquishing their American citizenship.

- \*201. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates teachers will be required to report for duty after the summer vacation in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. Whether the annual leave entitlements of teachers are currently under review.
  3. Whether compulsory in-service programmes during term breaks are proposed for any group of teachers.
- \*202. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980.
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school; if so, when construction will—(a) commence; and (b) be completed.
- \*203. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976, and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker; and (b) what further payment is to be made.
- \*204. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
- \*205. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what is the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each submission which has been put to the Teachers Tribunal pursuant to recommendation 5 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education; that the Education Department should examine the feasibility of providing permanent positions with career opportunities for part-time teachers, and what reasons have been given for the view that it is currently impossible to appoint teachers employed part-time to permanent positions and provide career opportunities.
- \*206. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each request for medical and paramedical staff in special education, which has been addressed by the Education Department to the Department of Health, and what was the response in each case.
- \*207. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the 97 teacher aides so far appointed to special schools and services were recruited pursuant to acceptance of recommendation 31 of the Interim Committee of Inquiry into Special Education that approximately 200 aides should be appointed to these schools and services by 1974; if so, when the 1974 target will be met.
- \*208. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means the attention of the Teachers Tribunal was drawn to recommendation 12 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education that, to ensure the retention of existing specialist staff and to attract well-qualified recruits, urgent action should be taken to create salary schedules at least comparable with those on tertiary institutions and incorporating an adequate career structure, and whether present salary levels which overlap with levels applying in tertiary institutions at a number of points are the Tribunal's response to that recommendation.
- \*209. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the representations to the Australian Schools Commission to ensure provision of funds to cover the cost of travelling and subsistence of special education staff envisaged in recommendation 13 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education have been made; if not, what is the reason for the delay.
- \*210. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
- \*211. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received representations from the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of Physics concerning the reduction in science teaching in Victorian secondary schools; if so, what action is to be taken.

- \*212. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the detailed basis of the allocation of capital funds for—(a) major works ; and (b) minor works between regions of the Education Department in 1976–77 and in 1977–78.
- \*213. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Ardoch school—
1. What is the present enrolment.
  2. What is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. What additional facilities are to be provided on the site other than those of a standard secondary school.
  4. What is the basis of entry to the school.
- \*214. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject recommendation 24 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, referred to in answer to question No. 2523 given on 18th October, 1977, indicating who made the decision and for what reasons.
- \*215. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject recommendation 20 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education referred to in answer to question No. 2519 given on 18th October 1977, indicating who made the decision, and for what reasons.
- \*216. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the planned new wing at Healesville high school.
- \*217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.
- \*218. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the proposed professional staff structure for the Curriculum Services Unit envisages reduction of the number of staff supporting schools in the areas of literacy, numeracy, oracy and vocational orientation ; if so ; what is the reduction and why it has been proposed.
- \*219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
- \*220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
- \*221. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed Chirside primary school, North Croydon—
1. Whether a site has been purchased in Songbird-avenue ; if so, when the purchase was completed.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the school.
  3. When it is expected that construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. Whether it is expected that the school will commence in portable class-rooms ; if so, when.
  5. Whether he is aware of the acute overcrowding that would occur at the Lilydale West primary school if the school is not open by the start of the 1979 school year.
- \*222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
- \*223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
- \*224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.

- \*225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
- \*226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
- \*227. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
- \*228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
- \*229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
- \*230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
- \*231. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many secondary schools within the electoral district of Werribee submitted names of members of their staff for the position of career guidance officers in 1976.
  2. What is the position of those schools which could not find suitable applicants from the present staff to act as career guidance officers.
  3. What promotion opportunities exist for staff members who now hold the position of career guidance officers.
  4. When it is envisaged that all secondary schools within the district will have career guidance officers attached to their staff.
- \*232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
- \*233. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of secondary schools in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. Which schools have—(a) a Commonwealth standard library ; (b) a Commonwealth standard science block ; and (c) an assembly hall.
  2. Which schools plan improvements in the next three years, indicating—(a) the date of construction and basis of financing of each library, science block and assembly hall ; and (b) the nature and cost of improvements.
- \*234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.

- \*235. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each of the Education Task Forces established in 1973, what works were recommended for schools within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating—(a) which of the recommended works—(i) have been completed ; (ii) are currently in progress ; or (iii) are currently being tendered for ; and (b) when tenders are expected to be called for each of the other recommended works.
- \*236. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral district of Werribee have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of such works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date and (c) the completion date.
- \*237. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
- \*238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
- \*239. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to the advertisement in the *Education Gazette* of 4th November, 1977 concerning proposed secondments to the Special Services Division—
1. On what date the newly seconded teachers will commence duty within the Division.
  2. When these seconded persons will be expected to terminate their work within the Division.
  3. Whether the new secondees will receive a \$500 gratuity, and whether persons who were seconded throughout 1977 will receive a \$500 gratuity for that year.
  4. What are the required commencement and finishing dates for seconded teachers who are continuing their secondment from 1977 to 1978.
  5. Whether he will guarantee that any teachers wishing to return from the Division to teaching duties in a school in 1978 will be able to do so.
- \*240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
- \*241. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds were allocated to each region for the current financial year, indicating how much was provided for new schools and additions and improvements to existing schools, respectively.
  2. Whether there was any loading in the funding for regions with expanding populations ; if so, what loading and which regions received the loading.
- \*242. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what were the circumstances that required Police vehicle IVD 040 to be used at 5.25 p.m. on 28th February, 1978 to remove two boys from the vicinity of the Footscray Park lily ponds.
- \*243. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of apprentices indentured to employers in Victoria during 1977 and those seeking indentures—
1. How many applications to the Industrial Training Commission were—(a) received ; and (b) approved, indicating how many of those approved were unable to commence apprenticeship training.
  2. How many applicants for apprenticeships in—(a) sheet-metal ; (b) electrical ; and (c) building trades were apprenticed, indicating how this figure compares with each of the previous five years.
  3. What percentage of existing apprentices in—(a) metal ; and (b) building trades left their employment.
- \*244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
- \*245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.

- \*246. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether the Country Roads Board financial allocation allows for completion of the Grimshaw-street Overpass during 1977-78.
  2. What is the expected completion date of the works.
- \*247. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether staffing schedules at the Austin Hospital are such that existing staff are carrying an additional 176 hours in one ward.
  2. Whether categories of training are taken into account in staffing.
- \*248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
- \*249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
- \*250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
- \*251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
- \*252. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating (i) the number ; and (ii) the percentage who have waited up to six months ; 6 to 12 months ; 12 to 18 months ; 18 to 24 months ; and more than 24 months, respectively.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
- \*253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
- \*254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
- \*255. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
- \*256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.
- \*257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.

- \*258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.
- \*259. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—
1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
  2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
  3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
  4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
  5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
  6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
  7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
  8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
  9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.
- \*260. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to Watsonia Heights primary school—
1. What progress has been made in respect of siteworks to rectify areas defined as dangerous in a report prepared by the Public Works Department in July, 1977.
  2. What progress the Public Works Department has made in provision of an estimate for the staff administration area.
- \*261. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts—
1. What was the original estimate of cost for stage two and stage three respectively of the Victorian Arts Centre and what was the estimated completion date for each stage.
  2. When these estimates of cost have been revised by the Building Committee, indicating the amounts in each case.
  3. What is the present estimated completion date for each section.
- \*262. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether the Shapiro Report (the Westernport Bay Environmental Study) recommended an investigation to be carried out into forming a specific State Authority for managing coastal areas ; if so, what action has been taken to date on this recommendation.
  2. Whether the Report also recommended that a survey be conducted of the existing legislation covering wetlands and tidal areas ; if so, when this survey was completed and with what recommendations.
- \*263. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What were the requirements and recommendations of the final report of the Newport Review Panel.
  2. Which of these recommendations have been acted on to date, indicating the reasons where no action has been taken.
- \*264. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. What appeals have been lodged with the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal against decisions of the Westernport Regional Planning Authority in the last two years indicating where the appeals were lodged, by whom, and the decision in each case.
  2. What appeals are still pending.
- \*265. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Department of Crown Lands and Survey request farmers to spray their land using phenoxy herbicides such as 244D and 245T ; if so—(a) for what purposes ; (b) what guidelines are laid down ; and (c) what action is taken if the instruction is not complied with.
- \*266. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. Whether he has received a deputation from the Job Creation Task Force for Frankston and the Peninsula Region ; if so, with what result.
  2. Whether the task force proposed a scheme to employ 204 persons on specific projects in the community, at a cost of approximately \$1.3 million ; if so, whether he agreed to the scheme and, if not, why.



- \*267. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which Government Departments and Instrumentalities are funding Dr. Spillaine's studies of meteorology in the Latrobe Valley, indicating—(a) what data still remains to be analysed ; (b) what staff is available for the purpose ; and (c) when the studies are expected to be completed.
- \*268. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the report of the Board of Inquiry into the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 will be tabled during the Autumn Session of Parliament ; if so, when.
- \*269. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the present priority for the proposed pedestrian operated lights to be installed in Bell-street, Coburg, between Alice-street and Suffolk-avenue.
- \*270. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, when it is envisaged that indexation of valuation will be tested and evaluated within a municipality.
- \*271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
- \*272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
- \*273. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether officers of the Town and Country Planning Board and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works have finalized their revised statement of a Metropolitan Planning Policy ; if so, when will the policy be published.
- \*274. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether there has been any alteration to the proposed route of the F2 freeway ; if so, whether there are any more properties in Coburg affected by the new route.
- \*275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
- \*276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
- \*277. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he is aware that the changed timetable on the Hurstbridge line which alters the earliest train departure from Eltham station to 8.23 a.m. affects a number of employees of two hospitals, forcing them to seek other means of transport ; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that an earlier train is provided.
- \*278. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What is the incidence of industrial deafness in the sawmilling industry.
  2. What measures are taken to ensure that workers wear ear-muffs.
- \*279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
- \*280. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date, indicating by what means and with what result, the concurrence of the Commonwealth Government and/or its agencies was sought in the implementation of recommendations 27, 28 and 29 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education.

- \*281. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present—(a) actual ; and (b) authorized strength of the Victoria Police Force.
  2. What is the present—(a) female strength ; and (b) number of cadets.
  3. How many recruits are at present in training at the Police Academy at Glen Waverley.
  4. What was the wastage in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated wastage in actual strength in 1978.
  5. What was the overall increase in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated actual increase in 1978.
  6. What was the ratio of police strength to population in Victoria as at 1st March, 1978.
- \*282. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force during the period 1965 to 1978, categorizing—(a) appointments to the Force ; (b) losses through retirement, ill-health, resignations and dismissals ; and (c) net gain.
- \*283. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
- \*284. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the Victoria Police Force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.
- \*285. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many complaints were lodged against members of the Victoria Police Force from January to December, 1977, and from January 1978 to date, indicating who lodged such complaints and what was the nature of the complaints.
  2. How many of these complaints were handled by the Police Discipline Board.
  3. What action was taken by the Police Department in respect of these complaints.
  4. How many of these complaints were made against—(a) members of the Uniform Branch ; and (b) members of the Criminal Investigation Branch.
- \*286. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in the year 1978-79.
- \*287. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what moneys allocated to the Victoria Police Force for expenditure on capital works for the current financial year has yet to be spent, indicating what works have yet to be started and/or completed.
- \*288. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many recruits have completed training at the Police Academy in each year from 1974 to 1977 inclusive, and what estimated number of recruits will complete training in 1978.
  2. What investigations, if any, have been made into extending training facilities at the Academy.
- \*289. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
- \*290. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many members of the Victoria Police Force were involved or employed in security duties during the recent visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Sir Robert Menzies.

\*291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—

1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
2. During what hours tests are conducted.
3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.

\*292. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in the period from 1st December, 1976 to 1st March, 1978—

1. How many motorists were tested under the *Motor Car (Breath Testing Stations) Act 1976* by use of the puff bag, indicating—(a) how many were subsequently tested by the breathalyser ; and (b) how many motorists subsequently tested by the breathalyser were found to have a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
2. How many motorists, apart from those subjected to random breath test, were required to have a breathalyser test, indicating how many had a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.

\*293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.

\*294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.

\*295. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. How many persons have been killed as a result of car accidents on Victorian roads in the past twelve months, and in each of the years from 1968 to date.
2. How many persons have been killed on Victorian roads since road accident statistics have been recorded.
3. How many persons in each of the years on record have been—(a) under 25 years of age; and (b) under 20 years of age, indicating how many persons in each category have been involved in serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
4. What statistics are available providing the cost to the community of road accidents in each of the years on record.

\*296. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many cars have been reported stolen in the past twelve months and in each year since 1968, indicating how many have been recovered in each year and how many persons have been convicted of offences.

\*297. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has given any consideration to legislation to ease the insurance burden of female car drivers under the age of 25 years in view of the statistics showing few accidents among such drivers.

\*298. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Victorian Railways Board has examined the feasibility of joining the Broadmeadows and Somerton rail services with the existing loop line at Broadmeadows, thus catering for travellers wishing to make trips to stations on either line ; if not, why.

- \*299. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Which hospitals within the metropolitan area have special facilities attached for the treatment of prisoners from Pentridge Prison.
  2. When these facilities were built and at what cost.
  3. How many Pentridge prisoners are currently inmates of public hospitals.
- \*300. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether there is any shortage of personnel attached to the Coburg Fire Station ; if so, in which positions the shortages occur and why.
- \*301. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the municipalities of Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Coburg, Essendon, Northcote and Preston, respectively—
1. Which system of valuation is used.
  2. What amount was received from the Victoria Grants Commission for the current financial year.
  3. What was the percentage of rate increase for the 1977-78 financial year.
  4. Whether a separate garbage charge is levied ; if so, at what rate.
- \*302. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of each category of crime recorded by the Victoria Police for statistical purposes, how many offences were—(a) committed ; and (b) cleared up, in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating in each case, the percentage variation over the previous year.
- \*303. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Diamond Creek Technical School—
1. What was the estimated enrolment growth at the school prior to its establishment.
  2. What was the actual enrolment in 1975 and 1976, respectively, what is the present enrolment, and what is the expected enrolment in 1978, 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. Whether a survey was recently undertaken in the Diamond Creek district which indicated that a majority of parents supported the provision of a combined technical/high school facility ; if so, what action he will take on the matter.
  4. When it is expected that a library and gymnasium will be constructed and ground improvements undertaken:
- \*304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
- \*305. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether payment has been made to speech therapists who signed an option to assume public service conditions in December, 1976, for the five months from 1st February, 1977, until 2nd July, 1977.
  2. Why the Education Department failed to adhere to the conditions set out in its agreement with the speech therapists, so affected.
- \*306. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the site presently being investigated in Broadgully road is the most appropriately placed school site, in view of the pattern of residential development in the Diamond Creek area.
  2. Whether other sites have been examined.
  3. Whether members of the Diamond Creek School Council have been consulted about the most appropriate position for a new school.
- \*307. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission recently conducted a seminar for principals and representatives of all schools to encourage schools to use more electricity.
- \*308. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, when the Department of Health will advise the Diamond Valley Shire Council of a subsidy for the provision of a meals-on-wheels kitchen and cardroom at the Greensborough Senior Citizens' Club:
- \*309. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has power to compulsorily acquire or purchase land along Alexandra parade, or elsewhere in the vicinity, being land not directly required for highway purposes ; if so, what steps have been taken to purchase properties of any persons who have complained that the enjoyment of their properties has been adversely affected by noise from traffic using Alexandra parade:
- \*310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds ; if so—(a) when such payments ceased ; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.

- \*311. **MR. EVANS (Gippsland East)** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.
- \*312. **MR. CRABB** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number ; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians ; (ii) passengers ; (iii) drivers ; (iv) motor cycle riders ; (v) bicycle riders ; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
- \*313. **MR. CRABB** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, what—(a) criminal offences ; (b) episodes of vandalism ; and (c) offences against Railway Regulations have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
- \*314. **MR. CRABB** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, and what plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which they are expected to become available.
- \*315. **MR. CRABB** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, for what period each day, if any, each station is unattended.
- \*316. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of breaches of licences and investigation of complaints in each of the past twelve months by the Environment Protection Authority and each of its delegated agencies—
1. How many breaches were detected, indicating whether in respect of land, water or air.
  2. How many prosecutions were launched, indicating those which were successful and the penalty imposed.
- \*317. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what are the current recruitment figures for the Victoria Police Force.
- \*318. **MR. CRABB** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.
- \*319. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Since the commencement of the *Public Records Act 1973*, how many professional staff have been employed by the Public Records Office stating their positions, the number of resignations each year and their positions, and the reasons given for resigning.
  2. Who is the current Keeper of Public Records, stating his qualifications.
- \*320. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How vital public records are selected for preservation, indicating—(a) which disposal schedules are operative ; (b) whether disposal schedules are available for researchers and members of the public ; if not, why ; and (c) whether any authorization has been given for the destruction of public records ; if so, what records.
  2. Whether standards have been established for the maintenance, selection and transfer of public records for preservation ; if so, what standards ; if not, when it is expected that standards will be formulated.
  3. What publications have been issued by the Keeper of Public Records.
  4. Whether it is proposed to prepare original publications, indicating what is in preparation ; if not, why.
  5. Whether there is a conservation unit or staff at the Public Records Office to repair priceless public records.
  6. Whether any records currently kept at Laverton are stored—(a) in tea-chests or similar depositories ; or (b) on the floor gathering dust.
  7. Whether any comprehensive guide to public record holdings has been prepared ; if not, when it is expected to be prepared.
- \*321. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, who are the current members of the Public Records Advisory Council, and what are their qualifications.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

- \*322. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether he will present to the House a cost benefit analysis of the Total Australian Community Campaign, giving details of—(a) community attitude change due to the campaign ; (b) the impact of the campaign on the community ; (c) the migrant groups involved, including a listing of any grants given to individuals or groups ; (d) the purpose for which the grants were given ; (e) itemized expenditure plus total expenditure ; and (f) an evaluation of the number of people who benefited from the campaign, giving details of how the campaign has benefited the ethnic communities.
  2. What action he proposes taking to assist the high proportion of overseas born 15–19 year olds who are unemployed.
- \*323. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. What is the name of the major teaching hospital which is to be associated with the Education Department in the development of the Nepean Special School.
  2. What is the date on which—(a) tenders are to be called for construction of the education and para-medical blocks of the Nepean Special School ; and (b) construction is to be completed.
- \*324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission is required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury ; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.
- \*325. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977–78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments ; (b) specific purpose grants ; and (c) revenue grants.
  2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
  3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977–78 ; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices ; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax ; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources ; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.
- \*326. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will ascertain and advise of the saving associated with Budget probate tax measures for representative estate values, where the Commonwealth Government levies Estate Tax on 100 per cent. of the estate instead of the proportion previously applicable.
- \*327. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether he will provide details of all multilingual publications produced by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for the period December, 1976 to 1st September, 1977 ; if not, why.
  2. Whether he will supply the names of members of staff of the Ministry who are employed as full-time interpreter/translators ; if not, why.
- \*328. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs advertised on 18th May, 1977 for a Director ; if so, whether the advertisement specified that the appointee should have—(a) an approved degree with a major in, or appropriate training in, a relevant discipline ; (b) proven administrative and organizing ability ; and (c) capacity to work with and on behalf of migrants and ethnic groups.
  2. Whether an appointment to the position has been made ; if so, what degree the appointee holds and in what way the appointee has demonstrated his capacity to work with and on behalf of migrants and ethnic groups.
- \*329. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether funds will be provided for the appointment of interpreter/translators to the eighteen regional centres established under the family and community services programme ; if so, whether he can give an approximate date for the appointment of the interpreter/translator teams ; if not, why.
  2. Whether he has been invited by the Minister for Social Welfare to nominate members of his staff to each of the programme regional consultative committees ; if so, whether he agreed to this proposal ; if not, why
  3. Whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs asking that the projected increase in immigration be delayed and that interim funding be made immediately available for training, retraining and employment counselling of the 15·4 per cent. of males and 22·4 per cent. of females, now unemployed, who arrived in Australia between January, 1976 and May, 1977.
  4. Whether, in conjunction with the Minister of Education and the Minister of Labour and Industry, he will initiate an industrial English programme to begin in March, 1978 and to be staffed by presently unemployed teachers ; if not, why.

- \*330. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Why ethnic welfare agencies were not funded in the recently announced family support grants of \$509,713.
  2. Whether, in the distribution of the remainder of the family support service grants, he will consider giving priority to funding ethnically-based agencies.
- \*331. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what amount is being paid by the Housing Commission for each officer assigned to the Holmesglen factory by P. A. Management Consultants Pty. Ltd.
- \*332. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. How many migrants have settled within the electoral district of Mitcham over the past ten years, indicating—(a) their nationalities ; (b) how many have been naturalized since that date ; and (c) how many are presently eligible for naturalization.
  2. Whether he will ascertain and advise how many applications for naturalization have been received and are pending for interview within the district.
  3. What action is taken by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs to provide migrants with information about the naturalization procedures within the district.
- \*333. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether the Social Welfare Department has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, on advertising the services of the Department, giving figures for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; (b) placement of advertisements ; and (c) the number of advertisements in languages other than English, specifying the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
- \*334. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
  3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
- \*335. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.
- \*336. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977-78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
- \*337. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether he will direct his research staff to compile a practical information directory of community services to meet the special information needs of new and recently arrived migrants ; if so, when he would expect such a directory to be completed and in which languages it would be published.
  2. Whether he will introduce legislation to ensure that standard medicine dosage information and warning labels are at least printed in four major community languages.
  3. Whether he will provide details of projects initiated by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs to bridge the language and cultural gap confronted by migrants seeking health services, indicating when each project will become operative.
- \*338. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been spent to advertise the services of the Ministry, giving a detailed breakdown of advertising expenditure for 1976-77 and 1977-78.
  2. Whether any advertisements for the Ministry have taken into account the multi-cultural and multi-lingual composition of the community.
  3. How many advertisements for the Ministry were in languages other than English, and how many of these were multi-media, multi-lingual advertisements.
  4. What services are provided to the ethnic communities by the Ministry.
  5. Whether he will ensure that services provided by the Ministry to the ethnic communities are well advertised, giving details of any information dissemination proposal.
  6. Whether, in view of claims that the Ministry staff are in close direct contact with the ethnic communities, he can indicate why members of the communities come directly to Parliament House seeking assistance each week.

- \*339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
- \*340. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many people have been examined by the Department of Health for mercury levels or other heavy metal poisoning in the past 18 months, indicating the results in each case.
- \*341. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2096 given on 4th May, 1977—
1. Whether the working paper has been completed and when it will be published.
  2. What are the main proposals submitted by each of the four Local Government Regional Refuse Disposal Groups.
  3. What consultation has taken place with local government bodies to assist development of the legislative framework.
  4. Whether the objective of introducing legislation this session will be achieved ; if not, why.
  5. Whether a decision has been made concerning the matters referred to in parts three and four of the question.
- \*342. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what has been the daily available capacity of the State Electricity Commission, and the daily load chart for both domestic and other consumption, in each day during November, last.
- \*343. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the proposal by the Country Roads Board for a Bell-street-Banksia-street link of a six lane divided road across the parkland at the rear of the Austin Hospital—
1. What alternatives were considered and examined by the Board.
  2. What supporting evidence regarding traffic flow requirements was considered and examined and provided to local municipalities and other interested bodies.
  3. Why more than half the road reservation in the park is not to be used under the Board's proposal.
  4. What contribution will be required from the City of Heidelberg and how this will effect rates.
  5. How many plantation trees are under threat.
  6. Why the Board requested the Council's agreement in principle, when an Environment Effects Study is being undertaken.
- \*344. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing in respect of the contract of sale for houses and land from Steadfast Homes Pty. Ltd. at Aspendale in 1974—
1. What was the purchase price for—(a) lots 105-113 and 128-132 ; (b) lots 114-116 and 125-127 ; and (c) lots 86-103, indicating whether any extras or chattels were included in the price.
  2. What was the selling price for each of the above lots.
- \*345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
- \*346. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What representations have been made for revoking the lease for sand extraction in the Frankston Pines Plantation, indicating on what dates.
  2. Whether any recommendation has been made to him by the Premier that the lease be terminated ; if so with what result.
  3. Whether the process for revoking the lease is continuing ; if so, when it is expected to be completed.
- \*347. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether an exploration licence has been granted to ICI Australia Ltd. to explore for minerals in the Warby Ranges ; if so—(a) under what conditions ; (b) what geological and geochemical investigations have been carried out so far, indicating the sites of fluorite minerals and whether the licence covers country which is erosion prone ; (c) whether these lands are reserved for public purposes as a State or national park or other reserve, indicating the recommendation of the Land Conservation Council ; (d) what conservation values and interests need to be protected in the Warby Ranges ; (e) whether the proposal for further drilling will be subject to an environmental impact statement and, if not, why ; and (f) whether any decision to allow future mining would allow open-cut methods and, if so, whether these methods will be the subject of an environmental impact statement.



- \*348. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether any stack tests have been undertaken this year by the Environment Protection Authority on emissions from the Australian Portland Cement Company at Geelong ; if so—(a) what were the results in respect of each stack ; and (b) how these results compare with the licence conditions, indicating the extent of any non-compliance.
  2. Whether any tests have been undertaken by the company under a monitoring programme ; if so, with what results.
- \*349. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation how many senior officers with the Environment Protection Authority have resigned in the past 12 months, indicating the positions which are currently unfilled, and the names, qualifications, and position of those appointed during this period.
- \*350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
- \*351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
- \*352. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Government will announce a decision on the proposed extension of the South-eastern Freeway so that uncertainty will be removed from the minds of people whose properties may be affected, particularly people who wish to sell but are unable to do so because their properties are now virtually frozen.
- \*353. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What permits are required for permission to dump filling and rubble into the Yarra River.
  2. What permit or permits authorized the Green Acres Golf Club of Kew to dump truck loads of filling into the river, indicating—(a) the date on which the permit was issued ; (b) the number of objectors, stating who they represented ; and (c) the date on which the appeal was determined and the decision made.
  3. What amount of filling the Golf Club was authorized to dump, and what quantity was dumped.
  4. Whether other means of stabilizing the river bank were examined by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, such as tree-planting, shoring with tyres and wire mesh, and using logs ; if so, why such remedial measures were rejected.
- \*354. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.
- \*355. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in each of the past three years to date, what oil spillages have occurred from ships in Port Phillip Bay, the River Yarra, Westernport Geelong and Portland harbors, respectively, stating—(a) the name of the ship and flag, State or port registry ; (b) the location of the accident ; (c) the details of the spillage ; (d) whether court action took place and with what result ; and (e) the clean up costs.
- \*356. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
- \*357. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many accidents were reported in the Ballarat District citing injuries received as a result of excavation and trench digging during each of the past three years.
  2. What was the cause of injury in each case.
- \*358. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of each Government Department and Instrumentality—
1. What is the present number of apprentices employed.
  2. What was the intake during each of the past four years.
  3. How many applications were received in respect of each classification during each of the past four years.

- \*359. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many new apprenticeship trades have been introduced during the past ten years, indicating which trades.
  2. How many applications and indentures, respectively, have resulted in each case during each year since the introduction of each such trade.
- \*360. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.
- \*361. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What land has been purchased and/or compulsorily acquired for the Mornington Peninsula freeway in the vicinity of—(a) the Pines Forest estate ; and (b) Baxter.
  2. When the land was acquired in each case, indicating the sale price and the vendor.
- \*362. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. What steps have been taken to provide a replacement for the existing unsatisfactory court house at Eltham.
  2. When it is expected that a new court house will be constructed.
- \*363. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier which garages handle Government motor repair work on a regular basis, indicating in each case—(a) the percentage of all Government motor repair work ; and (b) the cost per hour.

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## NOTICE PAPER

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TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1978

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### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. GAS AND FUEL CORPORATION (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. CONSTITUTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. MARINE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate.*
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TENDERS—To be considered.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notice of Motion

1. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes* ".
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THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. AERIAL SPRAYING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
  2. DAIRY PRODUCTS (REPEAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
  3. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. VICTORIAN FILM CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REFERENCE AREAS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. ARCHITECTS (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

**THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Order of the Day**

1. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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**TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Order of the Day**

1. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)

1. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of schools and pre-schools in the electoral district of Werribee for the years 1976 and 1977, respectively—
  1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive their initial routine medical examination.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-school Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
  
2. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster, respectively, what are—
  - (a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
  
3. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department investigated home blood pressure monitoring kits such as those advertised in the *Bulletin* on 18th June, 1977 by the J. S. and A. National Sales Group ; if so—(a) which kits it has investigated and with what results ; and (b) what action has the Government taken to ensure that those kits are—(i) adequate ; and (ii) being properly advertised and sold.
  
4. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments by residents and patients in State subsidised or controlled nursing homes in geriatric hospitals—
  1. What amount is at present charged against the pension of residents and all patients, specifying the increases which have occurred in each of the past three years and the sum left to the person for personal expenditure, in each case.
  2. Whether proposals are before the Minister to vary the present contribution ; if so—(a) what proposals ; and (b) whether a decision has been made and, if so, what decision.
  3. What income was derived in each State subsidised institution from the collection of such pension moneys.
  
5. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of waiting lists for hospitals for the aged—
  1. What was the waiting list for each hospital as at—(a) 30th April, 1976 ; (b) 30th August, 1977 ; and (c) 31st January, 1978, indicating the category of urgency in each case.
  2. What projects are under way or proposed to reduce the waiting list, indicating the dates of commencement and completion of construction in each case.
  
6. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
  1. What amounts were requested for Victoria in 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively, indicating what allocations were agreed to by the Commonwealth and what amounts were actually transmitted to the State in each of those years.
  2. Whether, in 1976-77, any amounts—(a) approved by ; or (b) received from the Commonwealth were unspent at the end of the financial year ; if so, what amounts, indicating whether those sums are to be subsequently spent and, in that event, on what projects.
  3. Whether any unspent funds from 1975-76 were used during 1976-77, specifying the amount and the subsequent use.
  
7. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
  1. Which health centres are presently receiving funds, specifying the funding for each centre for 1977-78.
  2. Which health centres or committees have made submissions but are not yet receiving funds.
  3. Which new centres are proposed to be funded in 1977-78.
  4. What other organizations—(a) are receiving funds under the Community Health Programme, specifying the amount received in 1976-77 ; and (b) will be receiving funds in 1977-78.
  
8. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Development Programme, which hospital works were discussed and agreed on for funding during 1976-77 by the Joint Hospital Works Advisory Committee, specifying which works were subsequently funded by—(a) the Commonwealth Government ; (b) the State Government ; or (c) by both Governments.

9. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of 1976-77 and 1977-78, what proportion of Community Health Programme grants were or will be applied to—(a) community health centres ; (b) community mental health centres ; (c) early childhood development ; and (d) other purposes.
10. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of medical and surgical supplies purchased by hospitals—
1. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission agreed to fund all or part of spending in excess of budget limits which resulted from devaluation ; if so, on what basis.
  2. Whether the Commission has prepared a report on the effect of devaluation ; if so, whether a copy of such report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  3. What amount was requested by hospitals to offset over-expenditure due to devaluation and what amount was allowed.
11. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what amounts were paid to visiting medical staff in hospitals during the years ended 30th June, 1975, 1976, and 1977, respectively.
12. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of section 31.1 of the Hospitals Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, and since question No. 1639 answered on 22nd March, 1977—
1. Whether any recognised hospitals have applied to the Minister for the exemption of " superior accommodation " ; if so, which hospitals and how many beds are involved in each case.
  2. Which hospitals have received the approval of the Minister to charge higher daily bed charges on account of superior accommodation, specifying the date on which exemption was given, the number of beds, and the daily rate permitted.
  3. Whether the Minister has refused any application for exemption ; if so, from which hospital and why.
  4. Whether any hospitals are charging more than the charge set out in paragraph (b) of clause 28.2 without approval from the Victorian Minister of Health ; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed.
13. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What zoonoses are recognized as endemic to Victoria.
  2. What records are maintained of the human incidence of each zoonosis and whether the records are accepted as complete in each case ; if not, why.
  3. How many human cases of each zoonosis were diagnosed and recorded in Victoria in each of the past ten years.
  4. What steps are being taken to control or eradicate each of these zoonoses in Victoria.
14. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of genetic engineering—
1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.
15. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
16. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of swimming pool operators—
1. Whether a recent meeting of interested parties agreed that the Department of Health examine the possibility of the Local Government Department being given responsibility for the overall supervision of the Swimming Pools (Water Purifications) Regulations 1969 ; if so, what action is proposed.
  2. Whether an amendment has been sought to the Regulations to place dual responsibility for water sampling with the municipality through its municipal engineer and/or health inspector and the Commission of Public Health ; if so, what is the current status of the proposed amendment.
  3. What other steps are being taken by the Department of Health to improve the training of swimming pool operators and whether it is proposed that the system of registration be introduced.

17. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of Women's Refuges or Half Way Houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. Whether the State has purchased, or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.
  3. Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities; if so, what facilities and indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis.
18. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals have been surveyed by the Australian Council of Hospital Standards in each of the past three years, specifying which hospitals—(a) have been given full accreditation ; (b) have been given provisional accreditation ; and (c) have not been granted accreditation and for what reasons.
19. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of proposals for a community health centre or service at Nangiloc—
1. Whether such a proposal was put to the Hospitals and Charities Commission ; if so—(a) when ; (b) by whom ; (c) on what basis ; and (d) whether such proposal has been made on a formal basis.
  2. Whether a community health centre or service at Nangiloc is being considered ; if so, when a decision will be made.
20. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the provision of services for elderly and disabled people—
1. Whether plans have been approved in principle to build up to 2,000 nursing home beds throughout the State during the next five years ; if so—(a) when the decision was made ; (b) when the five-year programme will commence ; and (c) where it is proposed that the nursing home beds will be constructed.
  2. Whether plans have been approved in principle to build up to 2,700 hostel units throughout the State during the next five years; if so—(a) when the decision was made ; (b) when the five-year programme will commence ; and (c) where it is proposed that the units will be constructed.
21. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission is currently giving assistance to the Mercy Hospital for the extension of nurses' quarters ; if so—(a) what assistance ; (b) how many nuns and other staff are to be accommodated in the new area ; (c) where staff are presently accommodated ; (d) whether any of such staff will be employed in the private rather than the public section of the hospital ; and (e) whether it is intended that existing accommodation space will be used to extend private hospital facilities.
22. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portland and District Hospital—(a) what additional works are currently being planned by the hospital ; (b) what future works have been agreed to by the Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (c) whether any estimate can be given of when funds will be available ; and (d) whether any funds are to be made available for planning.
23. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments made in Victoria under the Commonwealth *Home Nursing Subsidy Act 1956*—
1. What subsidy was paid to each home nursing organization in 1975-76 and 1976-77 and what is the estimate for 1977-78.
  2. What average number of nurses was employed by each organization.
24. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the special scheme commenced earlier this year to assist local government and schools in the detection and treatment of such problems as head lice—
1. How many municipalities requested subsidies, indicating—(a) for how many nurses ; and (b) which municipalities—(i) requested ; and (ii) actually, received assistance.
  2. Whether any municipalities have terminated the arrangements.
  3. What was the cost to the Department of Health and what was the cost to municipalities for the period since the scheme's inception.
25. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.



26. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portarlington and District Community Health Centre—
1. What proposals have been made by the Centre for capital works, when these were first made and what is the estimated cost.
  2. Whether any funds have been made available ; if so, when, and for what building works.
  3. When it is expected that State funds will become available for the proposed building.
  4. Which centres are above Portarlington on the priority list.
27. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health have examined snake bite kits on sale in Victoria ; if so, which brands have been examined, indicating when and with what result.
28. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hatley Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced ; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hatley Hostel ; and (b) other similar hostels.
29. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2318 answered on 19th October, 1977, what recommendations were made by the Commission of Public Health and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
30. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of health services in non-metropolitan areas—
1. What use is being made in Victoria of funds available under the Commonwealth Family Medicine Programme to encourage young post-graduate general practitioners who practice in rural areas.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth Minister for Health has written to the State seeking co-operation under the Hospitals Cost Sharing Arrangement to share the cost of travel and accommodation, as well as hospital and medical attention, in a case where a patient is removed from one country hospital to another location to receive more expert medical attention ; if so—(a) when the letter was received ; (b) what response has been made by the State ; and (c) whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
31. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Geelong West, what are—(a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
32. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of surgical operations to the brain—
1. Whether any such operations have been carried out under the auspices of the Mental Health Authority, specifying in each of the past five years the number of cases classified as unsuccessful.
  2. Whether officers of the Authority have examined a draft Bill prepared by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights relating to such surgery ; if so, what recommendations have been made to the Minister ; if not, whether it will be examined and a report prepared.
33. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers ; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.
34. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mooroopna and District Base Hospital and the development of the Shepparton site—
1. When the decision was taken to develop the site.
  2. When work commenced.
  3. Which stages of the work have now been completed, specifying the—(a) cost ; (b) date of completion ; and (c) occupation date.
  4. Which stages are presently under construction, specifying the estimated cost and the expected completion date.
  5. Which stages are still to be constructed, specifying the estimated cost and the estimated date of commencement and completion, respectively.
  6. Whether part of Stage 2 has to be reconstructed ; if so—(a) which part ; (b) why ; and (c) what is the estimated cost and completion date.
  7. What services will remain at the Mooroopna site and what works are proposed at that site.

35. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Colac District Hospital—
1. What funds were provided for recurrent expenditure in 1976-77, specifying the extent of any over or under expenditure.
  2. What funds are to be provided in 1977-78, specifying the amount originally requested by the hospital.
  3. What new activities originally proposed for 1977-78 will not proceed.
  4. Whether any existing activities will have to be reduced ; if so, what activities and to what extent.
36. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Austin Hospital—
1. What was the agreed building programme over the past four financial years and in 1977-78, specifying the work to be undertaken and the amount provided for such work.
  2. Whether it is intended to provide a guarantee to ensure the conclusion of works already agreed upon ; if so, on what basis.
37. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at—  
(a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and  
(d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
38. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
39. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of uniform foods legislation—
1. When the Australian Health Ministers set up a joint working party of State and Commonwealth Government officers to draw up model food legislation suitable for uniform application throughout Australia, indicating the membership of that working party, and when it has met.
  2. Whether a Food Law Revision Task Force was set up to undertake the detailed work ; if so—(a) who are the members of such task force ; (b) on what occasions they have met ; and (c) whether the task force report has been completed ; if so, when ; if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. When it is expected that model food legislation will be referred to the Health Ministers for consideration.
40. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of computed tomography (CAT) scanners—
1. How many scanners are now in operation in Victoria, specifying where they are situated and whether they are full-body or part-body scanners.
  2. Which hospitals have made application to or approached the Hospitals and Charities Commission concerning the purchase of such a scanner, indicating which hospitals have received approval.
  3. Whether the Commission knows of additional private groups which intend to purchase or have purchased such equipment ; if so, which groups.
  4. Whether the Government now has a policy relating to the introduction of such scanners ; if so, what policy.
41. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.

42. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; and (c) number of beds in respect of each public, charitable and private hospital, respectively, located in the electoral district of Evelyn which offers—(i) casualty ; (ii) outpatients ; (iii) midwifery ; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in the electoral district of Evelyn.
43. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State Government contribution to expenses for immunization campaigns carried out in conjunction with municipalities outside the metropolitan area—
1. What claims for expenses are met by the Department of Health, specifying the date on which the amounts were set and the Government's contribution to those expenses.
  2. Whether the Minister will review the scale of contributions by the Department with a view to bringing them into line with current costs ; if so, what will be the new rate of expense reimbursement.
44. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association—
1. What amount is being paid by the Government for services provided by or through the Association in the 1977-78 financial year, indicating for what purpose these grants are being made.
  2. Whether the Government is at present considering an increase in funds to the Association or its services and, if so, when it is expected a decision will be reached.
45. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of a statement that appeared on page 5 of *The Age* newspaper on 1st November, 1977, concerning hospital bed fees—(a) who was the spokesman for the Minister ; and (b) whether the statement was authorized by the Minister.
46. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital—
1. What was the Budget allocation for 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively.
  2. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission has agreed to fund all or part of the hospital's deficit for 1976-77 ; if so, to what extent.
  3. Why the hospital received below average grants in May and June of 1977.
  4. What funds have been made available to the hospital in each of the past five years for capital works, and what proposals for improvements are presently before the Commission, indicating when it is expected these will be agreed to.
47. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Caulfield Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of cuts which have had to be made in services at the hospital ; if so, which cuts.
  2. Whether he is also aware that one of the cuts made is the cessation of the only evening activity organized for patients, namely, a regular film evening.
48. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed community health service at Werribee, whether it is intended that funds will be made available this year ; if so, when the decision will be announced and what funds will go to the service, stating for what purposes.
49. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the regional activities for the Department of Health reported in paragraph 10.2.1 of the September, 1977, State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report, whether the Minister will make available to the House details of the regional boundaries, regional policies, and regional programmes operated by the Department.
50. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many doctors are currently registered, specifying the category of registration.
  2. How many persons paid fees to the Medical Board of Victoria in 1976-77, specifying the income derived from each type of fee, the number paying the fee, and the amount and source of any other income.
  3. What costs were incurred by the Board in 1976-77 and how such costs have been met.
  4. What services are provided to the Board by the Department of Health and other Government Departments, specifying the cost of such services.
  5. What is the estimated income and expenditure for 1977-78.

51. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital and further to question No. 2177 answered on 6th September, 1977—
1. Whether funds have been made available for the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, what funds, if not, why.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that facilities, particularly in the casualty area are totally inadequate ; if so, whether special funds will be made available for the upgrading of facilities, particularly during the holiday season.
52. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister and/or the Department of Health is studying the Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare report on drug problems in Australia ; if so—(a) what are the results of that study ; and (b) whether, in the event that the study is not finished, when the study will be finished and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
53. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.
54. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of "J" Ward at Ararat—
1. Whether the Government has plans to improve facilities at "J" Ward ; if so, when it is proposed that work will start.
  2. Whether the Government is considering moving the maximum security hospital to an area of the State other than Ararat ; if so, how far plans have progressed and when it is proposed that work would commence.
55. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Foreign Practitioners Qualification Committee has now examined Mr. Thirumuppath Achuthan ; if so, with what result, in what matters was Mr. Achuthan tested, and in which areas he was found not satisfactory.
56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4.6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.
57. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Department of Health charges municipal authorities for the examination of plans and specifications of such buildings as pre-school centres and other municipal activities ; if so, when this practice commenced.
58. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2664 answered on 11th October, 1977 concerning a report prepared on the on-call and re-call amounts paid to doctors in 1976-77; when the report mentioned in part (c) will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
59. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of questions Nos. 2541 and 2543 answered on 25th October, 1977, which changes occurred in the allocation of municipalities to the statistical regions and which municipalities are contained in the new statistical division included as Region 10 (a).
60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
61. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. Whether any doctors who did not pay their registration fee were subsequently registered ; if so, how many.
  2. How many doctors failing to pay the registration fee were subsequently dropped from the list.

62. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of statistics comparing hospital resource use, commonly known as "Hospower", whether the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with the figures for all hospitals for the past four quarters.
63. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of public swimming pools, the Department of Health or the Commission of Public Health has received requests for the Swimming Pools (Water Purification) Regulations 1969 to be amended; if so, whether amendments will be agreed to and, in that event, in what respect and when; if not, why.
64. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
65. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of food standards—(a) whether the Minister will provide full details of the difficulties encountered by the officers of the Department of Health with the New South Wales company which produced the suspect egg-pulp; and (b) whether the Minister or the Department has received representations from the Food Industry Council concerning the Health (Control of Pathogens) Regulations 1977; if so, what is the basis for the approach, what changes are proposed, and when a decision will be made.
66. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each—(a) teaching hospital; (b) non-teaching hospital with more than 200 beds; and (c) base hospital, what were the numbers on waiting lists for public or standard patients and private patients, respectively, as at 30th June, 1975, 30th June, 1976, 30th June, 1977 and 30th October, 1977.
67. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
68. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations; if so, what action; if not, whether any action is proposed.
69. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public; (b) charitable; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services; (ii) outpatients' services; (iii) midwifery; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria; (b) Melbourne; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
70. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of community health centres located in or servicing the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) name; (b) address; (c) approved staff; and (d) actual staff of each centre.
  2. What additional community health centres are scheduled to open in—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; and (c) 1979.
71. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of building works being carried out at the Portland hospital by Prentice Builders—(a) what was the successful tender price for each section of the work; (b) what were the names of the unsuccessful tenderers and their quotes for the above works; and (c) whether tenders were called and let on the basis that all carpenters and other building tradesmen employed on the job would be paid the National Building Trades Construction Award E.L.S.A. Melbourne rates of pay or on the Elsewhere Rates of pay (country rates); if so, what were the details of the basis of payment.
72. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes, whether any research is presently being conducted in the Department of Health, or by outsiders with the co-operation of the Department, to evaluate their effectiveness; if so—(a) what projects are being evaluated, in which regions, who is carrying out the research, and what is the expected date of the completion of each evaluation; (b) whether it is proposed to introduce any more complexes prior to the completion of such research and, if so, why; and (c) whether copies of the research material will be made available on completion to the Member for Brunswick.

73. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of pre-school medical examinations, whether the Department of Health has up to date figures, by region, as to—(a) the number of examinations per 1,000 of population ; and (b) number of children of pre-school age, as used in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Hospital and Health Services in Victoria ; if so, whether those figures will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
74. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes—
1. At what locations complexes have been set up to date, specifying the resources available to each complex.
  2. What proposed complexes will be set up in 1977-78.
  3. Which municipal councils have been approached to participate in such complexes, specifying those municipalities which have agreed to participate.
  4. How many complexes are expected to be created in Victoria, specifying the municipalities to be involved in each complex.
  5. What was the expenditure on such complexes in 1976-77 and what expenditure is proposed in 1977-78, specifying State, Commonwealth and other contributors.
75. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Commonwealth Childhood Services Programme 1974-75 for the establishment of pre-school and child care services—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government asked the State to delete certain commitments from the programme ; if so, when, on what basis and which projects.
  2. Which organizations have been sent letters by the Secretary of the Department of Health asking that projects be not proceeded with for the present, specifying the nature of the project concerned, the date of original Departmental approval and the estimated cost.
  3. Which organizations have not been asked to delay commencement of projects.
76. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Dental Centres at Footscray and North Fitzroy, which schools receive services from each of these centres, specifying the last year at which a full service was carried out.
77. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
78. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child-care places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the district, indicating in each case, what arrangements are available for free or reduced-fee accommodation to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
79. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
80. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What steps are to be taken to establish dental clinics at schools in the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster.
  2. What consideration has been given to providing mobile clinics to service schools with no permanent dental clinics.
81. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Whether he had deferred a decision on a subsidy to Melton Shire Council for the construction of the Kingsway pre-school ; if so—(a) why ; and (b) when he will make a decision.
  2. In which other cases a decision on a subsidy has been deferred.
82. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, further to his answer to the question without notice asked by the Member for Evelyn on 23rd November, 1977 concerning questions on notice, what was the time taken and cost involved in answering each question asked by the Member for Brunswick during the Spring sitting.

83. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age in the districts whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child care places is available at centres within the districts.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the districts, indicating in each case, what arrangements for free or reduced-fee accommodation are available to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the districts in 1978 and 1979, respectively.
84. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what suburbs of Melbourne the Country Roads Board has conducted or sponsored studies of traffic noise, indicating—(a) who carried out such studies ; (b) when ; and (c) whether copies of such studies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
85. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2680 asked on 20th October, 1977—
1. Whether the Country Roads Board has purchased any properties in this area ; if so, which properties.
  2. In respect of Nicholson-street, Coburg, and Holmes-street, Brunswick, what plans exist for road widening and intersection improvement, indicating whether any properties have already been acquired for these purposes.
86. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the reconstruction of the Lygon-street Main Drain Park-street Diversion, whether the Country Roads Board still intends to finance the work ; if so, for what purpose and when it is expected that the work will be carried out.
87. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
88. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977 ; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
89. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated ; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
90. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools are to be allocated the thirty additional migrant English teachers approved by him, when additional appointments are to be made and to which schools they will be appointed.
91. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to the question without notice on services for the mentally retarded answered on 20th September, 1977—
1. When the Committee sent the report to the Premier's Department indicating, when it was received by the Department, who received it, and what has occurred from the report in the intervening period.
  2. When he expects to—(a) see the report ; and (b) release it.
92. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved ; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
93. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of an emergency road rescue vehicle, whether, following the deputation organized by the Member for Brunswick to him on behalf of the Hospital Employees' Federation (No. 1 Branch), the Fire Fighters Union and the Police Association, he will now agree to make funds available for such a vehicle ; if so, when the funds will be made available.

94. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the Report on the Building and Development Control System in Victoria, whether a committee has been set up to examine the report with a view to the introduction of legislation ; if so, who is on the committee, whether it is seeking submissions from outside organizations, and when it is expected to report.
97. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
98. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What moneys have been made available to councils in the Mildura area for the relief of unemployment, indicating on what basis these moneys were made available.
  2. Whether any of those persons subsequently employed were previously employed by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ; if so, when they were discharged from the Commission's employment.
99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme ; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
100. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Which properties are owned by the Housing Commission in the Lee-street-Princes-street area of Carlton, specifying the address, date of purchase, and purchase price.
  2. What is the Commission's intention in respect of each property, indicating—(a) which properties are to be renovated to welfare standards ; (b) which properties are to be renovated to investment standard ; (c) which properties are to be demolished to make way for flats ; and (d) whether the flats will be available for rental to Commission tenants or will be used in some other way.
  3. Who will occupy the proposed five new in-fill houses and where they will be constructed in the block.
  4. Whether the Commission has an estimated date for the commencement of the various upgradings of the properties.
101. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons—
1. Whether submissions have been received requesting the Public Service Board and other public Instrumentalities to adopt special policies on the question of recruitment ; if so, from whom and with what result.
  2. Whether the Board and/or other public Instrumentalities adopt special criteria in the recruitment of such persons ; if so, what criteria and how many persons have been recruited in each of the past three years.
102. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the reception organized by the Government for the former Governor-General, Sir John Kerr—(a) how many people were invited ; (b) on what basis invitations were sent out ; and (c) what was the estimated cost of the function to the State.
103. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, in respect of each friendly society and benefit association medical service and/or hospital benefit fund in Victoria for 1976-77, the Minister will supply the Member for Brunswick with details as soon as they are available as to—(a) the income of each body, specifying the amount received by way of contribution, interest, and Commonwealth Benefit subsidies ; (b) the expenditure of each body, specifying the amount expended on medical benefits, hospital benefits, management, and Commonwealth Government benefits ; (c) the total of each fund as at 30th June, 1976 ; and (d) the number of contributors to each fund at the beginning and end, respectively, of the 1976-77 financial year.
104. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of hospital construction in Victoria, which hospitals have been permitted to borrow funds guaranteed by the State, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the date, amount and period of the guarantee ; (c) the works to be done ; and (d) whether State funds are to be made available towards the works and, if so, when.
105. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.



106. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, in respect of pamphlets prepared by the Department of Health, whether he is aware that very few of the leaflets are available in Arabic ; if so, whether he has approached the Department to overcome this problem and when it is expected that the range of leaflets which are available in Italian and Greek will also be available in Arabic.
107. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What are the present and projected arrangements, respectively, for providing dental services at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of students at each school who had a school dental examination in each of the past five years for which information is available.
108. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) the Moorabbin hospital; and (b) the Oakleigh District Community hospital, what is the average waiting period for—(i) standard ward patients with Medibank levy cover ; and (ii) intermediate patients, in each category of hospital service.
109. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
110. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
112. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients at community health centres being charged fees for the centres—
1. When discussions commenced with the Commonwealth Government on this subject and at whose initiative.
  2. When negotiations between the State and Commonwealth Governments concluded.
  3. Whether any surveys or studies have been completed on the subject of the payment of fees or on the existence of salaried services at community health centres.
  4. What proportion of users of community health centres are insured patients and on what basis this estimate is made.
  5. On what services fees are to be charged.
  6. Whether income will be additional to allocations already made to the community health centres or whether their allocation will be reduced on the basis of fee income received.
  7. What is the expected revenue to the State in this financial year and in a full year.
113. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of studies which suggest that two pesticides, chlordane and heptachlor, are carcinogens.
  2. Whether the two pesticides are used in products on sale in Victoria ; if so, in which products and for what purpose.
  3. Whether the Government proposes any action to restrict the use of these pesticides.
114. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Government's announcement that the F2 Freeway, south of Bell-street, Coburg, will not proceed—
1. Which properties south of Bell-street are owned by the Country Roads Board, at what expense they were obtained, and when.
  2. What are the Board's plans in respect of each property.

115. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
116. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2356 answered on 20th September, 1977, in respect of the use of rapeseed oil in foodstuffs—
1. Whether a report has now been received from the National Health and Medical Research Council ; if so, whether the Minister will make available a copy of such report to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. What action has been taken, and recommendations made by the Food Standards Committee, and what action has been taken, or is proposed, by the relevant Department on this matter.
117. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. On what grounds the Medical Board refused to restore Dr. Sender to the Register and whether the refusal was for an indefinite or a fixed term.
  2. Whether any doctors who did not pay their fee for re-registration and whose registration thus lapsed on the 1st January, 1977, subsequently made application for re-registration and were re-registered ; if so, how many.
118. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.
119. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what amounts have been allocated this financial year for grants to ethnic organizations and welfare programmes, indicating to whom grants have been made and on what basis, and what money remains to be spent in this financial year.
120. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Youth Job Centre which it was claimed was set up by the State Government—
1. How many persons are employed on the staff of the Centre, specifying each category of staff.
  2. In each month since the Centre was opened—(a) how many young people have contacted the Centre ; (b) how many people have applied to the Centre for assistance in finding a job ; and (c) how many persons have been placed in jobs.
  3. What State Government commitment has been made to the Centre.
121. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.
122. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.

123. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, further to question No. 2576 answered on the 19th October, 1977, whether any further action has been taken in respect of the offer of \$1 million for community purposes made by the Smorgon family ; if not, why.
124. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to question No. 2749 answered on 20th October, 1977—
1. What progress has been made in examining the Australian Law Reform Commission's report on human transplants.
  2. Whether legislation is to be introduced ; if so, on what basis and when.
125. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of Division 6 of the *Summary Offences Act* 1966 relating to juvenile smoking, in each of the past five years—
1. How many persons have been charged under section 43 and what has been the result of each case.
  2. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (1) and with what result.
  3. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (2) (b), specifying the result in each case.
126. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport why modern passenger rail carriages, similar to those provided on Melbourne suburban routes, are not made available for the Geelong-Melbourne rail route.
127. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many Bingo licences have been issued for the Geelong region.
  2. What was the total fee collected or due to the State by each such operating licence for 1977.
128. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Which Housing Commission estates in the Geelong region have planned for local shopping facilities in the near future.
  2. Where such shops will be situated.
  3. When such shopping facilities will be available.
129. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the additional storage facilities were not proceeded with.
130. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what salaries and expenses etc. were paid in 1977 in respect of the Chairman and members of the—(a) Trotting Control Board ; and (b) Greyhound Racing Control Board.
131. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
132. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
134. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.

135. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—  
 (a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.
136. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
  2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.
137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
  2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.
138. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. On what dates the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment produced background papers.
  2. What was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the names of the persons and groups who received copies in each case.
139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation..
140. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which evaluations of the Community Youth Support Scheme, the Special Youth Unemployment Training Programme and the Job Relocation Scheme in Victoria were submitted to the Commonwealth Government, indicating—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each report.
141. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
  2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary on 29th April, 1978.
  3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
  4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.
142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—
1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively have been successful.
  2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
  3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
  4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
  5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.
143. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier what are the dates on which the Victorian Government has held consultations concerning the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry—  
 (a) within its own structure ; (b) with employer groups ; (c) with consumer groups ; and (d) with trade unions, specifying in each case—(i) the subject ; (ii) the substance of the outcome ; and (iii) the names of the participants.
144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.

145. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to the recommendation of the Norgard Inquiry that all Government Departments and Authorities should register vacancies with the Commonwealth Employment Service ; if so, on what dates and by what means action has been taken to give effect to the recommendation.
146. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what arrangements have been made for maintenance of the monitoring of regional employment patterns in the event of the Commonwealth Government discontinuing the Commonwealth Employment Service series.
147. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme—
1. What mechanism is used to monitor the training and experience received by each employee during the subsidy period.
  2. What record or report is sent to the department and employee, respectively, after the subsidy period has expired.
148. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, on what dates he has—(a) sought; and (b) received assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs that services for Australians of ethnic origin which were previously administered by the department of Social Security will be retained at least at the present level following their transfer to the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.
149. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier, on what dates and by what means the Victorian Government has communicated views to the Commonwealth Government on—(a) the Green Paper on Manufacturing Industry; and (b) the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry, and what was the subject and substance of the views expressed in each case.
150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.
151. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many manufacturing firms have discontinued production in Victoria in the past two years in order to resume activities—(a) interstate ; and (b) overseas, indicating the number of jobs and the value of production lost to Victoria in each case.
152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.
153. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has executed any Government guarantee under section 94 of the *Co-operation Act* 1958 on behalf of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operative Limited.
154. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the incidence of asbestosis amongst Victorian employees—
1. Whether surveys have been taken to ascertain the extent of the disease.
  2. Whether new protection standards are proposed and what other action has been taken or is proposed.
155. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture how many brucellosis reactors have been slaughtered in Victorian abattoirs during the two year period ending 31st December, 1977, indicating the name and address of each abattoir and the number of reactors slaughtered at each abattoir during the two year period.
156. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what counselling, guidance and clerical services, respectively, are currently available in the Swan Hill area, and what services were available in 1977.
157. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education why the special educational programme for deaf/blind children at Kew Cottages has been abandoned.

158. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area ; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type ; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
159. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Council for Christian Education in Schools for an increase in the government grant to a level of 50 per centum of the Council's expenditure ; if so, whether the request will be supported.
160. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Who are the members of each of the twelve task forces appointed to examine different aspects of special education in Victoria.
  2. What are the qualifications on each of the members.
  3. What are the terms of reference of each of the task forces.
161. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a survey was undertaken by the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory in 1975 regarding the design and function of 69.1.900 building type schools ; if so—(a) whether a report has been prepared ; and (b) whether he will supply the results to interested Members.
162. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why teachers are not allowed to take leave without pay or to be seconded to the position of Community Education Officer in schools.
  2. Whether the departmental policy on this matter was determined prior to consultation with the Community Education Committee and what is the view of the Committee on this issue.
163. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office ; (b) converted shelter-shed ; (c) assembly hall cloak room ; (d) condemned ex-army hut ; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
164. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school ; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.
165. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to Highvale primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. What was the expected maximum enrolment when the present permanent buildings at the school were constructed.
  3. How many portable class-rooms are at the school.
  4. When the proposed new primary school at Weedon-drive will be able to take students from Highvale.
166. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.

167. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties ; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
168. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
169. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme ; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
170. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the N.E.A.T. scheme, how many people in Victoria have applied for training under each industry or skill statistical group, and what is the—(a) number and (b) percentage, respectively, who have—(i) been accepted ; and (ii) successfully completed training in each case.
171. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.
172. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
173. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive.
174. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of information on provision for moderately handicapped children in Mental Health Authority residential institutions, day training centres and St. Nicholas hospital, respectively, at June 1973, set out in Appendix H of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education in Victoria, whether he is able to give comparable information for each subsequent year.
175. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 1 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that consultant specialist teacher services should be extended and developed to provide support for teaching staff to enable handicapped children to be educated as far as possible in normal groups, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
176. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 15 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that in order to take full advantage of the grant recommended by the Interim Committee which will provide for the training of 230 additional teachers, the Education Department should offer the following for 1974 :—270 places for the Trained Special Teacher's Certificate ; 25 places for the Trained Homecraft Teacher's Certificate ; 50 places for the Trained Teacher's Certificate for Teacher of the Deaf, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.

177. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 18 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that as many places as are available to Education Department teachers in the School of Speech Science should be filled through studentships and normal study leave provisions, and the present system of bursaries should be continued, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
178. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 17 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that as many places as possible should be made available to Education Department teachers through studentships and normal study leave provisions to undertake approved courses towards professional qualifications in psychology and social work, and a system of bursaries should be initiated, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
179. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 19 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that teacher Education Division should be asked to ensure that studentship holders are made aware of the opportunity to undertake a course in special education through extension of studentships, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
180. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 25 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that there should be overseas recruitment and airlift of 180 teachers with qualifications and experience in special education, 80 of whom will be required in Term III. of 1973 and preferably should be qualified and experienced in the field of remediation of learning difficulties ; and there should be similar provision for 1974 of 100 teachers with basic primary qualifications and experience to replace teachers from primary schools who secure study leave for a course in special education, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
181. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 26 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that a site of 100 acres be acquired and reserved for the purpose of a College of Special Education and associated educational complexes has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
182. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether recommendation 36 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that the Director-General should initiate a feasibility study to examine the desirability of establishing a classified roll of special teachers within the Special Services Division, has been accepted by the Government ; if so, what progress has been made towards giving effect to the recommendation.
183. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
184. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
185. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what additional school and other facilities are to be provided for the handicapped in the western suburbs over the period 1978–80.
186. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
187. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a decision has been made on the recommended increase of subsidy for the construction of school swimming pools ; if not, why ; if so, what is the current position.
188. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many temporary teachers have been employed in each of the past three years and how many of such teachers are women.
  2. Whether there are any restrictions at present on the employment of temporary teachers.
  3. Whether any new restrictions are to be applied for the employment of temporary teachers in 1978.
189. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.



190. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.
192. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
193. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.
194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
200. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether teachers recruited from the United States of America can remain in the teaching service beyond their original contract period ; if so, whether they can be appointed as permanent teachers without relinquishing their American citizenship.

201. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates teachers will be required to report for duty after the summer vacation in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. Whether the annual leave entitlements of teachers are currently under review.
  3. Whether compulsory in-service programmes during term breaks are proposed for any group of teachers.
202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.
204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
205. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what is the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each submission which has been put to the Teachers Tribunal pursuant to recommendation 5 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that the Education Department should examine the feasibility of providing permanent positions with career opportunities for part-time teachers, and what reasons have been given for the view that it is currently impossible to appoint teachers employed part-time to permanent positions and provide career opportunities.
206. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each request for medical and paramedical staff in special education which has been addressed by the Education Department to the Department of Health, and what was the response in each case.
207. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the 97 teacher aides so far appointed to special schools and services were recruited pursuant to acceptance of recommendation 31 of the Interim Committee of Inquiry into Special Education that approximately 200 aides should be appointed to these schools and services by 1974 ; if so, when the 1974 target will be met.
208. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means the attention of the Teachers Tribunal was drawn to recommendation 12 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education that, to ensure the retention of existing specialist staff and to attract well-qualified recruits, urgent action should be taken to create salary schedules at least comparable with those on tertiary institutions and incorporating an adequate career structure, and whether present salary levels which overlap with levels applying in tertiary institutions at a number of points are the Tribunal's response to that recommendation.
209. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the representations to the Australian Schools Commission to ensure provision of funds to cover the cost of travelling and subsistence of special education staff envisaged in recommendation 13 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education have been made ; if not, what is the reason for the delay.
210. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
211. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received representations from the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of Physics concerning the reduction in science teaching in Victorian secondary schools ; if so, what action is to be taken.

212. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the detailed basis of the allocation of capital funds for—(a) major works ; and (b) minor works between regions of the Education Department in 1976–77 and in 1977–78.
213. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Ardoch school—
1. What is the present enrolment.
  2. What is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. What additional facilities are to be provided on the site other than those of a standard secondary school.
  4. What is the basis of entry to the school.
214. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject recommendation 24 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, referred to in answer to question No. 2523 given on 18th October, 1977, indicating who made the decision and for what reasons.
215. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject recommendation 20 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education referred to in answer to question No. 2519 given on 18th October 1977, indicating who made the decision, and for what reasons.
216. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the planned new wing at Healesville high school.
217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.
218. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the proposed professional staff structure for the Curriculum Services Unit envisages reduction of the number of staff supporting schools in the areas of literacy, numeracy, oracy and vocational orientation ; if so ; what is the reduction and why it has been proposed.
219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
221. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed Chirnside primary school, North Croydon—
1. Whether a site has been purchased in Songbird-avenue ; if so, when the purchase was completed.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the school.
  3. When it is expected that construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. Whether it is expected that the school will commence in portable class-rooms ; if so, when.
  5. Whether he is aware of the acute overcrowding that would occur at the Lilydale West primary school if the school is not open by the start of the 1979 school year.
222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.

225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
227. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
231. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many secondary schools within the electoral district of Werribee submitted names of members of their staff for the position of career guidance officers in 1976.
  2. What is the position of those schools which could not find suitable applicants from the present staff to act as career guidance officers.
  3. What promotion opportunities exist for staff members who now hold the position of career guidance officers.
  4. When it is envisaged that all secondary schools within the district will have career guidance officers attached to their staff.
232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
233. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of secondary schools in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. Which schools have—(a) a Commonwealth standard library ; (b) a Commonwealth standard science block ; and (c) an assembly hall.
  2. Which schools plan improvements in the next three years, indicating—(a) the date of construction and basis of financing of each library, science block and assembly hall ; and (b) the nature and cost of improvements.
234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.

235. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each of the Education Task Forces established in 1973, what works were recommended for schools within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating—(a) which of the recommended works—(i) have been completed ; (ii) are currently in progress ; or (iii) are currently being tendered for ; and (b) when tenders are expected to be called for each of the other recommended works.
236. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral district of Werribee have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of such works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date and (c) the completion date.
237. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
238. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
239. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to the advertisement in the *Education Gazette* of 4th November, 1977 concerning proposed secondments to the Special Services Division—
1. On what date the newly seconded teachers will commence duty within the Division.
  2. When these seconded persons will be expected to terminate their work within the Division.
  3. Whether the new secondees will receive a \$500 gratuity, and whether persons who were seconded throughout 1977 will receive a \$500 gratuity for that year.
  4. What are the required commencement and finishing dates for seconded teachers who are continuing their secondment from 1977 to 1978.
  5. Whether he will guarantee that any teachers wishing to return from the Division to teaching duties in a school in 1978 will be able to do so.
240. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
241. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds were allocated to each region for the current financial year, indicating how much was provided for new schools and additions and improvements to existing schools, respectively.
  2. Whether there was any loading in the funding for regions with expanding populations ; if so, what loading and which regions received the loading.
242. **MR. GINIFER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what were the circumstances that required Police vehicle IVD 040 to be used at 5.25 p.m. on 28th February, 1978 to remove two boys from the vicinity of the Footscray Park lily ponds.
243. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of apprentices indentured to employers in Victoria during 1977 and those seeking indentures—
1. How many applications to the Industrial Training Commission were—(a) received ; and (b) approved, indicating how many of those approved were unable to commence apprenticeship training.
  2. How many applicants for apprenticeships in—(a) sheet-metal ; (b) electrical ; and (c) building trades were apprenticed, indicating how this figure compares with each of the previous five years.
  3. What percentage of existing apprentices in—(a) metal ; and (b) building trades left their employment.
244. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
245. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.

246. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether the Country Roads Board financial allocation allows for completion of the Grimshaw-street Overpass during 1977-78.
  2. What is the expected completion date of the works.
247. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether staffing schedules at the Austin Hospital are such that existing staff are carrying an additional 176 hours in one ward.
  2. Whether categories of training are taken into account in staffing.
248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
252. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating (i) the number ; and (ii) the percentage who have waited up to six months ; 6 to 12 months ; 12 to 18 months ; 18 to 24 months ; and more than 24 months, respectively.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
255. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.
257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.

258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.

259. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—

1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.

260. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to Watsonia Heights primary school—

1. What progress has been made in respect of siteworks to rectify areas defined as dangerous in a report prepared by the Public Works Department in July, 1977.
2. What progress the Public Works Department has made in provision of an estimate for the staff administration area.

261. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts—

1. What was the original estimate of cost for stage two and stage three respectively of the Victorian Arts Centre and what was the estimated completion date for each stage.
2. When these estimates of cost have been revised by the Building Committee, indicating the amounts in each case.
3. What is the present estimated completion date for each section.

262. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—

1. Whether the Shapiro Report (the Westernport Bay Environmental Study) recommended an investigation to be carried out into forming a specific State Authority for managing coastal areas ; if so, what action has been taken to date on this recommendation.
2. Whether the Report also recommended that a survey be conducted of the existing legislation covering wetlands and tidal areas ; if so, when this survey was completed and with what recommendations.

263. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—

1. What were the requirements and recommendations of the final report of the Newport Review Panel.
2. Which of these recommendations have been acted on to date, indicating the reasons where no action has been taken.

264. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—

1. What appeals have been lodged with the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal against decisions of the Westernport Regional Planning Authority in the last two years indicating where the appeals were lodged, by whom, and the decision in each case.
2. What appeals are still pending.

265. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Department of Crown Lands and Survey request farmers to spray their land using phenoxy herbicides such as 244D and 245T ; if so—(a) for what purposes ; (b) what guidelines are laid down ; and (c) what action is taken if the instruction is not complied with.

266. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. Whether he has received a deputation from the Job Creation Task Force for Frankston and the Peninsula Region ; if so, with what result.
2. Whether the task force proposed a scheme to employ 204 persons on specific projects in the community, at a cost of approximately \$1.3 million ; if so, whether he agreed to the scheme and, if not, why.

267. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which Government Departments and Instrumentalities are funding Dr. Spillaine's studies of meteorology in the Latrobe Valley, indicating—(a) what data still remains to be analysed ; (b) what staff is available for the purpose ; and (c) when the studies are expected to be completed.
268. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the report of the Board of Inquiry into the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 will be tabled during the Autumn Session of Parliament ; if so, when.
269. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the present priority for the proposed pedestrian operated lights to be installed in Bell-street, Coburg, between Alice-street and Suffolk-avenue.
270. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, when it is envisaged that indexation of valuation will be tested and evaluated within a municipality.
271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
273. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether officers of the Town and Country Planning Board and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works have finalized their revised statement of a Metropolitan Planning Policy ; if so, when will the policy be published.
274. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether there has been any alteration to the proposed route of the F2 freeway ; if so, whether there are any more properties in Coburg affected by the new route.
275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
277. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he is aware that the changed timetable on the Hurstbridge line which alters the earliest train departure from Eltham station to 8.23 a.m. affects a number of employees of two hospitals, forcing them to seek other means of transport ; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that an earlier train is provided.
278. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What is the incidence of industrial deafness in the sawmilling industry.
  2. What measures are taken to ensure that workers wear ear-muffs.
279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
280. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date, indicating by what means and with what result, the concurrence of the Commonwealth Government and/or its agencies was sought in the implementation of recommendations 27, 28 and 29 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education.



281. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present—(a) actual ; and (b) authorized strength of the Victoria Police Force.
  2. What is the present—(a) female strength ; and (b) number of cadets.
  3. How many recruits are at present in training at the Police Academy at Glen Waverley.
  4. What was the wastage in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated wastage in actual strength in 1978.
  5. What was the overall increase in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated actual increase in 1978.
  6. What was the ratio of police strength to population in Victoria as at 1st March, 1978.
282. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force during the period 1965 to 1978, categorizing—(a) appointments to the Force ; (b) losses through retirement, ill-health, resignations and dismissals ; and (c) net gain.
283. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
284. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the Victoria Police Force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.
285. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many complaints were lodged against members of the Victoria Police Force from January to December, 1977, and from January 1978 to date, indicating who lodged such complaints and what was the nature of the complaints.
  2. How many of these complaints were handled by the Police Discipline Board.
  3. What action was taken by the Police Department in respect of these complaints.
  4. How many of these complaints were made against—(a) members of the Uniform Branch ; and (b) members of the Criminal Investigation Branch.
286. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in the year 1978-79.
287. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what moneys allocated to the Victoria Police Force for expenditure on capital works for the current financial year has yet to be spent, indicating what works have yet to be started and/or completed.
288. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many recruits have completed training at the Police Academy in each year from 1974 to 1977 inclusive, and what estimated number of recruits will complete training in 1978.
  2. What investigations, if any, have been made into extending training facilities at the Academy.
289. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
290. **MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many members of the Victoria Police Force were involved or employed in security duties during the recent visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Sir Robert Menzies.

291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.
292. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in the period from 1st December, 1976 to 1st March, 1978—
1. How many motorists were tested under the *Motor Car (Breath Testing Stations) Act 1976* by use of the puff bag, indicating—(a) how many were subsequently tested by the breathalyser ; and (b) how many motorists subsequently tested by the breathalyser were found to have a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
  2. How many motorists, apart from those subjected to random breath test, were required to have a breathalyser test, indicating how many had a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
  2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
  3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
  4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.
295. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many persons have been killed as a result of car accidents on Victorian roads in the past twelve months, and in each of the years from 1968 to date.
  2. How many persons have been killed on Victorian roads since road accident statistics have been recorded.
  3. How many persons in each of the years on record have been—(a) under 25 years of age; and (b) under 20 years of age, indicating how many persons in each category have been involved in serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
  4. What statistics are available providing the cost to the community of road accidents in each of the years on record.
296. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many cars have been reported stolen in the past twelve months and in each year since 1968, indicating how many have been recovered in each year and how many persons have been convicted of offences.
297. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has given any consideration to legislation to ease the insurance burden of female car drivers under the age of 25 years in view of the statistics showing few accidents among such drivers.
298. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Victorian Railways Board has examined the feasibility of joining the Broadmeadows and Somerton rail services with the existing loop line at Broadmeadows, thus catering for travellers wishing to make trips to stations on either line; if not, why.

299. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Which hospitals within the metropolitan area have special facilities attached for the treatment of prisoners from Pentridge Prison.
  2. When these facilities were built and at what cost.
  3. How many Pentridge prisoners are currently inmates of public hospitals.
300. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether there is any shortage of personnel attached to the Coburg Fire Station ; if so, in which positions the shortages occur and why.
301. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the municipalities of Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Coburg, Essendon, Northcote and Preston, respectively—
1. Which system of valuation is used.
  2. What amount was received from the Victoria Grants Commission for the current financial year.
  3. What was the percentage of rate increase for the 1977-78 financial year.
  4. Whether a separate garbage charge is levied ; if so, at what rate.
302. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of each category of crime recorded by the Victoria Police for statistical purposes, how many offences were—(a) committed ; and (b) cleared up, in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating in each case, the percentage variation over the previous year.
303. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Diamond Creek Technical School—
1. What was the estimated enrolment growth at the school prior to its establishment.
  2. What was the actual enrolment in 1975 and 1976, respectively, what is the present enrolment, and what is the expected enrolment in 1978, 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. Whether a survey was recently undertaken in the Diamond Creek district which indicated that a majority of parents supported the provision of a combined technical/high school facility ; if so, what action he will take on the matter.
  4. When it is expected that a library and gymnasium will be constructed and ground improvements undertaken.
304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
305. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether payment has been made to speech therapists who signed an option to assume public service conditions in December, 1976, for the five months from 1st February, 1977, until 2nd July, 1977.
  2. Why the Education Department failed to adhere to the conditions set out in its agreement with the speech therapists so affected.
306. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the site presently being investigated in Broadgully-road is the most appropriately-placed school site, in view of the pattern of residential development in the Diamond Creek area.
  2. Whether other sites have been examined.
  3. Whether members of the Diamond Creek School Council have been consulted about the most appropriate position for a new school.
307. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission recently conducted a seminar for principals and representatives of all schools to encourage schools to use more electricity.
308. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, when the Department of Health will advise the Diamond Valley Shire Council of a subsidy for the provision of a meals-on-wheels kitchen and cardroom at the Greensborough Senior Citizens' Club.
309. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has power to compulsorily acquire or purchase land along Alexandra-parade, or elsewhere in the vicinity, being land not directly required for highway purposes ; if so, what steps have been taken to purchase properties of any persons who have complained that the enjoyment of their properties has been adversely affected by noise from traffic using Alexandra-parade.
310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds ; if so—(a) when such payments ceased ; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.

311. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.
312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number ; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians ; (ii) passengers ; (iii) drivers ; (iv) motor cycle riders ; (v) bicycle riders ; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
313. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, what—(a) criminal offences ; (b) episodes of vandalism ; and (c) offences against Railway Regulations have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
314. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, and what plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which they are expected to become available.
315. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, for what period each day, if any, each station is unattended.
316. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of breaches of licences and investigation of complaints in each of the past twelve months by the Environment Protection Authority and each of its delegated agencies—
1. How many breaches were detected, indicating whether in respect of land, water or air.
  2. How many prosecutions were launched, indicating those which were successful and the penalty imposed.
317. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what are the current recruitment figures for the Victoria Police Force.
318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.
319. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Since the commencement of the *Public Records Act 1973*, how many professional staff have been employed by the Public Records Office stating their positions, the number of resignations each year and their positions, and the reasons given for resigning.
  2. Who is the current Keeper of Public Records, stating his qualifications.
320. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How vital public records are selected for preservation, indicating—(a) which disposal schedules are operative ; (b) whether disposal schedules are available for researchers and members of the public ; if not, why ; and (c) whether any authorization has been given for the destruction of public records ; if so, what records.
  2. Whether standards have been established for the maintenance, selection and transfer of public records for preservation ; if so, what standards ; if not, when it is expected that standards will be formulated.
  3. What publications have been issued by the Keeper of Public Records.
  4. Whether it is proposed to prepare original publications, indicating what is in preparation ; if not, why.
  5. Whether there is a conservation unit or staff at the Public Records Office to repair priceless public records.
  6. Whether any records currently kept at Laverton are stored—(a) in tea-chests or similar depositories ; or (b) on the floor gathering dust.
  7. Whether any comprehensive guide to public record holdings has been prepared ; if not, when it is expected to be prepared.
321. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, who are the current members of the Public Records Advisory Council, and what are their qualifications.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

322. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

1. Whether he will present to the House a cost benefit analysis of the Total Australian Community Campaign, giving details of—(a) community attitude change due to the campaign ; (b) the impact of the campaign on the community ; (c) the migrant groups involved, including a listing of any grants given to individuals or groups ; (d) the purpose for which the grants were given ; (e) itemized expenditure plus total expenditure ; and (f) an evaluation of the number of people who benefited from the campaign, giving details of how the campaign has benefited the ethnic communities.
2. What action he proposes taking to assist the high proportion of overseas born 15–19 year olds who are unemployed.

323. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. What is the name of the major teaching hospital which is to be associated with the Education Department in the development of the Nepean Special School.
2. What is the date on which—(a) tenders are to be called for construction of the education and para-medical blocks of the Nepean Special School ; and (b) construction is to be completed.

324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury ; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.

325. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—

1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977–78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments ; (b) specific purpose grants ; and (c) revenue grants.
2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977–78 ; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices ; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax ; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources ; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.

326. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will ascertain and advise of the saving associated with Budget probate tax measures for representative estate values where the Commonwealth Government levies Estate Tax on 100 per cent. of the estate instead of the proportion previously applicable.

327. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

1. Whether he will provide details of all multilingual publications produced by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for the period December, 1976 to 1st September, 1977 ; if not, why.
2. Whether he will supply the names of members of staff of the Ministry who are employed as full-time interpreter/translators ; if not, why.

328. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

1. Whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs advertised on 18th May, 1977 for a Director ; if so, whether the advertisement specified that the appointee should have—(a) an approved degree with a major in, or appropriate training in, a relevant discipline ; (b) proven administrative and organizing ability ; and (c) capacity to work with and on behalf of migrants and ethnic groups.
2. Whether an appointment to the position has been made ; if so, what degree the appointee holds and in what way the appointee has demonstrated his capacity to work with and on behalf of migrants and ethnic groups.

329. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

1. Whether funds will be provided for the appointment of interpreter/translators to the eighteen regional centres established under the family and community services programme ; if so, whether he can give an approximate date for the appointment of the interpreter/translator teams ; if not, why.
2. Whether he has been invited by the Minister for Social Welfare to nominate members of his staff to each of the programme regional consultative committees ; if so, whether he agreed to this proposal ; if not, why
3. Whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs asking that the projected increase in immigration be delayed and that interim funding be made immediately available for training, retraining and employment counselling of the 15.4 per cent. of males and 22.4 per cent. of females, now unemployed, who arrived in Australia between January, 1976 and May, 1977.
4. Whether, in conjunction with the Minister of Education and the Minister of Labour and Industry, he will initiate an industrial English programme to begin in March, 1978 and to be staffed by presently unemployed teachers ; if not, why.

330. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Why ethnic welfare agencies were not funded in the recently announced family support grants of \$509,713.
  2. Whether, in the distribution of the remainder of the family support service grants, he will consider giving priority to funding ethnically-based agencies.
331. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what amount is being paid by the Housing Commission for each officer assigned to the Holmesglen factory by P. A. Management Consultants Pty. Ltd.
332. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. How many migrants have settled within the electoral district of Mitcham over the past ten years, indicating—(a) their nationalities ; (b) how many have been naturalized since that date ; and (c) how many are presently eligible for naturalization.
  2. Whether he will ascertain and advise how many applications for naturalization have been received and are pending for interview within the district.
  3. What action is taken by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs to provide migrants with information about the naturalization procedures within the district.
333. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether the Social Welfare Department has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, on advertising the services of the Department, giving figures for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; (b) placement of advertisements ; and (c) the number of advertisements in languages other than English, specifying the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
334. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
  3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
335. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.
336. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977-78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
337. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether he will direct his research staff to compile a practical information directory of community services to meet the special information needs of new and recently arrived migrants ; if so, when he would expect such a directory to be completed and in which languages it would be published.
  2. Whether he will introduce legislation to ensure that standard medicine dosage information and warning labels are at least printed in four major community languages.
  3. Whether he will provide details of projects initiated by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs to bridge the language and cultural gap confronted by migrants seeking health services, indicating when each project will become operative.
338. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been spent to advertise the services of the Ministry, giving a detailed breakdown of advertising expenditure for 1976-77 and 1977-78.
  2. Whether any advertisements for the Ministry have taken into account the multi-cultural and multi-lingual composition of the community.
  3. How many advertisements for the Ministry were in languages other than English, and how many of these were multi-media, multi-lingual advertisements.
  4. What services are provided to the ethnic communities by the Ministry.
  5. Whether he will ensure that services provided by the Ministry to the ethnic communities are well advertised, giving details of any information dissemination proposal.
  6. Whether, in view of claims that the Ministry staff are in close direct contact with the ethnic communities, he can indicate why members of the communities come directly to Parliament House seeking assistance each week.

339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
340. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many people have been examined by the Department of Health for mercury levels or other heavy metal poisoning in the past 18 months, indicating the results in each case.
341. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2096 given on 4th May, 1977—
1. Whether the working paper has been completed and when it will be published.
  2. What are the main proposals submitted by each of the four Local Government Regional Refuse Disposal Groups.
  3. What consultation has taken place with local government bodies to assist development of the legislative framework.
  4. Whether the objective of introducing legislation this session will be achieved ; if not, why.
  5. Whether a decision has been made concerning the matters referred to in parts three and four of the question.
342. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what has been the daily available capacity of the State Electricity Commission, and the daily load chart for both domestic and other consumption, in each day during November last.
343. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the proposal by the Country Roads Board for a Bell-street-Banksia-street link of a six lane divided road across the parkland at the rear of the Austin Hospital—
1. What alternatives were considered and examined by the Board.
  2. What supporting evidence regarding traffic flow requirements was considered and examined and provided to local municipalities and other interested bodies.
  3. Why more than half the road reservation in the park is not to be used under the Board's proposal.
  4. What contribution will be required from the City of Heidelberg and how this will effect rates.
  5. How many plantation trees are under threat.
  6. Why the Board requested the Council's agreement in principle, when an Environment Effects Study is being undertaken.
344. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing in respect of the contract of sale for houses and land from Steadfast Homes Pty. Ltd. at Aspendale in 1974—
1. What was the purchase price for—(a) lots 105-113 and 128-132 ; (b) lots 114-116 and 125-127 ; and (c) lots 86-103, indicating whether any extras or chattels were included in the price.
  2. What was the selling price for each of the above lots.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
346. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What representations have been made for revoking the lease for sand extraction in the Frankston Pines Plantation, indicating on what dates.
  2. Whether any recommendation has been made to him by the Premier that the lease be terminated ; if so, with what result.
  3. Whether the process for revoking the lease is continuing ; if so, when it is expected to be completed.
347. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether an exploration licence has been granted to ICI Australia Ltd. to explore for minerals in the Warby Ranges ; if so—(a) under what conditions ; (b) what geological and geochemical investigations have been carried out so far, indicating the sites of fluorite minerals and whether the licence covers country which is erosion prone ; (c) whether these lands are reserved for public purposes as a State or national park or other reserve, indicating the recommendation of the Land Conservation Council ; (d) what conservation values and interests need to be protected in the Warby Ranges ; (e) whether the proposal for further drilling will be subject to an environmental impact statement and, if not, why ; and (f) whether any decision to allow future mining would allow open-cut methods and, if so, whether these methods will be the subject of an environmental impact statement.

348. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether any stack tests have been undertaken this year by the Environment Protection Authority on emissions from the Australian Portland Cement Company at Geelong ; if so—(a) what were the results in respect of each stack ; and (b) how these results compare with the licence conditions, indicating the extent of any non-compliance.
  2. Whether any tests have been undertaken by the company under a monitoring programme ; if so, with what results.
349. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation how many senior officers with the Environment Protection Authority have resigned in the past 12 months, indicating the positions which are currently unfilled, and the names, qualifications, and position of those appointed during this period.
350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
352. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Government will announce a decision on the proposed extension of the South-eastern Freeway so that uncertainty will be removed from the minds of people whose properties may be affected, particularly people who wish to sell but are unable to do so because their properties are now virtually frozen.
353. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What permits are required for permission to dump filling and rubble into the Yarra River.
  2. What permit or permits authorized the Green Acres Golf Club of Kew to dump truck loads of filling into the river, indicating—(a) the date on which the permit was issued ; (b) the number of objectors, stating who they represented ; and (c) the date on which the appeal was determined and the decision made.
  3. What amount of filling the Golf Club was authorized to dump, and what quantity was dumped.
  4. Whether other means of stabilizing the river bank were examined by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, such as tree-planting, shoring with tyres and wire mesh, and using logs ; if so, why such remedial measures were rejected.
354. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.
355. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in each of the past three years to date, what oil spillages have occurred from ships in Port Phillip Bay, the River Yarra, Westernport Geelong and Portland harbors, respectively, stating—(a) the name of the ship and flag, State or port of registry ; (b) the location of the accident ; (c) the details of the spillage ; (d) whether court action took place and with what result ; and (e) the clean up costs.
356. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
357. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many accidents were reported in the Ballarat District citing injuries received as a result of excavation and trench digging during each of the past three years.
  2. What was the cause of injury in each case.
358. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of each Government Department and Instrumentality—
1. What is the present number of apprentices employed.
  2. What was the intake during each of the past four years.
  3. How many applications were received in respect of each classification during each of the past four years.



359. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many new apprenticeship trades have been introduced during the past ten years, indicating which trades.
  2. How many applications and indentures, respectively, have resulted in each case during each year since the introduction of each such trade.
360. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.
361. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What land has been purchased and/or compulsorily acquired for the Mornington Peninsula freeway in the vicinity of—(a) the Pines Forest estate ; and (b) Baxter.
  2. When the land was acquired in each case, indicating the sale price and the vendor.
362. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. What steps have been taken to provide a replacement for the existing unsatisfactory court house at Eltham.
  2. When it is expected that a new court house will be constructed.
363. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier which garages handle Government motor repair work on a regular basis, indicating in each case—(a) the percentage of all Government motor repair work ; and (b) the cost per hour.

*(Notices received on 9th March, 1978)*

- \*364. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what action has been taken to provide more playing space for the Viewbank primary school.
- \*365. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Government has attempted to apply stringent controls in the sport of boxing to cover training, trainers, contestants and contests, as recommended by the Australian Medical Association.
- \*366. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
  2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
  3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
  4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.
- \*367. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What measures have been taken to extend the present intruder alarm system at Hurstbridge high school to include the—(a) art and craft centre ; and (b) video-equipment storage areas.
  2. Whether he is aware that the school presently employs a commercial security firm to minimize the risk of burglary and/or arson.
- \*368. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what are the annual leasing charges for—(a) ten floors of Nauru House for the Education Department ; (b) 228 Victoria-parade; and (c) part of 250 Elizabeth-street for the Ministry of Housing, indicating in each case, the amount of leasehold and the cost per square foot.
- \*369. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What is the present number of dairy farmers in Victoria.
  2. How many dairy farmers have cancelled their milk contracts and what volume of milk was involved in these contracts.
  3. How many dairy farmers have retained their milk contracts, indicating the volume of milk concerned.
  4. What sum has been paid in compensation for milk contracts.
  5. What was the largest individual figure paid in compensation for a milk contract.
  6. If he will make available to the Member for Rodney, a full list of the names and addresses of all those farmers who have cancelled milk contracts in excess of 50 gallons, giving details of the compensation paid to each farmer.
  7. What percentage of milk production in Victoria is utilized for liquid consumption.

- \*370. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the electoral district of Carrum—
1. How many elderly persons units have been built, indicating the sites in each case.
  2. How many units are currently being planned.
  3. What is the waiting list for each type of unit, indicating the average waiting time in each case.
- \*371. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in view of the Government's aim to provide sewerage throughout the whole of the electoral district of Greensborough by 1977, as reported in the "Diamond Valley News" on 9th October, 1973, what progress has been made towards this goal.
- \*372. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether the Railways Department has investigated the use of containers in the transport of cattle ; if so, whether any containers have been built and, in that event, at what cost and what use has been made of them.
  2. What is the current estimated cost of constructing conventional cattle trucks.
- \*373. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What are the main localities in the electoral district of Geelong North recording high levels of air pollution, odours, and industrial dust hazards, respectively.
  2. What are the sources of such hazards.
  3. What action has been ordered or is planned by the Environment Protection Authority to reduce these problems for residents of these areas.
- \*374. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. What localities outside the metropolitan area have been investigated for the proposed re-establishment of the State laboratories.
  2. When it is expected the proposed establishment site will be selected.
  3. When it is expected that construction will be commenced on the new laboratories.
- \*375. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What findings have resulted from the siting of the Environment Protection Authority air monitoring device on the rifle range at East Geelong.
  2. Whether he will take action to have such a device sited for a period at Newtown North and in the Norlane-Corio suburbs ; if not, why.
- \*376. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
  2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
  3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.
- \*377. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.
- \*378. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What is the present backlog of unsewered properties in the metropolitan area and when it is estimated they will be sewerred.
  2. How many properties were sewerred in each of the past five years, stating the number within the backlog areas.
  3. When it is estimated that the whole of the Dandenong Valley catchment will be sewerred.
- \*379. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.

\*380. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—

1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.

\*381. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T contain dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
2. Whether 24D contains impurities which mask the analysis of dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
3. Whether any serious systematic sample checking is made of each batch of these chemicals ; if so—(a) who conducts these checks ; and (b) what laboratories are used ; if not, why.
4. Whether there is such a thing as a known minimum dosage of cancer-causing chemicals below which exposure is safe.

\*382. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—

1. Whether the herbicides 245T and 24D are detoxified in the soil ; if so, how rapidly, citing the published supporting scientific references.
2. Whether herbicides are the only tools available for use in weed control ; if not—(a) what other methods can be used ; and (b) what action the Keith Turnbull Research Institute is taking to publicise these alternatives.

\*383. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.

\*384. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—

1. Whether phenoxy herbicides containing dioxin are used by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey ; if so—(a) in what circumstances ; and (b) what are the general levels of dioxin allowed.
2. What testing has been done on these chemicals before use to check these dioxin levels, indicating the levels in each case.
3. Whether dioxin is tetragonic ; if so, what supervision and control is exercised whenever sprays are used.

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1. Whether phenoxy herbicides containing dioxin are used by the Forests Commission ; if so—(a) in what circumstances ; and (b) what are the general levels of dioxin allowed.
2. What testing has been done on these chemicals before use to check these dioxin levels, indicating the levels in each case.
3. Whether dioxin is tetragonic ; if so, what supervision and control is exercised whenever sprays are used.

\*386. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
3. Why the work has not been performed.
4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## NOTICE PAPER

No. 4

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WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1978

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### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notice of Motion

- \*1. MR. SMITH (*Warrnambool*): To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend section 31 of the 'Melbourne Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market Trust Act 1977' with respect to the Granting and Termination of Licences to sell Produce by Wholesale and for other purposes*".

#### Orders of the Day

1. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TENDERS—*Resumption of debate on the question—That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement relating to Public Works Department Tenders.*
2. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—*Motion for—Resumption of debate.*
- \*3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO HOUSING COMMISSION LAND PURCHASES—*To be considered.*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notice of Motion

1. MR. CATHIE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes*".

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THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. AERIAL SPRAYING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*
2. DAIRY PRODUCTS (REPEAL) BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*
3. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*

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TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*
2. VICTORIAN FILM CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*
3. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*
4. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Resumption of debate.*
5. REFERENCE AREAS BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*
6. ARCHITECTS (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) BILL—*Second reading—Resumption of debate.*

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

THURSDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 14th March, 1978)

- \*387. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry on what dates the Victorian Government made submissions to the Commonwealth Government on the level of structural adjustment assistance paid by the Commonwealth Government to industries in Victoria, and what was the level of structural adjustment suggested in each case.
- \*388. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has made an assessment of whether the large earth works carried out on the Merri Creek, north of Fyffe-street, Northcote, will alleviate or increase the flooding problem at Fyffe-street ; is so, what is the assessment.
- \*389. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works how many State-owned buildings over 25 metres in height are without automatic fire sprinkler systems.
- \*390. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what real property valued at \$250,000 or more is owned by the State, indicating—(a) the location of each property ; (b) the area in hectares of each parcel of undeveloped land ; and (c) the most recent valuation of each property.
- \*391. MR. KENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
  2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.
- \*392. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what is the termination date of the present agreement between the State of Victoria and the promoter of Tattersall Consultations fixing the percentage allowance provided to the promoter for administration expenses for the running of consultations.
- \*393. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What costs have been incurred by the Totalizator Agency Board to date for the proposed installation of the "Crisp" computer betting system.
  2. What is the estimated final cost of completion of the system.
  3. Whether tenders were originally called for the provision of the system ; if so—(a) who were the original tenderers considered ; and (b) which firm received the contract for the work ; if not, why.
  4. What is the cause of delay in bringing the system into operation and what is the estimated commencement date.
  5. What is the estimated cost to the Board to cancel the system, indicating whether this course of action is being considered and, if so, for what reason.
  6. What are the advantages of the "Crisp" system over the present system.
- \*394. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.
- \*395. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the daily average passenger/bus ratio for Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board bus operations.
  2. What is the average fuel consumption of a Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board bus.
- \*396. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of pedestrian overpasses—
1. What Authorities submit applications for such overpasses across grade school crossings and heavily trafficked roads.
  2. Which Authority decides priorities, indicating the factors taken into account.
  3. How these crossings are funded, indicating who contributes to the fund.
  4. How much money has been allocated for overpasses in each of the past three financial years.
  5. What is the current priority list for crossings indicating the number expected to be built in this financial year, the number built in each of the past two financial years, and the average cost per overpass in each year.
  6. Whether any application for an overpass has been submitted by the City of Chelsea and, if so, when.
- \*397. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether there are any plans to electrify the Stony Point railway line ; if so, what is the projected time scale for the works.



- \*398. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, what is the current capacity of the Devil Bend Reservoir, and whether there are any plans to extend its capacity.
- \*399. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether his attention has been drawn to proceedings in the Melbourne County Court which were the subject of a transcript forwarded to Sir Gregory Gowans by direction of Mr. Justice McNab ; if so, whether he is familiar with allegations against Housing Commission Commissioners and staff put forward by Counsel representing the former Housing Commission Assistant Transport Officer, Mr. G. N. Clippetti, and what action has been taken in the light of these allegations.
- \*400. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.
- \*401. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.
- \*402. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth at the next Premier's Conference that, as a matter of urgency, the Commonwealth formulate a comprehensive industry policy.
  2. Whether he will convene a committee with Government, employer, union, consumer and industry representatives to begin development of an industry policy for Victoria.
- \*403. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What was the income and expenditure of the State Savings Bank Provident Fund in respect of the 1976-77 financial year and what were the assets and liabilities of the fund at the end of that year.
  2. Whether the fund is the only provident, pension or superannuation fund that is conducted for the benefit of persons who have been on the payroll of the bank or their dependants.
- \*404. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, if the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What amount of Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rates in respect of the 1975-76 and 1976-77 financial years, respectively, were outstanding at 1st March, 1978.
  2. In how many cases legal action has commenced to recover the rates outstanding in respect of each of these periods.
- \*405. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether any recommendation has been made for the extractive industry lease on the Frankston Pine Plantation to be terminated by the Department of Minerals and Energy ; if so, when it is expected to be finalized to allow planning for sporting and recreational facilities in the area.
- \*406. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Which State Government departments presently based in Geelong will be transferred to the new State Government offices at Ryrie-street, Geelong.
  2. How many of such Geelong-based departments will be moving from present private accommodation before the present leases expire.
  3. What is the financial obligation of the State to fulfil lease conditions after the Departments have moved into the State offices.
  4. Whether any departments and employees not presently based in Geelong will be housed in the new Public Offices at Geelong ; if so, which Departments and employees.
- \*407. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether the new State Public offices in Ryrie-street, Geelong has insufficient car parking spaces to meet the standards set for such building space ; if so—(a) why such space was not provided for in planning for the buildings ; and (b) whether local authorities will be adequately compensated financially as would be required under private building construction and, if not, why.
- \*408. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in which year work will be, commenced and completed, respectively, on the proposed overpass rail crossing at North Shore-road, Norlane.
- \*409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
  2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
  3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.

- \*410. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that the findings of the 1977 investigation into the Geelong area public transport operations will be available, particularly in relation to weekly and monthly fare concession bus tickets.
- \*411. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the re-alignment of the roadway for the proposed F.2 Freeway in relation to the building project of Kodak (Australasia) Pty. Ltd., has affected any additional properties within the City of Coburg ; if so, what are the locations of the properties affected.
- \*412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
  2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
  3. In how many of these claims submitted to the Insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
  4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.
- \*413. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands in respect of the advertisement in the *Border Morning Mail* on Tuesday, 14th March, 1978, concerning drought aid available from the State Government, whether he can advise—
1. Who authorized the insertion of the advertisement.
  2. Why the advertisement was placed in the paper and what was the cost.
  3. How many similar advertisements have been placed in other newspapers, giving details of the newspaper and the cost in each instance.
  4. What is the total cost of these advertisements.
  5. How many further advertisements are to be placed in newspapers, giving full details.
  6. Whether he will lay all files relative to these advertisements on the table of the Library.
- \*414. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Premier with reference to the property, Nyermilang at Lakes Entrance—
1. On what date the Government purchased the property.
  2. Which Department at present administers the property.
  3. What is the area of the property.
  4. What price was paid, for what purpose it was purchased, and from whom it was purchased.
  5. For what purposes it has been used since the property was acquired.
  6. What improvements have been carried out, indicating at what cost.
  7. Whether the public have access to the property and, if not, to whom access is available.
- \*415. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.
- \*416. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What major new road, rail and river crossings, respectively are planned to be constructed in the Geelong area.
  2. When it is expected that each such crossing will be commenced and completed, respectively.
- \*417. MR. TREWIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what are the building programmes for the 1977-78 and 1978-79 financial years for Benalla ; Euroa ; Seymour ; Mansfield ; Alexandra ; and Nagambie, respectively.
- \*418. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. Whether he has considered the full potential of Weights and Measures Unions as consumer protection bodies.
  2. Which of the following criteria are considered to be most important when judging the efficacy of Weights and Measures Unions :—(a) cost per capita within the areas under the jurisdiction of the Unions ; (b) amount of revenue collected ; (c) number of prosecutions and (d) inspection of packaging.
  3. Whether he has investigated means of providing incentives to municipalities to ensure that Weights and Measures Unions give chief priority to consumer protection rather than revenue collection.

- \*419. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. What measures have been taken to protect the public from slack-fill packaging.
  2. Whether the Government has taken any action to ensure the promulgation of regulations concerning the greatest amount by which the volume, capacity or size of a package may exceed the volume or size of the goods contained in the package.
- \*420. MR. McINNES : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—
1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976-77 and 1977-78.
  2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977-78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.
- \*421. MR. McINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, with respect to the Government acquisition of Rotamah Island (Gippsland Lakes), what was the—(a) purchase price ; (b) Valuer-General's valuation ; and (c) previous sale prices in transactions relating to the sale of this property over the past ten years.
- \*422. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport why applications for compulsory third party motor vehicle insurance require the applicant to state his or her occupation and what effect such information has on the policy.
- \*423. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of relevant contracts let in each of the past five years which have not complied with recommendations on bills of quantity set out in Clauses 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 of the Statute Law Revision Committee Report, upon a proposal for the bonding of building contractors, of 25th September, 1962.
- \*424. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the chemical currently being used for the fluoridation of Melbourne's water supply is of a chemically pure standard.
  2. Whether, as the World Health Organisation resolution recommends the introduction of fluoridation only where the fluoride intake from water and other sources for the given population is below the optimum levels, the Minister could supply references to research carried out by the Commission of Public Health which demonstrated the necessity for adding fluoride to the public water supplies.
  3. What levels of total fluoride intake were determined by the research carried out by the Commission, indicating whether these levels could be classified as fluoride intake from—(a) environmental pollution ; (b) existing drinking water ; and (c) average dietary patterns.
- \*425. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What references are available regarding the amount of fluoride gases emanating from industrial emissions in and around Melbourne.
  2. Whether the Environment Protection Authority classifies fluoride as an environmental pollutant.
  3. Whether American research has shown that fluoride emissions are the second most prolific after sulphur dioxide but are one thousand times more toxic than sulphur dioxide.
  4. Whether the American Environment Protection Authority lists 1.5 parts per million of fluoride as the maximum tolerance level for marine life in oceans and estuaries.
  5. Whether any research has been carried out to determine the likelihood of the fluoride level resulting from sewerage sullage and waste from domestic and industrial run-off into Port Phillip Bay exceeding the American Environment Protection Authority maximum fluoride tolerance level.

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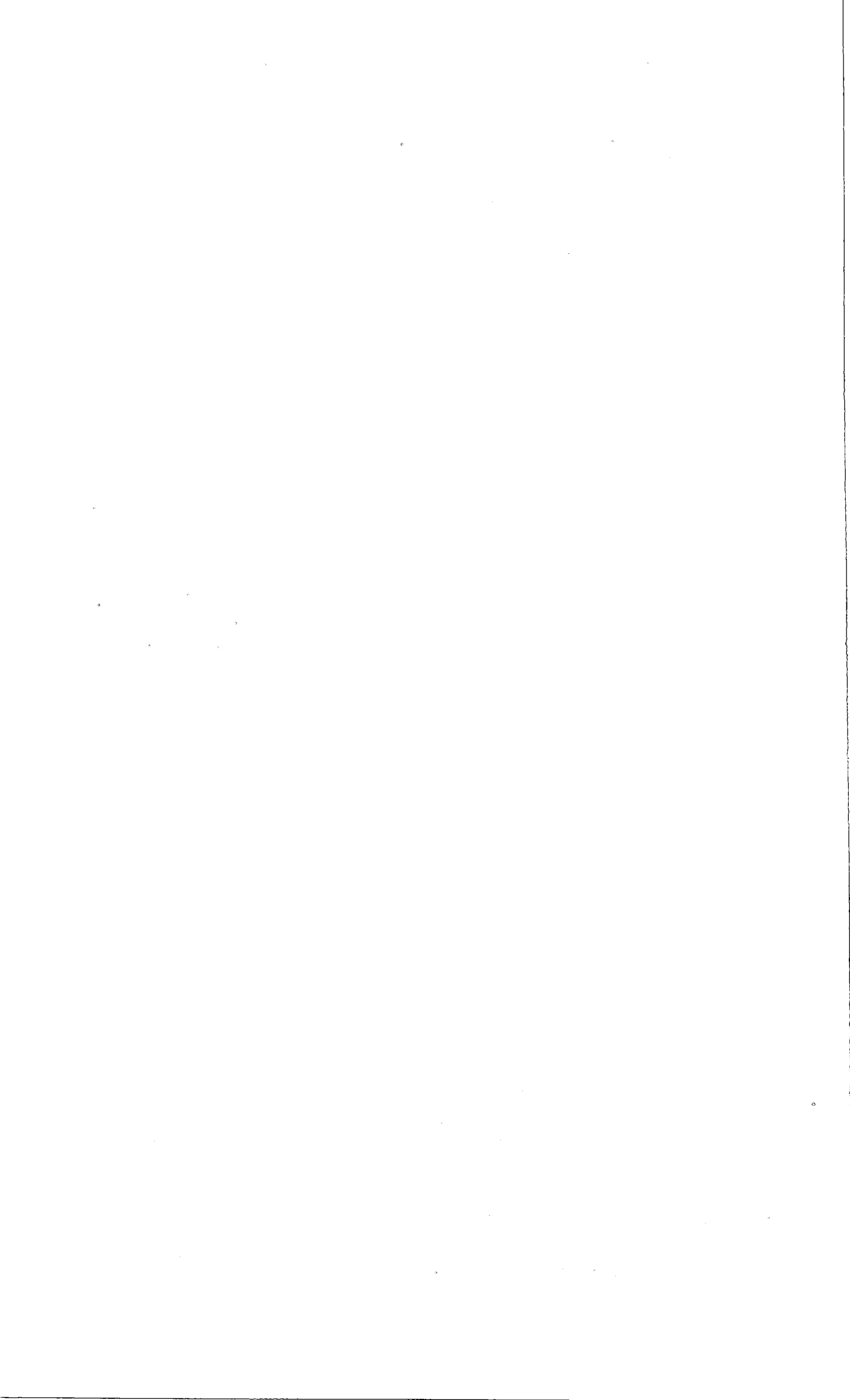
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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 5

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THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1978

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### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO HOUSING COMMISSION LAND PURCHASES—To be considered.
- \*2. MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET TRUST (LICENCES) BILL—Second reading.
3. AERIAL SPRAYING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. DAIRY PRODUCTS (REPEAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate.*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
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TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

- 1. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate:

TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

- 1. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

## QUESTIONS

*(Notices received on 15th March, 1978)*

- \*426. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many Filipino nursing staff are employed in hospitals in Victoria.
  2. What are the terms of contract entered into by Filipino staff.
  3. What were the reasons for bringing Filipino staff into Victorian hospitals.
- \*427. MR. COLEMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the City of Oakleigh is currently operating with a deficit of approximately \$170,000; if so—(a) over what period this deficit has been accumulated; and (b) what is the expected deficit for the complete financial year.
- \*428. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether he is aware of a petition raised by workers at the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd. plant at Geelong alleging pollution from the Pivot Superphosphate Company at North Shore.
  2. What levels of dust, sulphur odours, and air pollution have been recorded in the vicinity of the plant over the past twelve months, indicating—(a) the accepted standard in each case; and (b) where licence conditions were exceeded.
  3. What steps are currently being taken by the Environment Protection Authority to meet the requests of the petition.
- \*429. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What percentage of domestic fuel and power demand is for water heating.
  2. What is the contribution of solar energy to domestic hot water where heating is provided by—(a) gas; and (b) electricity, indicating whether direct solar water heaters using a thermosyphon or solar pre-heaters were used, and how these results compare with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's figures at Clayton, which show a potential 65 per cent. saving from solar energy in Victoria.
  3. In respect of which solar units off peak rates are—(a) given; and (b) not given.
- \*430. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, whether an inquiry is being undertaken by the Law Department or any other body into the costs associated with the sale and purchase of land; if so—(a) who are the persons conducting the inquiry, and what are the terms of reference; and (b) when it is expected that a report will be made.
- \*431. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether any statistics are available on the result of appeals at the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal; if so, whether figures are available as to the success rate of persons or companies, either as appellants or respondents, seeking to develop land and being opposed by the local government body in respect of that development for conservation reasons.
- \*432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
  3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
  4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.
- \*433. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each institution conducted by the Mental Health Authority for handicapped children, what income was received by way of child endowment from the Commonwealth Department of Social Security in each of the past two years and for what purpose the income was used.
- \*434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
  2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash; (ii) land; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
  3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.



\*435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services; if so, at what level.
4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.

\*436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated Regulations—

1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project; and (b) a community project.
2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
4. Whether application forms for grants are available; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.

\*437. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance service which services the Mornington peninsula—

1. Whether it is intended that the service will continue; if so, on what basis.
2. How many persons were assisted by the ambulance during 1977, indicating to which hospitals they were taken.
3. Whether the ambulance is being used to transfer patients from the Frankston hospital to the Wonthaggi hospital; if so, why?
4. What was the cost of the service in the last financial year, and what is the estimated cost for this financial year?

\*438. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Cowes Elderly Citizens Club—

1. Whether the Minister has yet received a deputation from the Shire of Phillip Island as requested by the Shire; if so, when, and with what result.
2. What plans exist for the upgrading of the inadequate facilities at the Club and when it is expected that funds will be made available for this purpose.

\*439. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of the financial difficulties faced by the Maryborough Hospital; if so, what steps have been taken to ensure that these difficulties are overcome.

\*440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—

1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
3. When it was determined to establish the school.
4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.

\*441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.

\*442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.

- \*443. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in regard to special schools and special developmental schools in Victoria—
1. Whether school councils are to be established for each of the schools ; if so, when.
  2. Whether, in view of the limited number of parents associated with each of the schools, additional assistance can be given for the development and maintenance of school grounds.
  3. What is the basis of the present allocation of funds for ground maintenance.
- \*444. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been any known extension in the presence of alfalfa aphid SAA and blue green aphid BGA in Victoria and neighbouring States during recent months and whether it is expected that the pest will be effectively controlled in the immediate future.
  2. Whether the programme to import and develop resistant lucern strains has been successful ; if so, whether the Department of Agriculture has established a lucern research and breeding programme and, in that event, when.
  3. Whether there has been any known quarantine problem associated with the importation of seed in bulk.
- \*445. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many residents of the City of Broadmeadows were out-patients at the Royal Children's Hospital in each month from 1st February, 1975 to 31st January, 1978 inclusive.
- \*446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers; if so, from which schools and with what results.
- \*447. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. Who authorized the recent opening of a gravel pit on State Electricity Commission land south of Traralgon.
  2. Whether the Extractive Industries Branch of the Department of Minerals and Energy was aware that this pit was to be opened ; if not, why.
  3. Whether the provisions of the *Extractive Industries Act* 1966 were complied with ; if not, what action is being taken to impose the penalty for non-compliance with the Act.
- \*448. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing in respect of the Housing Commission Estates in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe, respectively—
1. How many applicants are waiting for—(a) three bedroom houses ; (b) two bedroom houses ; (c) single person flats ; and (d) Darby and Joan flats.
  2. What is the approximate waiting time for each of the above-mentioned categories:
  3. How many two bedroom houses the Commission has for tenancy purposes:
- \*449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—
1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
  2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
  3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
  4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
  5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
  6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.

\*450. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. When the Coburg police station was built and for how many police officers the station was designed at that date.
2. How many police officers and other staff are presently employed at the station.
3. Whether a plan to re-model the station was prepared some time ago ; if so, what was the time factor and the proposed cost of the project, and why these urgent works were not carried out.
4. Whether it is proposed to install an urgently needed shower recess at the Station; if not, why.
5. In view of the fact that officers of the station are subjected to great physical hardship because of the prevailing conditions, whether the Minister will give consideration to having the old outmoded station completely dismantled and a more modern two-storey building developed in the area ; if not, why.

\*451. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. What are the academic qualifications of the General Manager of the Grain Elevators Board.
2. Whether the position was publicly advertised ; if so, in which newspapers and on what dates.
3. What is the annual salary of the General Manager and when the last increase in the salary was granted, indicating the extent of the increase.

\*452. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether the alfalfa aphid and blue green aphid are affecting the annual medic within the State.
2. Whether there is a resistant variety of annual medic available to a Victorian farmer from overseas sources ; if so, what are the particulars.

\*453. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he will ascertain which brands of pet foods on sale in Victoria contain whale meat or any other whale product.

\*454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.

\*455. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—

1. How much the State Electricity Commission has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate in each year.
2. How much Alcoa of Australia Ltd. has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate of the royalty in each year.
3. Whether the Government will give consideration to increasing the royalty on coal to bear more relationship to present day energy costs ; if not, why.

\*456. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—

1. What are the details of the electricity needs of the Alcoa of Australia Ltd. plant at Anglesea, indicating the forecasts of electricity needs for each of the next five years.
2. In view of the large quantity of electrical energy needed by this plant, what steps have been taken to encourage Alcoa to install further generating capacity of its own.

\*457. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. What proposals have been made to the Government to establish a casino in Victoria, indicating—(a) who has made such approaches ; and (b) what sites have been suggested.
2. Whether the Government is still considering the establishment of casinos in Victoria ; if so, when it is envisaged a decision will be finalized.

\*458. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether it is feasible for the 6.55 a.m. train from Geelong to Melbourne to terminate at Flinders-street station.

\*459. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—

1. On how many occasions in each of the past five years builders have extended the periods prescribed for completion of work in contracts to the Housing Commission, indicating the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of instances in which penalty provisions were invoked.
2. What was the total value of penalties imposed and foregone, respectively.

\*460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—

1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.

\*461. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—

1. What action the Housing Commission intends taking to meet the demand for two bedroom housing in the Latrobe Valley.
2. How many applicants are waiting to purchase Commission houses at Churchill, and what is the approximate waiting time for such applicants.
3. What are the details of the Commission building programme for the Towns of Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill, respectively.

J. H. CAMPBELL

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF WAR

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 6

TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. SMITH (*Warrnambool*) : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the 'Vegetation and Vine Diseases Act 1958' to enable further Action to be taken in relation to the Fruit Fly and to provide for the control of Argentine Ants*".
- \*2. MR. THOMPSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the 'Education Act 1958' and for other purposes*".

#### Orders of the Day

1. MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET TRUST (LICENCES) BILL—Second reading.
2. AERIAL SPRAYING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
3. DAIRY PRODUCTS (REPEAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
4. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (BORROWING POWERS AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO HOUSING COMMISSION LAND PURCHASES—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement relating to the Board of Inquiry into Housing Commission Land Purchases.
6. ARCHITECTS (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
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**Order of the Day**

1. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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**TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Order of the Day**

1. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)

1. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of schools and pre-schools in the electoral district of Werribee for the years 1976 and 1977, respectively—
  1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive their initial routine medical examination.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-school Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
  
2. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster, respectively, what are—
  - (a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
  
3. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department investigated home blood pressure monitoring kits such as those advertised in the *Bulletin* on 18th June, 1977 by the J. S. and A. National Sales Group ; if so—(a) which kits it has investigated and with what results ; and (b) what action has the Government taken to ensure that those kits are—(i) adequate ; and (ii) being properly advertised and sold.
  
4. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments by residents and patients in State subsidised or controlled nursing homes in geriatric hospitals—
  1. What amount is at present charged against the pension of residents and all patients, specifying the increases which have occurred in each of the past three years and the sum left to the person for personal expenditure, in each case.
  2. Whether proposals are before the Minister to vary the present contribution ; if so—(a) what proposals ; and (b) whether a decision has been made and, if so, what decision.
  3. What income was derived in each State subsidised institution from the collection of such pension moneys.
  
5. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of waiting lists for hospitals for the aged—
  1. What was the waiting list for each hospital as at—(a) 30th April, 1976 ; (b) 30th August, 1977 ; and (c) 31st January, 1978, indicating the category of urgency in each case.
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  1. What amounts were requested for Victoria in 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively, indicating what allocations were agreed to by the Commonwealth and what amounts were actually transmitted to the State in each of those years.
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  3. Whether any unspent funds from 1975-76 were used during 1976-77, specifying the amount and the subsequent use.
  
7. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
  1. Which health centres are presently receiving funds, specifying the funding for each centre for 1977-78.
  2. Which health centres or committees have made submissions but are not yet receiving funds.
  3. Which new centres are proposed to be funded in 1977-78.
  4. What other organizations—(a) are receiving funds under the Community Health Programme, specifying the amount received in 1976-77 ; and (b) will be receiving funds in 1977-78.
  
8. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Development Programme, which hospital works were discussed and agreed on for funding during 1976-77 by the Joint Hospital Works Advisory Committee, specifying which works were subsequently funded by—(a) the Commonwealth Government ; (b) the State Government ; or (c) by both Governments.



9. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of 1976-77 and 1977-78, what proportion of Community Health Programme grants were or will be applied to—(a) community health centres ; (b) community mental health centres ; (c) early childhood development ; and (d) other purposes.
10. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of medical and surgical supplies purchased by hospitals—
1. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission agreed to fund all or part of spending in excess of budget limits which resulted from devaluation ; if so, on what basis.
  2. Whether the Commission has prepared a report on the effect of devaluation ; if so, whether a copy of such report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  3. What amount was requested by hospitals to offset over-expenditure due to devaluation and what amount was allowed.
11. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what amounts were paid to visiting medical staff in hospitals during the years ended 30th June, 1975, 1976, and 1977, respectively.
12. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of section 31.1 of the Hospitals Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, and since question No. 1639 answered on 22nd March, 1977—
1. Whether any recognised hospitals have applied to the Minister for the exemption of " superior accommodation " ; if so, which hospitals and how many beds are involved in each case.
  2. Which hospitals have received the approval of the Minister to charge higher daily bed charges on account of superior accommodation, specifying the date on which exemption was given, the number of beds, and the daily rate permitted.
  3. Whether the Minister has refused any application for exemption ; if so, from which hospital and why.
  4. Whether any hospitals are charging more than the charge set out in paragraph (b) of clause 28.2 without approval from the Victorian Minister of Health ; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed.
13. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What zoonoses are recognized as endemic to Victoria.
  2. What records are maintained of the human incidence of each zoonosis and whether the records are accepted as complete in each case ; if not, why.
  3. How many human cases of each zoonosis were diagnosed and recorded in Victoria in each of the past ten years.
  4. What steps are being taken to control or eradicate each of these zoonoses in Victoria.
14. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of genetic engineering—
1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.
15. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
16. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of swimming pool operators—
1. Whether a recent meeting of interested parties agreed that the Department of Health examine the possibility of the Local Government Department being given responsibility for the overall supervision of the Swimming Pools (Water Purifications) Regulations 1969 ; if so, what action is proposed.
  2. Whether an amendment has been sought to the Regulations to place dual responsibility for water sampling with the municipality through its municipal engineer and/or health inspector and the Commission of Public Health ; if so, what is the current status of the proposed amendment.
  3. What other steps are being taken by the Department of Health to improve the training of swimming pool operators and whether it is proposed that the system of registration be introduced.

17. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of Women's Refuges or Half Way Houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. Whether the State has purchased, or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.
  3. Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities; if so, what facilities and indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis.
18. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals have been surveyed by the Australian Council of Hospital Standards in each of the past three years, specifying which hospitals—(a) have been given full accreditation ; (b) have been given provisional accreditation ; and (c) have not been granted accreditation and for what reasons.
19. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of proposals for a community health centre or service at Nangiloc—
1. Whether such a proposal was put to the Hospitals and Charities Commission ; if so—(a) when ; (b) by whom ; (c) on what basis ; and (d) whether such proposal has been made on a formal basis.
  2. Whether a community health centre or service at Nangiloc is being considered ; if so, when a decision will be made.
21. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission is currently giving assistance to the Mercy Hospital for the extension of nurses' quarters ; if so—(a) what assistance ; (b) how many nuns and other staff are to be accommodated in the new area ; (c) where staff are presently accommodated ; (d) whether any of such staff will be employed in the private rather than the public section of the hospital ; and (e) whether it is intended that existing accommodation space will be used to extend private hospital facilities.
22. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portland and District Hospital—(a) what additional works are currently being planned by the hospital ; (b) what future works have been agreed to by the Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (c) whether any estimate can be given of when funds will be available ; and (d) whether any funds are to be made available for planning.
23. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments made in Victoria under the Commonwealth *Home Nursing Subsidy Act 1956*—
1. What subsidy was paid to each home nursing organization in 1975-76 and 1976-77 and what is the estimate for 1977-78.
  2. What average number of nurses was employed by each organization.
24. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the special scheme commenced earlier this year to assist local government and schools in the detection and treatment of such problems as head lice—
1. How many municipalities requested subsidies, indicating—(a) for how many nurses ; and (b) which municipalities—(i) requested ; and (ii) actually, received assistance.
  2. Whether any municipalities have terminated the arrangements.
  3. What was the cost to the Department of Health and what was the cost to municipalities for the period since the scheme's inception.
25. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.
26. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portarlington and District Community Health Centre—
1. What proposals have been made by the Centre for capital works, when these were first made and what is the estimated cost.
  2. Whether any funds have been made available ; if so, when, and for what building works.
  3. When it is expected that State funds will become available for the proposed building.
  4. Which centres are above Portarlington on the priority list.

28. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hatley Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced ; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hatley Hostel ; and (b) other similar hostels.
29. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2318 answered on 19th October, 1977, what recommendations were made by the Commission of Public Health and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
30. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of health services in non-metropolitan areas—
1. What use is being made in Victoria of funds available under the Commonwealth Family Medicine Programme to encourage young post-graduate general practitioners who practice in rural areas.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth Minister for Health has written to the State seeking co-operation under the Hospitals Cost Sharing Arrangement to share the cost of travel and accommodation, as well as hospital and medical attention, in a case where a patient is removed from one country hospital to another location to receive more expert medical attention ; if so—(a) when the letter was received ; (b) what response has been made by the State ; and (c) whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
31. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Geelong West, what are—(a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
32. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of surgical operations to the brain—
1. Whether any such operations have been carried out under the auspices of the Mental Health Authority, specifying in each of the past five years the number of cases classified as unsuccessful.
  2. Whether officers of the Authority have examined a draft Bill prepared by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights relating to such surgery ; if so, what recommendations have been made to the Minister ; if not, whether it will be examined and a report prepared.
33. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers ; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.
34. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mooroopna and District Base Hospital and the development of the Shepparton site—
1. When the decision was taken to develop the site.
  2. When work commenced.
  3. Which stages of the work have now been completed, specifying the—(a) cost ; (b) date of completion ; and (c) occupation date.
  4. Which stages are presently under construction, specifying the estimated cost and the expected completion date.
  5. Which stages are still to be constructed, specifying the estimated cost and the estimated date of commencement and completion, respectively.
  6. Whether part of Stage 2 has to be reconstructed ; if so—(a) which part ; (b) why ; and (c) what is the estimated cost and completion date.
  7. What services will remain at the Mooroopna site and what works are proposed at that site.
35. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Colac District Hospital—
1. What funds were provided for recurrent expenditure in 1976-77, specifying the extent of any over or under expenditure.
  2. What funds are to be provided in 1977-78, specifying the amount originally requested by the hospital.
  3. What new activities originally proposed for 1977-78 will not proceed.
  4. Whether any existing activities will have to be reduced ; if so, what activities and to what extent.

36. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Austin Hospital—
1. What was the agreed building programme over the past four financial years and in 1977-78, specifying the work to be undertaken and the amount provided for such work.
  2. Whether it is intended to provide a guarantee to ensure the conclusion of works already agreed upon ; if so, on what basis.
37. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at—  
(a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and  
(d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
38. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
39. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of uniform foods legislation—
1. When the Australian Health Ministers set up a joint working party of State and Commonwealth Government officers to draw up model food legislation suitable for uniform application throughout Australia, indicating the membership of that working party, and when it has met.
  2. Whether a Food Law Revision Task Force was set up to undertake the detailed work ; if so—(a) who are the members of such task force ; (b) on what occasions they have met ; and (c) whether the task force report has been completed ; if so, when ; if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. When it is expected that model food legislation will be referred to the Health Ministers for consideration.
40. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of computed tomography (CAT) scanners—
1. How many scanners are now in operation in Victoria, specifying where they are situated and whether they are full-body or part-body scanners.
  2. Which hospitals have made application to or approached the Hospitals and Charities Commission concerning the purchase of such a scanner, indicating which hospitals have received approval.
  3. Whether the Commission knows of additional private groups which intend to purchase or have purchased such equipment ; if so, which groups.
  4. Whether the Government now has a policy relating to the introduction of such scanners ; if so, what policy.
41. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
43. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State Government contribution to expenses for immunization campaigns carried out in conjunction with municipalities outside the metropolitan area—
1. What claims for expenses are met by the Department of Health, specifying the date on which the amounts were set and the Government's contribution to those expenses.
  2. Whether the Minister will review the scale of contributions by the Department with a view to bringing them into line with current costs ; if so, what will be the new rate of expense reimbursement.
44. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association—
1. What amount is being paid by the Government for services provided by or through the Association in the 1977-78 financial year, indicating for what purpose these grants are being made.
  2. Whether the Government is at present considering an increase in funds to the Association or its services and, if so, when it is expected a decision will be reached.

46. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital—
1. What was the Budget allocation for 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively.
  2. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission has agreed to fund all or part of the hospital's deficit for 1976-77 ; if so, to what extent.
  3. Why the hospital received below average grants in May and June of 1977.
  4. What funds have been made available to the hospital in each of the past five years for capital works, and what proposals for improvements are presently before the Commission, indicating when it is expected these will be agreed to.
47. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Caulfield Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of cuts which have had to be made in services at the hospital ; if so, which cuts.
  2. Whether he is also aware that one of the cuts made is the cessation of the only evening activity organized for patients, namely, a regular film evening.
48. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed community health service at Werribee, whether it is intended that funds will be made available this year ; if so, when the decision will be announced and what funds will go to the service, stating for what purposes.
49. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the regional activities for the Department of Health reported in paragraph 10.2.1 of the September, 1977, State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report, whether the Minister will make available to the House details of the regional boundaries, regional policies, and regional programmes operated by the Department.
50. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many doctors are currently registered, specifying the category of registration.
  2. How many persons paid fees to the Medical Board of Victoria in 1976-77, specifying the income derived from each type of fee, the number paying the fee, and the amount and source of any other income.
  3. What costs were incurred by the Board in 1976-77 and how such costs have been met.
  4. What services are provided to the Board by the Department of Health and other Government Departments, specifying the cost of such services.
  5. What is the estimated income and expenditure for 1977-78.
51. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital and further to question No. 2177 answered on 6th September, 1977—
1. Whether funds have been made available for the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, what funds, if not, why.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that facilities, particularly in the casualty area are totally inadequate ; if so, whether special funds will be made available for the upgrading of facilities, particularly during the holiday season.
52. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister and/or the Department of Health is studying the Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare report on drug problems in Australia ; if so—(a) what are the results of that study ; and (b) whether, in the event that the study is not finished, when the study will be finished and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
53. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.
54. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of "J" Ward at Ararat—
1. Whether the Government has plans to improve facilities at "J" Ward ; if so, when it is proposed that work will start.
  2. Whether the Government is considering moving the maximum security hospital to an area of the State other than Ararat ; if so, how far plans have progressed and when it is proposed that work would commence.

55. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Foreign Practitioners Qualification Committee has now examined Mr. Thirumuppath Achuthan ; if so, with what result, in what matters was Mr. Achuthan tested, and in which areas he was found not satisfactory.
56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4.6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.
57. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Department of Health charges municipal authorities for the examination of plans and specifications of such buildings as pre-school centres and other municipal activities ; if so, when this practice commenced.
58. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2664 answered on 11th October, 1977 concerning a report prepared on the on-call and re-call amounts paid to doctors in 1976-77, when the report mentioned in part (c) will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
59. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of questions Nos. 2541 and 2543 answered on 25th October, 1977, which changes occurred in the allocation of municipalities to the statistical regions and which municipalities are contained in the new statistical division included as Region 10 (a).
60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
61. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. Whether any doctors who did not pay their registration fee were subsequently registered ; if so, how many.
  2. How many doctors failing to pay the registration fee were subsequently dropped from the list.
62. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of public swimming pools, the Department of Health or the Commission of Public Health has received requests for the Swimming Pools (Water Purification) Regulations 1969 to be amended ; if so, whether amendments will be agreed to and, in that event, in what respect and when ; if not, why.
63. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
64. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of food standards—(a) whether the Minister will provide full details of the difficulties encountered by the officers of the Department of Health with the New South Wales company which produced the suspect egg-pulp ; and (b) whether the Minister or the Department has received representations from the Food Industry Council concerning the Health (Control of Pathogens) Regulations 1977 ; if so, what is the basis for the approach, what changes are proposed, and when a decision will be made.
65. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each—(a) teaching hospital ; (b) non-teaching hospital with more than 200 beds ; and (c) base hospital, what were the numbers on waiting lists for public or standard patients and private patients, respectively, as at 30th June, 1975, 30th June, 1976, 30th June, 1977 and 30th October, 1977.
66. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
67. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.

69. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public; (b) charitable; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services; (ii) outpatients' services; (iii) midwifery; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria; (b) Melbourne; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
71. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of building works being carried out at the Portland hospital by Prentice Builders—(a) what was the successful tender price for each section of the work; (b) what were the names of the unsuccessful tenderers and their quotes for the above works; and (c) whether tenderers were called and let on the basis that all carpenters and other building tradesmen employed on the job would be paid the National Building Trades Construction Award E.L.S.A. Melbourne rates of pay or on the Elsewhere Rates of pay (country rates); if so, what were the details of the basis of payment.
72. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes, whether any research is presently being conducted in the Department of Health, or by outsiders with the co-operation of the Department, to evaluate their effectiveness; if so—(a) what projects are being evaluated, in which regions, who is carrying out the research, and what is the expected date of the completion of each evaluation; (b) whether it is proposed to introduce any more complexes prior to the completion of such research and, if so, why; and (c) whether copies of the research material will be made available on completion to the Member for Brunswick.
73. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of pre-school medical examinations, whether the Department of Health has up to date figures, by region, as to—(a) the number of examinations per 1,000 of population; and (b) number of children of pre-school age, as used in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Hospital and Health Services in Victoria; if so, whether those figures will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
74. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes—
1. At what locations complexes have been set up to date, specifying the resources available to each complex.
  2. What proposed complexes will be set up in 1977-78.
  3. Which municipal councils have been approached to participate in such complexes, specifying those municipalities which have agreed to participate.
  4. How many complexes are expected to be created in Victoria, specifying the municipalities to be involved in each complex.
  5. What was the expenditure on such complexes in 1976-77 and what expenditure is proposed in 1977-78, specifying State, Commonwealth and other contributors.
75. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Commonwealth Childhood Services Programme 1974-75 for the establishment of pre-school and child care services—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government asked the State to delete certain commitments from the programme; if so, when, on what basis and which projects.
  2. Which organizations have been sent letters by the Secretary of the Department of Health asking that projects be not proceeded with for the present, specifying the nature of the project concerned, the date of original Departmental approval and the estimated cost.
  3. Which organizations have not been asked to delay commencement of projects.
76. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Dental Centres at Footscray and North Fitzroy, which schools receive services from each of these centres, specifying the last year at which a full service was carried out.
77. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
78. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child-care places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name; (b) address; (c) current enrolment; (d) current waiting list; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the district, indicating in each case, what arrangements are available for free or reduced-fee accommodation to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.

79. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
80. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What steps are to be taken to establish dental clinics at schools in the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster.
  2. What consideration has been given to providing mobile clinics to service schools with no permanent dental clinics.
81. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Whether he had deferred a decision on a subsidy to Melton Shire Council for the construction of the Kingsway pre-school ; if so—(a) why ; and (b) when he will make a decision.
  2. In which other cases a decision on a subsidy has been deferred.
82. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, further to his answer to the question without notice asked by the Member for Evelyn on 23rd November, 1977 concerning questions on notice, what was the time taken and cost involved in answering each question asked by the Member for Brunswick during the Spring sitting.
83. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age in the districts whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child care places is available at centres within the districts.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the districts, indicating in each case, what arrangements for free or reduced-fee accommodation are available to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the districts in 1978 and 1979, respectively.
84. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what suburbs of Melbourne the Country Roads Board has conducted or sponsored studies of traffic noise, indicating—(a) who carried out such studies ; (b) when ; and (c) whether copies of such studies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
85. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2680 asked on 20th October, 1977—
1. Whether the Country Roads Board has purchased any properties in this area ; if so, which properties.
  2. In respect of Nicholson-street, Coburg, and Holmes-street, Brunswick, what plans exist for road widening and intersection improvement, indicating whether any properties have already been acquired for these purposes.
86. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the reconstruction of the Lygon-street Main Drain Park-street Diversion, whether the Country Roads Board still intends to finance the work ; if so, for what purpose and when it is expected that the work will be carried out.
87. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
88. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977 ; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
89. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated ; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.



90. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools are to be allocated the thirty additional migrant English teachers approved by him, when additional appointments are to be made and to which schools they will be appointed.
91. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to the question without notice on services for the mentally retarded answered on 20th September, 1977—
1. When the Committee sent the report to the Premier's Department indicating, when it was received by the Department, who received it, and what has occurred from the report in the intervening period.
  2. When he expects to—(a) see the report ; and (b) release it.
92. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved ; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
97. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
98. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What moneys have been made available to councils in the Mildura area for the relief of unemployment, indicating on what basis these moneys were made available.
  2. Whether any of those persons subsequently employed were previously employed by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ; if so, when they were discharged from the Commission's employment.
99. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme ; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
100. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Which properties are owned by the Housing Commission in the Lee-street-Princes-street area of Carlton, specifying the address, date of purchase, and purchase price.
  2. What is the Commission's intention in respect of each property, indicating—(a) which properties are to be renovated to welfare standards ; (b) which properties are to be renovated to investment standard ; (c) which properties are to be demolished to make way for flats ; and (d) whether the flats will be available for rental to Commission tenants or will be used in some other way.
  3. Who will occupy the proposed five new in-fill houses and where they will be constructed in the block.
  4. Whether the Commission has an estimated date for the commencement of the various upgradings of the properties.
101. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons—
1. Whether submissions have been received requesting the Public Service Board and other public Instrumentalities to adopt special policies on the question of recruitment ; if so, from whom and with what result.
  2. Whether the Board and/or other public Instrumentalities adopt special criteria in the recruitment of such persons ; if so, what criteria and how many persons have been recruited in each of the past three years.
103. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, in respect of each friendly society and benefit association medical service and/or hospital benefit fund in Victoria for 1976-77, the Minister will supply the Member for Brunswick with details as soon as they are available as to—(a) the income of each body, specifying the amount received by way of contribution, interest, and Commonwealth Benefit subsidies ; (b) the expenditure of each body, specifying the amount expended on medical benefits, hospital benefits, management, and Commonwealth Government benefits ; (c) the total of each fund as at 30th June, 1976 ; and (d) the number of contributors to each fund at the beginning and end, respectively, of the 1976-77 financial year.
104. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of hospital construction in Victoria, which hospitals have been permitted to borrow funds guaranteed by the State, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the date, amount and period of the guarantee ; (c) the works to be done ; and (d) whether State funds are to be made available towards the works and, if so, when.

105. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.
107. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What are the present and projected arrangements, respectively, for providing dental services at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of students at each school who had a school dental examination in each of the past five years for which information is available.
108. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) the Moorabbin hospital; and (b) the Oakleigh District Community hospital, what is the average waiting period for—(i) standard ward patients with Medibank levy cover ; and (ii) intermediate patients, in each category of hospital service.
109. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
110. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
112. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients at community health centres being charged fees for the centres—
1. When discussions commenced with the Commonwealth Government on this subject and at whose initiative.
  2. When negotiations between the State and Commonwealth Governments concluded.
  3. Whether any surveys or studies have been completed on the subject of the payment of fees or on the existence of salaried services at community health centres.
  4. What proportion of users of community health centres are insured patients and on what basis this estimate is made.
  5. On what services fees are to be charged.
  6. Whether income will be additional to allocations already made to the community health centres or whether their allocation will be reduced on the basis of fee income received.
  7. What is the expected revenue to the State in this financial year and in a full year.
113. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of studies which suggest that two pesticides, chlordane and heptachlor, are carcinogens.
  2. Whether the two pesticides are used in products on sale in Victoria ; if so, in which products and for what purpose.
  3. Whether the Government proposes any action to restrict the use of these pesticides.
114. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Government's announcement that the F2 Freeway, south of Bell-street, Coburg, will not proceed—
1. Which properties south of Bell-street are owned by the Country Roads Board, at what expense they were obtained, and when.
  2. What are the Board's plans in respect of each property.

115. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
116. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2356 answered on 20th September, 1977, in respect of the use of rapeseed oil in foodstuffs—
1. Whether a report has now been received from the National Health and Medical Research Council ; if so, whether the Minister will make available a copy of such report to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. What action has been taken, and recommendations made by the Food Standards Committee, and what action has been taken, or is proposed, by the relevant Department on this matter.
117. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. On what grounds the Medical Board refused to restore Dr. Sender to the Register and whether the refusal was for an indefinite or a fixed term.
  2. Whether any doctors who did not pay their fee for re-registration and whose registration thus lapsed on the 1st January, 1977, subsequently made application for re-registration and were re-registered ; if so, how many.
118. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.
119. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what amounts have been allocated this financial year for grants to ethnic organizations and welfare programmes, indicating to whom grants have been made and on what basis, and what money remains to be spent in this financial year.
120. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Youth Job Centre which it was claimed was set up by the State Government—
1. How many persons are employed on the staff of the Centre, specifying each category of staff.
  2. In each month since the Centre was opened—(a) how many young people have contacted the Centre ; (b) how many people have applied to the Centre for assistance in finding a job ; and (c) how many persons have been placed in jobs.
  3. What State Government commitment has been made to the Centre.
121. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.
122. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.

123. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, further to question No. 2576 answered on the 19th October, 1977, whether any further action has been taken in respect of the offer of \$1 million for community purposes made by the Smorgon family ; if not, why.
124. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to question No. 2749 answered on 20th October, 1977—
1. What progress has been made in examining the Australian Law Reform Commission's report on human transplants.
  2. Whether legislation is to be introduced ; if so, on what basis and when.
125. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of Division 6 of the *Summary Offences Act* 1966 relating to juvenile smoking, in each of the past five years—
1. How many persons have been charged under section 43 and what has been the result of each case.
  2. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (1) and with what result.
  3. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (2) (b), specifying the result in each case.
126. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport why modern passenger rail carriages, similar to those provided on Melbourne suburban routes, are not made available for the Geelong-Melbourne rail route.
127. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many Bingo licences have been issued for the Geelong region.
  2. What was the total fee collected or due to the State by each such operating licence for 1977.
128. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Which Housing Commission estates in the Geelong region have planned for local shopping facilities in the near future.
  2. Where such shops will be situated.
  3. When such shopping facilities will be available.
129. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the additional storage facilities were not proceeded with.
130. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what salaries and expenses etc. were paid in 1977 in respect of the Chairman and members of the—(a) Trotting Control Board ; and (b) Greyhound Racing Control Board.
131. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
132. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
134. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.

135. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—  
 (a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.

136. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.

137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.

138. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. On what dates the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment produced background papers.
2. What was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the names of the persons and groups who received copies in each case.

139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.

140. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which evaluations of the Community Youth Support Scheme, the Special Youth Unemployment Training Programme and the Job Relocation Scheme in Victoria were submitted to the Commonwealth Government, indicating—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each report.

141. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary on 29th April, 1978.
3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.

142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—

1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively have been successful.
2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.

143. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier what are the dates on which the Victorian Government has held consultations concerning the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry—  
 (a) within its own structure ; (b) with employer groups ; (c) with consumer groups ; and (d) with trade unions, specifying in each case—(i) the subject ; (ii) the substance of the outcome ; and (iii) the names of the participants.

144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.

145. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to the recommendation of the Norgard Inquiry that all Government Departments and Authorities should register vacancies with the Commonwealth Employment Service ; if so, on what dates and by what means action has been taken to give effect to the recommendation.
146. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what arrangements have been made for maintenance of the monitoring of regional employment patterns in the event of the Commonwealth Government discontinuing the Commonwealth Employment Service series.
147. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme—
1. What mechanism is used to monitor the training and experience received by each employee during the subsidy period.
  2. What record or report is sent to the department and employee, respectively, after the subsidy period has expired.
148. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, on what dates he has—(a) sought; and (b) received assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs that services for Australians of ethnic origin which were previously administered by the department of Social Security will be retained at least at the present level following their transfer to the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.
149. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier, on what dates and by what means the Victorian Government has communicated views to the Commonwealth Government on—(a) the Green Paper on Manufacturing Industry; and (b) the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry, and what was the subject and substance of the views expressed in each case.
150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.
151. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many manufacturing firms have discontinued production in Victoria in the past two years in order to resume activities—(a) interstate ; and (b) overseas, indicating the number of jobs and the value of production lost to Victoria in each case.
152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.
153. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has executed any Government guarantee under section 94 of the *Co-operation Act* 1958 on behalf of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operative Limited.
154. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the incidence of asbestosis amongst Victorian employees—
1. Whether surveys have been taken to ascertain the extent of the disease.
  2. Whether new protection standards are proposed and what other action has been taken or is proposed.
155. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture how many brucellosis reactors have been slaughtered in Victorian abattoirs during the two year period ending 31st December, 1977, indicating the name and address of each abattoir and the number of reactors slaughtered at each abattoir during the two year period.
158. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area ; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type ; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
159. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Council for Christian Education in Schools for an increase in the government grant to a level of 50 per centum of the Council's expenditure ; if so, whether the request will be supported.

161. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a survey was undertaken by the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory in 1975 regarding the design and function of 69.1.900 building type schools ; if so—(a) whether a report has been prepared ; and (b) whether he will supply the results to interested Members.
162. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why teachers are not allowed to take leave without pay or to be seconded to the position of Community Education Officer in schools.
  2. Whether the departmental policy on this matter was determined prior to consultation with the Community Education Committee and what is the view of the Committee on this issue.
163. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office ; (b) converted shelter-shed ; (c) assembly hall cloak room ; (d) condemned ex-army hut ; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
164. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school ; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.
165. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to Highvale primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. What was the expected maximum enrolment when the present permanent buildings at the school were constructed.
  3. How many portable class-rooms are at the school.
  4. When the proposed new primary school at Weedon-drive will be able to take students from Highvale.
166. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.
167. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties ; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
168. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
169. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme ; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
170. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the N.E.A.T. scheme, how many people in Victoria have applied for training under each industry or skill statistical group, and what is the—(a) number and (b) percentage, respectively, who have—(i) been accepted ; and (ii) successfully completed training in each case.
171. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.

172. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
173. **MRS. TONER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive.
174. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of information on provision for moderately handicapped children in Mental Health Authority residential institutions, day training centres and St. Nicholas hospital, respectively, at June 1973, set out in Appendix H of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education in Victoria, whether he is able to give comparable information for each subsequent year.
183. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
184. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
186. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
187. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a decision has been made on the recommended increase of subsidy for the construction of school swimming pools ; if not, why ; if so, what is the current position.
188. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many temporary teachers have been employed in each of the past three years and how many of such teachers are women.
  2. Whether there are any restrictions at present on the employment of temporary teachers.
  3. Whether any new restrictions are to be applied for the employment of temporary teachers in 1978.
189. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.
190. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.
192. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.



193. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.
194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
200. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether teachers recruited from the United States of America can remain in the teaching service beyond their original contract period ; if so, whether they can be appointed as permanent teachers without relinquishing their American citizenship.
201. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates teachers will be required to report for duty after the summer vacation in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. Whether the annual leave entitlements of teachers are currently under review.
  3. Whether compulsory in-service programmes during term breaks are proposed for any group of teachers.
202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.

204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
205. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what is the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each submission which has been put to the Teachers Tribunal pursuant to recommendation 5 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that the Education Department should examine the feasibility of providing permanent positions with career opportunities for part-time teachers, and what reasons have been given for the view that it is currently impossible to appoint teachers employed part-time to permanent positions and provide career opportunities.
210. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
211. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received representations from the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of Physics concerning the reduction in science teaching in Victorian secondary schools ; if so, what action is to be taken.
212. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the detailed basis of the allocation of capital funds for—(a) major works ; and (b) minor works between regions of the Education Department in 1976-77 and in 1977-78.
213. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Ardoch school—
1. What is the present enrolment.
  2. What is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. What additional facilities are to be provided on the site other than those of a standard secondary school.
  4. What is the basis of entry to the school.
216. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the planned new wing at Healesville high school.
217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.
219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
221. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed Chirnside primary school, North Croydon—
1. Whether a site has been purchased in Songbird-avenue ; if so, when the purchase was completed.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the school.
  3. When it is expected that construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. Whether it is expected that the school will commence in portable class-rooms ; if so, when.
  5. Whether he is aware of the acute overcrowding that would occur at the Lilydale West primary school if the school is not open by the start of the 1979 school year.
222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.

223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.
225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
227. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
231. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many secondary schools within the electoral district of Werribee submitted names of members of their staff for the position of career guidance officers in 1976.
  2. What is the position of those schools which could not find suitable applicants from the present staff to act as career guidance officers.
  3. What promotion opportunities exist for staff members who now hold the position of career guidance officers.
  4. When it is envisaged that all secondary schools within the district will have career guidance officers attached to their staff.
232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
233. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of secondary schools in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. Which schools have—(a) a Commonwealth standard library ; (b) a Commonwealth standard science block ; and (c) an assembly hall.
  2. Which schools plan improvements in the next three years, indicating—(a) the date of construction and basis of financing of each library, science block and assembly hall ; and (b) the nature and cost of improvements.

234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
235. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each of the Education Task Forces established in 1973, what works were recommended for schools within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating—(a) which of the recommended works—(i) have been completed ; (ii) are currently in progress ; or (iii) are currently being tendered for ; and (b) when tenders are expected to be called for each of the other recommended works.
236. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral district of Werribee have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of such works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date and (c) the completion date.
237. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
239. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to the advertisement in the *Education Gazette* of 4th November, 1977 concerning proposed secondments to the Special Services Division—
1. On what date the newly seconded teachers will commence duty within the Division.
  2. When these seconded persons will be expected to terminate their work within the Division.
  3. Whether the new secondees will receive a \$500 gratuity, and whether persons who were seconded throughout 1977 will receive a \$500 gratuity for that year.
  4. What are the required commencement and finishing dates for seconded teachers who are continuing their secondment from 1977 to 1978.
  5. Whether he will guarantee that any teachers wishing to return from the Division to teaching duties in a school in 1978 will be able to do so.
240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
241. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds were allocated to each region for the current financial year, indicating how much was provided for new schools and additions and improvements to existing schools, respectively.
  2. Whether there was any loading in the funding for regions with expanding populations ; if so, what loading and which regions received the loading.
242. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what were the circumstances that required Police vehicle IVD 040 to be used at 5.25 p.m. on 28th February, 1978 to remove two boys from the vicinity of the Footscray Park lily ponds.
243. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of apprentices indentured to employers in Victoria during 1977 and those seeking indentures—
1. How many applications to the Industrial Training Commission were—(a) received ; and (b) approved, indicating how many of those approved were unable to commence apprenticeship training.
  2. How many applicants for apprenticeships in—(a) sheet-metal ; (b) electrical ; and (c) building trades were apprenticed, indicating how this figure compares with each of the previous five years.
  3. What percentage of existing apprentices in—(a) metal ; and (b) building trades left their employment.
244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.

245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.
246. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether the Country Roads Board financial allocation allows for completion of the Grimshaw-street Overpass during 1977-78.
  2. What is the expected completion date of the works.
247. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether staffing schedules at the Austin Hospital are such that existing staff are carrying an additional 176 hours in one ward.
  2. Whether categories of training are taken into account in staffing.
248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
252. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating (i) the number ; and (ii) the percentage who have waited up to six months ; 6 to 12 months ; 12 to 18 months ; 18 to 24 months ; and more than 24 months, respectively.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
255. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.

257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.
258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.
259. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—
1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
  2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
  3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
  4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
  5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
  6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
  7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
  8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
  9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.
260. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to Watsonia Heights primary school—
1. What progress has been made in respect of siteworks to rectify areas defined as dangerous in a report prepared by the Public Works Department in July, 1977.
  2. What progress the Public Works Department has made in provision of an estimate for the staff administration area.
261. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts—
1. What was the original estimate of cost for stage two and stage three respectively of the Victorian Arts Centre and what was the estimated completion date for each stage.
  2. When these estimates of cost have been revised by the Building Committee, indicating the amounts in each case.
  3. What is the present estimated completion date for each section.
262. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether the Shapiro Report (the Westernport Bay Environmental Study) recommended an investigation to be carried out into forming a specific State Authority for managing coastal areas ; if so, what action has been taken to date on this recommendation.
  2. Whether the Report also recommended that a survey be conducted of the existing legislation covering wetlands and tidal areas ; if so, when this survey was completed and with what recommendations.
263. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What were the requirements and recommendations of the final report of the Newport Review Panel.
  2. Which of these recommendations have been acted on to date, indicating the reasons where no action has been taken.
264. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. What appeals have been lodged with the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal against decisions of the Westernport Regional Planning Authority in the last two years indicating where the appeals were lodged, by whom, and the decision in each case.
  2. What appeals are still pending.
265. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Department of Crown Lands and Survey request farmers to spray their land using phenoxy herbicides such as 244D and 245T ; if so—(a) for what purposes ; (b) what guidelines are laid down ; and (c) what action is taken if the instruction is not complied with.

266. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. Whether he has received a deputation from the Job Creation Task Force for Frankston and the Peninsula Region ; if so, with what result.
  2. Whether the task force proposed a scheme to employ 204 persons on specific projects in the community, at a cost of approximately \$1.3 million ; if so, whether he agreed to the scheme and, if not, why.
267. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which Government Departments and Instrumentalities are funding Dr. Spillaine's studies of meteorology in the Latrobe Valley, indicating—(a) what data still remains to be analysed ; (b) what staff is available for the purpose ; and (c) when the studies are expected to be completed.
268. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the report of the Board of Inquiry into the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 will be tabled during the Autumn Session of Parliament ; if so, when.
269. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the present priority for the proposed pedestrian operated lights to be installed in Bell-street, Coburg, between Alice-street and Suffolk-avenue.
270. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, when it is envisaged that indexation of valuation will be tested and evaluated within a municipality.
271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
274. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether there has been any alteration to the proposed route of the F2 freeway ; if so, whether there are any more properties in Coburg affected by the new route.
275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
277. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he is aware that the changed timetable on the Hurstbridge line which alters the earliest train departure from Eltham station to 8.23 a.m. affects a number of employees of two hospitals, forcing them to seek other means of transport ; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that an earlier train is provided.
278. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What is the incidence of industrial deafness in the sawmilling industry.
  2. What measures are taken to ensure that workers wear ear-muffs.
279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
280. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date, indicating by what means and with what result, the concurrence of the Commonwealth Government and/or its agencies was sought in the implementation of recommendations 27, 28 and 29 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education.

281. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present—(a) actual ; and (b) authorized strength of the Victoria Police Force.
  2. What is the present—(a) female strength ; and (b) number of cadets.
  3. How many recruits are at present in training at the Police Academy at Glen Waverley.
  4. What was the wastage in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated wastage in actual strength in 1978.
  5. What was the overall increase in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated actual increase in 1978.
  6. What was the ratio of police strength to population in Victoria as at 1st March, 1978.
282. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force during the period 1965 to 1978, categorizing—(a) appointments to the Force ; (b) losses through retirement, ill-health, resignations and dismissals ; and (c) net gain.
283. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
284. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the Victoria Police Force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.
285. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many complaints were lodged against members of the Victoria Police Force from January to December, 1977, and from January 1978 to date, indicating who lodged such complaints and what was the nature of the complaints.
  2. How many of these complaints were handled by the Police Discipline Board.
  3. What action was taken by the Police Department in respect of these complaints.
  4. How many of these complaints were made against—(a) members of the Uniform Branch ; and (b) members of the Criminal Investigation Branch.
286. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in the year 1978-79.
287. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what moneys allocated to the Victoria Police Force for expenditure on capital works for the current financial year has yet to be spent, indicating what works have yet to be started and/or completed.
288. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many recruits have completed training at the Police Academy in each year from 1974 to 1977 inclusive, and what estimated number of recruits will complete training in 1978.
  2. What investigations, if any, have been made into extending training facilities at the Academy.
289. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
290. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many members of the Victoria Police Force were involved or employed in security duties during the recent visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Sir Robert Menzies.



291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.
292. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in the period from 1st December, 1976 to 1st March, 1978—
1. How many motorists were tested under the *Motor Car (Breath Testing Stations) Act 1976* by use of the puff bag, indicating—(a) how many were subsequently tested by the breathalyser ; and (b) how many motorists subsequently tested by the breathalyser were found to have a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
  2. How many motorists, apart from those subjected to random breath test, were required to have a breathalyser test, indicating how many had a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
  2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
  3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
  4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.
295. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many persons have been killed as a result of car accidents on Victorian roads in the past twelve months, and in each of the years from 1968 to date.
  2. How many persons have been killed on Victorian roads since road accident statistics have been recorded.
  3. How many persons in each of the years on record have been—(a) under 25 years of age; and (b) under 20 years of age, indicating how many persons in each category have been involved in serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
  4. What statistics are available providing the cost to the community of road accidents in each of the years on record.
296. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many cars have been reported stolen in the past twelve months and in each year since 1968, indicating how many have been recovered in each year and how many persons have been convicted of offences.
297. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has given any consideration to legislation to ease the insurance burden of female car drivers under the age of 25 years in view of the statistics showing few accidents among such drivers.
298. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Victorian Railways Board has examined the feasibility of joining the Broadmeadows and Somerton rail services with the existing loop line at Broadmeadows, thus catering for travellers wishing to make trips to stations on either line ; if not, why.

299. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Which hospitals within the metropolitan area have special facilities attached for the treatment of prisoners from Pentridge Prison.
  2. When these facilities were built and at what cost.
  3. How many Pentridge prisoners are currently inmates of public hospitals.
300. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether there is any shortage of personnel attached to the Coburg Fire Station ; if so, in which positions the shortages occur and why.
301. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the municipalities of Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Coburg, Essendon, Northcote and Preston, respectively—
1. Which system of valuation is used.
  2. What amount was received from the Victoria Grants Commission for the current financial year.
  3. What was the percentage of rate increase for the 1977-78 financial year.
  4. Whether a separate garbage charge is levied ; if so, at what rate.
302. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of each category of crime recorded by the Victoria Police for statistical purposes, how many offences were—(a) committed ; and (b) cleared up, in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating in each case, the percentage variation over the previous year.
303. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Diamond Creek Technical School—
1. What was the estimated enrolment growth at the school prior to its establishment.
  2. What was the actual enrolment in 1975 and 1976, respectively, what is the present enrolment, and what is the expected enrolment in 1978, 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. Whether a survey was recently undertaken in the Diamond Creek district which indicated that a majority of parents supported the provision of a combined technical/high school facility ; if so, what action he will take on the matter.
  4. When it is expected that a library and gymnasium will be constructed and ground improvements undertaken.
304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
306. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the site presently being investigated in Broadgully-road is the most appropriately-placed school site, in view of the pattern of residential development in the Diamond Creek area.
  2. Whether other sites have been examined.
  3. Whether members of the Diamond Creek School Council have been consulted about the most appropriate position for a new school.
307. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission recently conducted a seminar for principals and representatives of all schools to encourage schools to use more electricity.
308. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, when the Department of Health will advise the Diamond Valley Shire Council of a subsidy for the provision of a meals-on-wheels kitchen and cardroom at the Greensborough Senior Citizens' Club.
309. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has power to compulsorily acquire or purchase land along Alexandra-parade, or elsewhere in the vicinity, being land not directly required for highway purposes ; if so, what steps have been taken to purchase properties of any persons who have complained that the enjoyment of their properties has been adversely affected by noise from traffic using Alexandra-parade.
310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds ; if so—(a) when such payments ceased ; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.
311. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.

312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number ; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians ; (ii) passengers ; (iii) drivers ; (iv) motor cycle riders ; (v) bicycle riders ; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
313. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, what—(a) criminal offences ; (b) episodes of vandalism ; and (c) offences against Railway Regulations have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
314. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, and what plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which they are expected to become available.
315. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, for what period each day, if any, each station is unattended.
316. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of breaches of licences and investigation of complaints in each of the past twelve months by the Environment Protection Authority and each of its delegated agencies—
1. How many breaches were detected, indicating whether in respect of land, water or air.
  2. How many prosecutions were launched, indicating those which were successful and the penalty imposed.
317. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what are the current recruitment figures for the Victoria Police Force.
318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.
319. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Since the commencement of the *Public Records Act* 1973, how many professional staff have been employed by the Public Records Office stating their positions, the number of resignations each year and their positions, and the reasons given for resigning.
  2. Who is the current Keeper of Public Records, stating his qualifications.
320. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How vital public records are selected for preservation, indicating—(a) which disposal schedules are operative ; (b) whether disposal schedules are available for researchers and members of the public ; if not, why ; and (c) whether any authorization has been given for the destruction of public records ; if so, what records.
  2. Whether standards have been established for the maintenance, selection and transfer of public records for preservation ; if so, what standards ; if not, when it is expected that standards will be formulated.
  3. What publications have been issued by the Keeper of Public Records.
  4. Whether it is proposed to prepare original publications, indicating what is in preparation ; if not, why.
  5. Whether there is a conservation unit or staff at the Public Records Office to repair priceless public records.
  6. Whether any records currently kept at Laverton are stored—(a) in tea-chests or similar depositories ; or (b) on the floor gathering dust.
  7. Whether any comprehensive guide to public record holdings has been prepared ; if not, when it is expected to be prepared.
321. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, who are the current members of the Public Records Advisory Council, and what are their qualifications.

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324. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.
325. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977–78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments ; (b) specific purpose grants ; and (c) revenue grants.
  2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
  3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977–78 ; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices ; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax ; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources ; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.
326. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will ascertain and advise of the saving associated with Budget probate tax measures for representative estate values where the Commonwealth Government levies Estate Tax on 100 per cent. of the estate instead of the proportion previously applicable.
330. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Why ethnic welfare agencies were not funded in the recently announced family support grants of \$509,713.
  2. Whether, in the distribution of the remainder of the family support service grants, he will consider giving priority to funding ethnically-based agencies.
331. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what amount is being paid by the Housing Commission for each officer assigned to the Holmesglen factory by P. A. Management Consultants Pty. Ltd.
333. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether the Social Welfare Department has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, on advertising the services of the Department, giving figures for 1975–76, 1976–77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; (b) placement of advertisements ; and (c) the number of advertisements in languages other than English, specifying the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
334. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975–76, 1976–77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
  3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
335. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.
336. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977–78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
339. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
340. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many people have been examined by the Department of Health for mercury levels or other heavy metal poisoning in the past 18 months, indicating the results in each case.

341. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2096 given on 4th May, 1977—
1. Whether the working paper has been completed and when it will be published.
  2. What are the main proposals submitted by each of the four Local Government Regional Refuse Disposal Groups.
  3. What consultation has taken place with local government bodies to assist development of the legislative framework.
  4. Whether the objective of introducing legislation this session will be achieved ; if not, why.
  5. Whether a decision has been made concerning the matters referred to in parts three and four of the question.
342. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what has been the daily available capacity of the State Electricity Commission, and the daily load chart for both domestic and other consumption, in each day during November last.
343. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the proposal by the Country Roads Board for a Bell-street-Banksia-street link of a six lane divided road across the parkland at the rear of the Austin Hospital—
1. What alternatives were considered and examined by the Board.
  2. What supporting evidence regarding traffic flow requirements was considered and examined and provided to local municipalities and other interested bodies.
  3. Why more than half the road reservation in the park is not to be used under the Board's proposal.
  4. What contribution will be required from the City of Heidelberg and how this will effect rates.
  5. How many plantation trees are under threat.
  6. Why the Board requested the Council's agreement in principle, when an Environment Effects Study is being undertaken.
344. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing in respect of the contract of sale for houses and land from Steadfast Homes Pty. Ltd. at Aspendale in 1974—
1. What was the purchase price for—(a) lots 105-113 and 128-132 ; (b) lots 114-116 and 125-127 ; and (c) lots 86-103, indicating whether any extras or chattels were included in the price.
  2. What was the selling price for each of the above lots.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
346. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What representations have been made for revoking the lease for sand extraction in the Frankston Pines Plantation, indicating on what dates.
  2. Whether any recommendation has been made to him by the Premier that the lease be terminated ; if so, with what result.
  3. Whether the process for revoking the lease is continuing ; if so, when it is expected to be completed.
347. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether an exploration licence has been granted to ICI Australia Ltd. to explore for minerals in the Warby Ranges ; if so—(a) under what conditions ; (b) what geological and geochemical investigations have been carried out so far, indicating the sites of fluorite minerals and whether the licence covers country which is erosion prone ; (c) whether these lands are reserved for public purposes as a State or national park or other reserve, indicating the recommendation of the Land Conservation Council ; (d) what conservation values and interests need to be protected in the Warby Ranges ; (e) whether the proposal for further drilling will be subject to an environmental impact statement and, if not, why ; and (f) whether any decision to allow future mining would allow open-cut methods and, if so, whether these methods will be the subject of an environmental impact statement.
348. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether any stack tests have been undertaken this year by the Environment Protection Authority on emissions from the Australian Portland Cement Company at Geelong ; if so—(a) what were the results in respect of each stack ; and (b) how these results compare with the licence conditions, indicating the extent of any non-compliance.
  2. Whether any tests have been undertaken by the company under a monitoring programme ; if so, with what results.

349. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation how many senior officers with the Environment Protection Authority have resigned in the past 12 months, indicating the positions which are currently unfilled, and the names, qualifications, and position of those appointed during this period.
350. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
351. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
352. **MR. KIRKWOOD :** To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Government will announce a decision on the proposed extension of the South-eastern Freeway so that uncertainty will be removed from the minds of people whose properties may be affected, particularly people who wish to sell but are unable to do so because their properties are now virtually frozen.
353. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What permits are required for permission to dump filling and rubble into the Yarra River.
  2. What permit or permits authorized the Green Acres Golf Club of Kew to dump truck loads of filling into the river, indicating—(a) the date on which the permit was issued ; (b) the number of objectors, stating who they represented ; and (c) the date on which the appeal was determined and the decision made.
  3. What amount of filling the Golf Club was authorized to dump, and what quantity was dumped.
  4. Whether other means of stabilizing the river bank were examined by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, such as tree-planting, shoring with tyres and wire mesh, and using logs ; if so, why such remedial measures were rejected.
354. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.
355. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in each of the past three years to date, what oil spillages have occurred from ships in Port Phillip Bay, the River Yarra, Westernport Geelong and Portland harbors, respectively, stating—(a) the name of the ship and flag, State or port of registry ; (b) the location of the accident ; (c) the details of the spillage ; (d) whether court action took place and with what result ; and (e) the clean up costs.
356. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
357. **MR. SIMMONDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many accidents were reported in the Ballarat District citing injuries received as a result of excavation and trench digging during each of the past three years.
  2. What was the cause of injury in each case.
358. **MR. SIMMONDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of each Government Department and Instrumentality—
1. What is the present number of apprentices employed.
  2. What was the intake during each of the past four years.
  3. How many applications were received in respect of each classification during each of the past four years.
359. **MR. SIMMONDS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many new apprenticeship trades have been introduced during the past ten years, indicating which trades.
  2. How many applications and indentures, respectively, have resulted in each case during each year since the introduction of each such trade.

360. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.

361. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What land has been purchased and/or compulsorily acquired for the Mornington Peninsula freeway in the vicinity of—(a) the Pines Forest estate ; and (b) Baxter.
  2. When the land was acquired in each case, indicating the sale price and the vendor.

362. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. What steps have been taken to provide a replacement for the existing unsatisfactory court house at Eltham.
  2. When it is expected that a new court house will be constructed.

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364. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what action has been taken to provide more playing space for the Viewbank primary school.
365. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Government has attempted to apply stringent controls in the sport of boxing to cover training, trainers, contestants and contests, as recommended by the Australian Medical Association.
366. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
  2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
  3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
  4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.
367. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What measures have been taken to extend the present intruder alarm system at Hurstbridge high school to include the—(a) art and craft centre ; and (b) video-equipment storage areas.
  2. Whether he is aware that the school presently employs a commercial security firm to minimize the risk of burglary and/or arson.
368. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what are the annual leasing charges for—(a) ten floors of Nauru House for the Education Department ; (b) 228 Victoria-parade ; and (c) part of 250 Elizabeth-street for the Ministry of Housing, indicating in each case, the amount of leasehold and the cost per square foot.
369. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What is the present number of dairy farmers in Victoria.
  2. How many dairy farmers have cancelled their milk contracts and what volume of milk was involved in these contracts.
  3. How many dairy farmers have retained their milk contracts, indicating the volume of milk concerned.
  4. What sum has been paid in compensation for milk contracts.
  5. What was the largest individual figure paid in compensation for a milk contract.
  6. If he will make available to the Member for Rodney, a full list of the names and addresses of all those farmers who have cancelled milk contracts in excess of 50 gallons, giving details of the compensation paid to each farmer.
  7. What percentage of milk production in Victoria is utilized for liquid consumption.
370. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the electoral district of Carrum—
1. How many elderly persons units have been built, indicating the sites in each case.
  2. How many units are currently being planned.
  3. What is the waiting list for each type of unit, indicating the average waiting time in each case.

371. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in view of the Government's aim to provide sewerage throughout the whole of the electoral district of Greensborough by 1977, as reported in the "Diamond Valley News" on 9th October, 1973, what progress has been made towards this goal.
372. **MR. WHITING** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether the Railways Department has investigated the use of containers in the transport of cattle ; if so, whether any containers have been built and, in that event, at what cost and what use has been made of them.
  2. What is the current estimated cost of constructing conventional cattle trucks.
373. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What are the main localities in the electoral district of Geelong North recording high levels of air pollution, odours, and industrial dust hazards, respectively.
  2. What are the sources of such hazards.
  3. What action has been ordered or is planned by the Environment Protection Authority to reduce these problems for residents of these areas.
374. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. What localities outside the metropolitan area have been investigated for the proposed re-establishment of the State laboratories.
  2. When it is expected the proposed establishment site will be selected.
  3. When it is expected that construction will be commenced on the new laboratories.
375. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What findings have resulted from the siting of the Environment Protection Authority air monitoring device on the rifle range at East Geelong.
  2. Whether he will take action to have such a device sited for a period at Newtown North and in the Norlane-Corio suburbs ; if not, why.
376. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
  2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
  3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.
377. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.
378. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What is the present backlog of unsewered properties in the metropolitan area and when it is estimated they will be sewered.
  2. How many properties were sewered in each of the past five years, stating the number within the backlog areas.
  3. When it is estimated that the whole of the Dandenong Valley catchment will be sewered.
379. **MR. AMOS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.
380. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
  2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.



381. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T contain dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
  2. Whether 24D contains impurities which mask the analysis of dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
  3. Whether any serious systematic sample checking is made of each batch of these chemicals ; if so—(a) who conducts these checks ; and (b) what laboratories are used ; if not, why.
  4. Whether there is such a thing as a known minimum dosage of cancer-causing chemicals below which exposure is safe.
382. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. Whether the herbicides 245T and 24D are detoxified in the soil ; if so, how rapidly, citing the published supporting scientific references.
  2. Whether herbicides are the only tools available for use in weed control ; if not—(a) what other methods can be used ; and (b) what action the Keith Turnbull Research Institute is taking to publicise these alternatives.
383. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—  
(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
  2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.
384. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. Whether phenoxy herbicides containing dioxin are used by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey ; if so—(a) in what circumstances ; and (b) what are the general levels of dioxin allowed.
  2. What testing has been done on these chemicals before use to check these dioxin levels, indicating the levels in each case.
  3. Whether dioxin is tetragonic ; if so, what supervision and control is exercised whenever sprays are used.
385. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
1. Whether phenoxy herbicides containing dioxin are used by the Forests Commission ; if so—(a) in what circumstances ; and (b) what are the general levels of dioxin allowed.
  2. What testing has been done on these chemicals before use to check these dioxin levels, indicating the levels in each case.
  3. Whether dioxin is tetragonic ; if so, what supervision and control is exercised whenever sprays are used.
386. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
  2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
  3. Why the work has not been performed.
  4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.
- (Notices received on 14th March, 1978)*
387. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry on what dates the Victorian Government made submissions to the Commonwealth Government on the level of structural adjustment assistance paid by the Commonwealth Government to industries in Victoria, and what was the level of structural adjustment suggested in each case.
388. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has made an assessment of whether the large earth works carried out on the Merri Creek, north of Fyffe-street, Northcote, will alleviate or increase the flooding problem at Fyffe-street ; if so, what is the assessment.
389. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works how many State-owned buildings over 25 metres in height are without automatic fire sprinkler systems.
390. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what real property valued at \$250,000 or more is owned by the State, indicating—(a) the location of each property ; (b) the area in hectares of each parcel of undeveloped land ; and (c) the most recent valuation of each property.

391. MR. KENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.

392. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what is the termination date of the present agreement between the State of Victoria and the promoter of Tattersall Consultations fixing the percentage allowance provided to the promoter for administration expenses for the running of consultations.

393. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—

1. What costs have been incurred by the Totalizator Agency Board to date for the proposed installation of the "Crisp" computer betting system.
2. What is the estimated final cost of completion of the system.
3. Whether tenders were originally called for the provision of the system ; if so—(a) who were the original tenderers considered ; and (b) which firm received the contract for the work ; if not, why.
4. What is the cause of delay in bringing the system into operation and what is the estimated commencement date.
5. What is the estimated cost to the Board to cancel the system, indicating whether this course of action is being considered and, if so, for what reason.
6. What are the advantages of the "Crisp" system over the present system.

394. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.

395. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What is the daily average passenger/bus ratio for Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board bus operations.
2. What is the average fuel consumption of a Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board bus.

396. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of pedestrian overpasses—

1. What Authorities submit applications for such overpasses across grade school crossings and heavily trafficked roads.
2. Which Authority decides priorities, indicating the factors taken into account.
3. How these crossings are funded, indicating who contributes to the fund.
4. How much money has been allocated for overpasses in each of the past three financial years.
5. What is the current priority list for crossings indicating the number expected to be built in this financial year, the number built in each of the past two financial years, and the average cost per overpass in each year.
6. Whether any application for an overpass has been submitted by the City of Chelsea ; if so, when.

397. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether there are any plans to electrify the Stony Point railway line ; if so, what is the projected time scale for the works.

398. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, what is the current capacity of the Devil Bend Reservoir, and whether there are any plans to extend its capacity.

399. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether his attention has been drawn to proceedings in the Melbourne County Court which were the subject of a transcript forwarded to Sir Gregory Gowans by direction of Mr. Justice McNab ; if so, whether he is familiar with allegations against Housing Commission Commissioners and staff put forward by Counsel representing the former Housing Commission Assistant Transport Officer, Mr. G. N. Clippetti, and what action has been taken in the light of these allegations.

400. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.

401. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.

402. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth at the next Premier's Conference that, as a matter of urgency, the Commonwealth formulate a comprehensive industry policy.
  2. Whether he will convene a committee with Government, employer, union, consumer and industry representatives to begin development of an industry policy for Victoria.
403. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What was the income and expenditure of the State Savings Bank Provident Fund in respect of the 1976-77 financial year and what were the assets and liabilities of the fund at the end of that year.
  2. Whether the fund is the only provident, pension or superannuation fund that is conducted for the benefit of persons who have been on the payroll of the bank or their dependants.
404. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, if the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What amount of Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rates in respect of the 1975-76 and 1976-77 financial years, respectively, were outstanding at 1st March, 1978.
  2. In how many cases legal action has been commenced to recover the rates outstanding in respect of each of these periods.
405. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether any recommendation has been made for the extractive industry lease on the Frankston Pine Plantation to be terminated by the Department of Minerals and Energy ; if so, when it is expected to be finalized to allow planning for sporting and recreational facilities in the area.
406. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Which State Government departments presently based in Geelong will be transferred to the new State Government offices at Ryrie-street, Geelong.
  2. How many of such Geelong-based departments will be moving from present private accommodation before the present leases expire.
  3. What is the financial obligation of the State to fulfil lease conditions after the Departments have moved into the State offices.
  4. Whether any departments and employees not presently based in Geelong will be housed in the new Public Offices at Geelong ; if so, which Departments and employees.
407. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether the new State public offices in Ryrie-street, Geelong has insufficient car parking spaces to meet the standards set for such building space ; if so—(a) why such space was not provided for in planning for the buildings ; and (b) whether local authorities will be adequately compensated financially as would be required under private building construction and, if not, why.
408. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in which year work will be commenced and completed, respectively, on the proposed overpass rail crossing at North Shore-road, Norlane.
409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
  2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
  3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.
410. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that the findings of the 1977 investigation into the Geelong area public transport operations will be available, particularly in relation to weekly and monthly fare concession bus tickets.
411. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the re-alignment of the roadway for the proposed F.2 Freeway in relation to the building project of Kodak (Australasia) Pty. Ltd., has affected any additional properties within the City of Coburg ; if so, what are the locations of the properties affected.
412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
  2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
  3. In how many of these claims submitted to the insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
  4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.

414. **MR. EVANS (Gippsland East)** : To ask the Honorable the Premier with reference to the property, Nyermilang at Lakes Entrance—
1. On what date the Government purchased the property.
  2. Which Department at present administers the property.
  3. What is the area of the property.
  4. What price was paid, for what purpose it was purchased, and from whom it was purchased.
  5. For what purposes it has been used since the property was acquired.
  6. What improvements have been carried out, indicating at what cost.
  7. Whether the public have access to the property and, if not, to whom access is available.
415. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.
416. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What major new road, rail and river crossings, respectively, are planned to be constructed in the Geelong area.
  2. When it is expected that each such crossing will be commenced and completed, respectively.
417. **MR. TREWIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what are the building programmes for the 1977-78 and 1978-79 financial years for Benalla, Euroa, Seymour, Mansfield, Alexandra and Nagambie, respectively.
418. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. Whether he has considered the full potential of Weights and Measures Unions as consumer protection bodies.
  2. Which of the following criteria are considered to be most important when judging the efficacy of Weights and Measures Unions :—(a) cost per capita within the areas under the jurisdiction of the Unions ; (b) amount of revenue collected ; (c) number of prosecutions ; and (d) inspection of packaging.
  3. Whether he has investigated means of providing incentives to municipalities to ensure that Weights and Measures Unions give chief priority to consumer protection rather than revenue collection.
419. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. What measures have been taken to protect the public from slack-fill packaging.
  2. Whether the Government has taken any action to ensure the promulgation of regulations concerning the greatest amount by which the volume, capacity or size of a package may exceed the volume or size of the goods contained in the package.
420. **MR. MCINNES** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—
1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976-77 and 1977-78.
  2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977-78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.
421. **MR. MCINNES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, with respect to the Government acquisition of Rotamah Island (Gippsland Lakes), what was the—(a) purchase price ; (b) Valuer-General's valuation ; and (c) previous sale prices in transactions relating to the sale of this property over the past ten years.
422. **MR. KIRKWOOD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, why applications for compulsory third-party motor vehicle insurance require the applicant to state his or her occupation and what effect such information has on the policy.
423. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of relevant contracts let in each of the past five years which have not complied with recommendations on bills of quantity set out in paragraphs 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 of the Statute Law Revision Committee Report upon a proposal for the bonding of building contractors, of 25th September, 1962.

424. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the chemical currently being used for the fluoridation of Melbourne's water supply is of a chemically pure standard.
  2. Whether, as the World Health Organisation resolution recommends the introduction of fluoridation only where the fluoride intake from water and other sources for the given population is below the optimum levels, the Minister could supply references to research carried out by the Commission of Public Health which demonstrated the necessity for adding fluoride to the public water supplies.
  3. What levels of total fluoride intake were determined by the research carried out by the Commission, indicating whether these levels could be classified as fluoride intake from—  
(a) environmental pollution ; (b) existing drinking water ; and (c) average dietary patterns.

425. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What references are available regarding the amount of fluoride gases emanating from industrial emissions in and around Melbourne.
  2. Whether the Environment Protection Authority classifies fluoride as an environmental pollutant.
  3. Whether American research has shown that fluoride emissions are the second most prolific after sulphur dioxide but are one thousand times more toxic than sulphur dioxide.
  4. Whether the American Environment Protection Authority lists 1.5 parts per million of fluoride as the maximum tolerance level for marine life in oceans and estuaries.
  5. Whether any research has been carried out to determine the likelihood of the fluoride level resulting from sewerage sullage and waste from domestic and industrial run-off into Port Phillip Bay exceeding the American Environment Protection Authority maximum fluoride tolerance level.

*(Notices received on 15th March, 1978)*

426. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many Filipino nursing staff are employed in hospitals in Victoria.
  2. What are the terms of contract entered into by Filipino staff.
  3. What were the reasons for bringing Filipino staff into Victorian hospitals.
427. MR. COLEMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the City of Oakleigh is currently operating with a deficit of approximately \$170,000 ; if so—(a) over what period this deficit has been accumulated ; and (b) what is the expected deficit for the complete financial year.
428. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether he is aware of a petition raised by workers at the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd. plant at Geelong alleging pollution from the Pivot Superphosphate Company at North Shore.
  2. What levels of dust, sulphur odours, and air pollution have been recorded in the vicinity of the plant over the past twelve months, indicating—(a) the accepted standard in each case ; and (b) where licence conditions were exceeded.
  3. What steps are currently being taken by the Environment Protection Authority to meet the requests of the petition.
429. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What percentage of domestic fuel and power demand is for water heating.
  2. What is the contribution of solar energy to domestic hot water where heating is provided by—  
(a) gas ; and (b) electricity, indicating whether direct solar water heaters using a thermosyphon or solar pre-heaters were used, and how these results compare with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's figures at Clayton, which show a potential 65 per cent. saving from solar energy in Victoria.
  3. In respect of which solar units off peak rates are—(a) given ; and (b) not given.
430. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, whether an inquiry is being undertaken by the Law Department or any other body into the costs associated with the sale and purchase of land ; if so—(a) who are the persons conducting the inquiry, and what are the terms of reference ; and (b) when it is expected that a report will be made.
431. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether any statistics are available on the result of appeals at the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal ; if so, whether figures are available as to the success rate of persons or companies, either as appellants or respondents, seeking to develop land and being opposed by the local government body in respect of that development for conservation reasons.

432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia ; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.

433. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each institution conducted by the Mental Health Authority for handicapped children, what income was received by way of child endowment from the Commonwealth Department of Social Security in each of the past two years and for what purpose the income was used.

434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. What is the—(a) name ; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash ; (ii) land ; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.

435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services ; if so, at what level.
4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.

436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated regulations—

1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project ; and (b) a community project.
2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
4. Whether application forms for grants are available ; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant ; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.

437. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance service which services the Mornington peninsula—

1. Whether it is intended that the service will continue ; if so, on what basis.
2. How many persons were assisted by the ambulance during 1977, indicating to which hospitals they were taken.
3. Whether the ambulance is being used to transfer patients from the Frankston hospital to the Wonthaggi hospital ; if so, why.
4. What was the cost of the service in the last financial year, and what is the estimated cost for this financial year.

438. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Cowes Elderly Citizens Club—

1. Whether the Minister has yet received a deputation from the Shire of Phillip Island as requested by the Shire ; if so, when, and with what result.
2. What plans exist for the upgrading of the inadequate facilities at the Club and when it is expected that funds will be made available for this purpose.

439. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of the financial difficulties faced by the Maryborough hospital ; if so, what steps have been taken to ensure that these difficulties are overcome.
440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. When it was determined to establish the school.
  4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
  5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year ; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.
441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational ; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.
442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis ; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.
443. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in regard to special schools and special developmental schools in Victoria—
1. Whether school councils are to be established for each of the schools ; if so, when.
  2. Whether, in view of the limited number of parents associated with each of the schools, additional assistance can be given for the development and maintenance of school grounds.
  3. What is the basis of the present allocation of funds for ground maintenance.
444. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been any known extension in the presence of alfalfa aphid SAA and blue green aphid BGA in Victoria and neighbouring States during recent months and whether it is expected that the pest will be effectively controlled in the immediate future.
  2. Whether the programme to import and develop resistant lucern strains has been successful ; if so, whether the Department of Agriculture has established a lucern research and breeding programme and, in that event, when.
  3. Whether there has been any known quarantine problem associated with the importation of seed in bulk.
445. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many residents of the City of Broadmeadows were out-patients at the Royal Children's Hospital in each month from 1st February, 1975 to 31st January, 1978 inclusive.
446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what results.
447. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. Who authorized the recent opening of a gravel pit on State Electricity Commission land south of Traralgon.
  2. Whether the Extractive Industries Branch of the Department of Minerals and Energy was aware that this pit was to be opened ; if not, why.
  3. Whether the provisions of the *Extractive Industries Act* 1966 were complied with ; if not, what action is being taken to impose the penalty for non-compliance with the Act.
448. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing in respect of the Housing Commission Estates in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe, respectively—
1. How many applicants are waiting for—(a) three bedroom houses ; (b) two bedroom houses ; (c) single person flats ; and (d) Darby and Joan flats.
  2. What is the approximate waiting time for each of the above-mentioned categories.
  3. How many two bedroom houses the Commission has for tenancy purposes.

449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—

1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.

450. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. When the Coburg police station was built and for how many police officers the station was designed at that date.
2. How many police officers and other staff are presently employed at the station.
3. Whether a plan to re-model the station was prepared some time ago ; if so, what was the time factor and the proposed cost of the project, and why these urgent works were not carried out.
4. Whether it is proposed to install an urgently needed shower recess at the Station; if not, why.
5. In view of the fact that officers of the station are subjected to great physical hardship because of the prevailing conditions, whether the Minister will give consideration to having the old outmoded station completely dismantled and a more modern two-storey building developed in the area ; if not, why.

451. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. What are the academic qualifications of the General Manager of the Grain Elevators Board.
2. Whether the position was publicly advertised ; if so, in which newspapers and on what dates.
3. What is the annual salary of the General Manager and when the last increase in the salary was granted, indicating the extent of the increase.

452. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether the alfalfa aphid and blue green aphid are affecting the annual medic within the State.
2. Whether there is a resistant variety of annual medic available to a Victorian farmer from overseas sources ; if so, what are the particulars.

453. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he will ascertain which brands of pet foods on sale in Victoria contain whale meat or any other whale product.

454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.

455. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—

1. How much the State Electricity Commission has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate in each year.
2. How much Alcoa of Australia Ltd. has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate of the royalty in each year.
3. Whether the Government will give consideration to increasing the royalty on coal to bear more relationship to present day energy costs ; if not, why.

456. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—

1. What are the details of the electricity needs of the Alcoa of Australia Ltd. plant at Anglesea, indicating the forecasts of electricity needs for each of the next five years.
2. In view of the large quantity of electrical energy needed by this plant, what steps have been taken to encourage Alcoa to install further generating capacity of its own.



457. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. What proposals have been made to the Government to establish a casino in Victoria, indicating—(a) who has made such approaches; and (b) what sites have been suggested.
  2. Whether the Government is still considering the establishment of casinos in Victoria; if so, when it is envisaged a decision will be finalized.
458. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether it is feasible for the 6.55 a.m. train from Geelong to Melbourne to terminate at Flinders-street station.
459. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. On how many occasions in each of the past five years builders have extended the periods prescribed for completion of work in contracts to the Housing Commission, indicating the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of instances in which penalty provisions were invoked.
  2. What was the total value of penalties imposed and foregone, respectively.
460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—
1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
  2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
  3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.
461. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What action the Housing Commission intends taking to meet the demand for two bedroom housing in the Latrobe Valley.
  2. How many applicants are waiting to purchase Commission houses at Churchill, and what is the approximate waiting time for such applicants.
  3. What are the details of the Commission building programme for the Towns of Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill, respectively.

(Notices received on 16th March, 1978)

- \*462. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been a substantial increase in expenditure on entertainment in recent months by the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board; if so, whether the increase in expenditure is relevant to the interests of grain growers.
  2. What total amount has been expended on entertainment since the present Chairman's appointment to that position.
  3. What amount was expended on entertainment by the previous Chairman of the Board in each of the two years prior to his retirement.
  4. What are the names of persons entertained by the Board since the appointment of the present Chairman.
- \*463. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of the Swine Compensation Fund—
1. What is the present total amount in the fund.
  2. What income the fund has received and what expenditure has been made from the fund in each of the past five years.
- \*464. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether representations have been made to him for legislation to be introduced in respect of registration, licensing and guidelines for the control of piggeries in Victoria; if so—(a) when these representations were first made and by whom; and (b) what is the reason for the delay in implementing the legislation and when it will be introduced.
- \*465. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what average number of Geelong-Melbourne passengers have travelled on morning peak hour trains on week days during the years 1970, 1975, and in this year to date.
- \*466. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have had their salary arrangements altered as a result of the Government's decision to cease collecting fees for the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association.
- \*467. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education at which schools strikes have been held in 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, indicating the respective dates.

- \*468. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have been absent without leave under the terms of the *Public Service Act* 1974 as a result of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association this year.
- \*469. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, which candidates for the Victorian State Elections held in 1970, 1973 and 1976 indicated teaching as their occupation.
- \*470. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established—(a) school councils consisting of equal numbers of parents, teachers and students ; (b) school councils without any teacher representatives other than the principal ; and (c) school councils with student representation other than in equal numbers with teachers and parents.
- \*471. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister will provide the Member for Ascot Vale with a list of all property holdings that are occupied by the Victoria Police Force and any lease arrangements that have been undertaken by the Force to provide necessary Police facilities.
- \*472. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether container road transport vehicles create air turbulence that endangers other vehicles travelling on the same roads in the opposite direction.
  2. Whether any investigations have been made by the Government to determine the extent of this problem ; if so, with what result.
  3. Whether there are regulations to govern the load capacity of these vehicles.
- \*473. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 27 answered on 14th March, 1978, whether the examination of the three brands of snake bite kits included an evaluation of their usefulness and effectiveness ; if so, what was the conclusion of the inspecting officers in each case.
- \*474. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the status of intersections are altered where traffic stop signs have been damaged or removed by accident or by acts of vandalism ; if so, what precautions are taken by the appropriate traffic authorities to alert motorists using such intersections and what urgent action is taken to restore such signs.

J. H. CAMPBELL

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 7

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notice of Motion

1. MR. SMITH (*Warrnambool*) : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the 'Vegetation and Vine Diseases Act 1958' to enable further Action to be taken in relation to the Fruit Fly and to provide for the control of Argentine Ants*".

#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. SUPPLY (1978-79, No. 1) BILL—Second reading.
- \*2. EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. MOLESWORTH (LAND EXCHANGE) BILL—Second reading.
4. ARCHITECTS (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. VICTORIAN FILM CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. REFERENCE AREAS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate.*
9. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes*".
3. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 925 of the 'Local Government Act 1958' with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public*".
- \*4. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 10 of the 'Public Records Act 1973' with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public*".

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

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THURSDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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TUESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET TRUST (LICENCES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

*(Notices received on 21st March, 1978)*

- \*475. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works—
1. What stage has been reached in the development of a suitable crane for the Portarlington pier.
  2. When it is expected that the crane will be installed and available for use by professional fishermen.
- \*476. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the concern of interstate road hauliers at the Victorian speed limit of 40 m.p.h. imposed on interstate transport vehicles.
  2. If he will ascertain and advise what are the speed limits in all other States.
  3. Whether the Government will review the speed limit to conform with other States.
  4. Whether the Minister will review the present penalties which can result in a truck operator being fined by the court for exceeding the speed limit and then ultimately losing his licence, whereas car drivers may only be liable for on the spot fines.
- \*477. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the permit procedure for organizations wishing to play Bingo has been proved to be adequate.
  2. How many applications have been granted to date.
  3. Whether the Police Force has indicated any concern at Bingo being played on licensed premises since the introduction of the legislation.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any abuse of the system to date.
- \*478. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what policy has been developed by the Teachers Tribunal in respect of proposals put to it regarding multi-cultural education.
- \*479. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many classes have enrolments greater than 31 in State primary schools.
  2. Whether, in view of the 600 fully trained teachers, who were assisted by Education Department scholarships, and who are still unemployed, he will authorize the employment of sufficient of these teachers to reduce all classes to 31 students.
- \*480. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Government has compulsorily acquired the Woodlands Estate in Bulla Shire owned by Mr. Peter Mitchell to be part of Mount Gellibrand National Park ; if so—(a) why Mr. Mitchell was not consulted about either acquisition or fair compensation and why he was not served with the necessary documents ; and (b) whether he will consider, in addition to adequate compensation, allowing Mr. Mitchell to retain the historic family homestead, outbuildings and a suitable area of surrounding land.
- \*481. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the delays in hearing appeals by the Land Valuation Boards of Review.
  2. Whether any steps have been taken to speed up the process ; if so, what steps ; if not, whether the Minister will undertake a review of the procedure to speed up hearings.
- \*482. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Brunswick the first and any subsequent reports of investigations into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, and whether the Minister will lay the relevant file on the table of the Library.
- \*483. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health are participating in the current review of hostel accommodation for aged persons currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security ; if so—(a) on what basis ; (b) which officers are involved ; and (c) whether the State has put a submission to the Commonwealth on this subject and, in that event, whether a copy of the submission will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*484. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme" ; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- \*485. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special accommodation houses—
1. How many are now registered.
  2. How many have applied for registration but have not yet been registered.
  3. What is the average time between applying for registration and actual registration, specifying the major reasons for the delay.
  4. How many have been refused registration.
  5. How many persons or companies have been prosecuted for failing to seek and/or obtain registration.
  6. What is the Department of Health estimate of the number of special accommodation houses and houses which should be classified as special accommodation houses in Victoria.
- \*486. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special health screening services for refugees—
1. When the Victorian Government put a case to the Commonwealth Government for urgent financial assistance, specifying the amount sought and for what services.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth has provided such funds ; if so, how much, on what basis, and when.
- \*487. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1977, inclusive and in this year to date.
  2. How many approved authorizations for the installing of a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.
  3. How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the year 1977 and in this year to date.
- \*488. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Melton, Werribee and Laverton police stations respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983 inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is of Melton, Werribee and Laverton, respectively.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are in unmarked cars.
- \*489. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether single tender contracts ranging from \$100,000 to \$249,000 were awarded to contractors between the years 1972 and 1976 inclusive ; if so—(a) how many contracts ; (b) what was the individual value of each contract ; (c) who was the successful contractor in each case ; and (d) what was the building and location in respect of each individual contract.
- \*490. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether he has received any proposals for the future use of the Wiltona Migrant Hostel at Williamstown for—(a) a marine science laboratory ; or (b) a marine pollution science unit for the Environment Protection Authority ; if so, whether representations have been made to the Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services for the use of the hostel.
- \*491. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. On how many occasions the off-peak two carriage Tait train operating from Altona to Newport has broken down.
  2. What were the reasons for the break downs.
  3. What is the average number of passengers using the train off-peak.
  4. When it is intended to update the rolling stock on this line.
- \*492. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the 32 children involved in the migrant programme at North Williamstown primary school and the 32 children not included in the programme, whether he will ensure that a migrant education teacher will be appointed to the school as a matter of urgency, to replace the teacher transferred at the end of 1977.

- \*493. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education with regard to teachers at Special Education Units travelling to schools, whether teachers have not been reimbursed their car travelling expenses for the last two months ; if so, what are the reasons, and whether teachers who continue to use their cars travelling to schools will receive travelling expenses.
- \*494. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Deer Park West railwayline—
1. When electrification of the line will be completed.
  2. When suburban electric train services will be extended to the line.
  3. What number of suburban electric train services will operate each day on the line.
  4. Which non-electric services will cease stopping at stations on the line on the introduction of electric services.
- \*495. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. At which primary schools in each of the electoral districts of Ringwood, Mitcham, Doncaster, Forest Hill and Warrantye, respectively there are—(a) permanent dental health clinics ; and (b) platforms for mobile dental health clinics.
  2. How many primary school children in each electoral district received in 1977 and are expected to receive in 1978, respectively—(a) dental examinations ; and (b) dental treatment under the school dental health scheme, indicating at which schools or at what other places such examinations and treatment will be received.
- \*496. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present strength of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in all ranks.
  2. What is the—(a) establishment ; and (b) actual strength of each platoon at each station, indicating the number of officers and firefighters, respectively.
  3. How many officers and firefighters respectively the Brigade is below minimum level.
  4. Whether it is intended to bring the manning up to the minimum level of officers and firefighters as required ; if so, when.
  5. When the necessary number of officers will be promoted to increase officer strength to the required minimum.
  6. When the necessary number of firefighters will be employed to increase the strength to the required minimum.
  7. Whether any delays in the promotion of officers and the employment of firefighters will leave Melbourne with a fire service operating under the required minimum.
  8. Whether the deflation of staff will have an effect on the efficiency of the Brigade and the morale of the existing staff.
  9. How many times during the past twelve months it has been necessary to transfer officers and firefighters to make up strength either from shift to shift or station to station, indicating from which and to what station staff was transferred and why.
  10. Whether the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board intends employing sufficient staff to enable it to operate above the minimum manning.
  11. What was the cost to the Board including all penalties, to operate relieving staff and stand-by staff, during the past twelve months.
- \*497. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the officers of the Preston City Council have provided details of—(a) the number of building allotments in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park primary school ; and (b) a vehicular and pedestrian link from the Lockton-avenue estate through Barrow-street to the school site ; if so, what are the details, including the—(i) number of lots ; (ii) number of existing houses ; (iii) cost of road construction ; (iv) cost of water reticulation services ; (v) cost of sewerage services ; (vi) cost of electrical reticulation ; (vii) type of bridge construction and road works associated with the Barrow-street link ; and (viii) any other relevant information.
- \*498. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether, in view of the discrepancy between the answer given to a question without notice relating to the provision of natural gas for electricity generation asked on 8th March, 1978 and the statement on the same matter under oath by the Assistant General Manager of the State Electricity Commission to the Public Works Committee on the same day which is reported on page 233 of the transcript on the Emergency Gas Turbine Inquiry, he will examine and advise the reason for these discrepancies.
  2. Whether, in view of his opinion that the Committee's work is important and that priority should be given to the Inquiry, he will ensure that representatives of Government Departments and Instrumentalities give complete and factual answers to Committees of Inquiry, particularly in the light of the statement of the Assistant General Manager of the Commission that he was not allowed to divulge information about gas pricing when so questioned ; if not whether it is the Government's policy to so restrain public officers.



- \*499. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the size of the present staff room at Ruthven primary school.
  2. What was the staff level of this school at the time of construction and what is the present level of staffing.
  3. Whether it is proposed to provide additional staff room accommodation ; if so, when and how.
- \*500. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Railways Department intends re-locating Keon Park railway station on the south side of Keon-parade ; if so, what is proposed and when.
- \*501. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he has received a request from the Preston City Council for land in Johnson-street, Keon Park, owned by the Railways Department to be leased to the Council for car parking ; if so—(a) when the request was made ; (b) what was the reply ; (c) when the Council was advised of the situation ; (d) what use is proposed by the Railways ; and (e) when the land will be used.
- \*502. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether, in view of the heavy traffic on the Melbourne-Geelong railway line at Newport, he will ensure that a childproof fence is constructed between Challis-street and Maddox-road, Newport, to replace the present broken-down fencing.
- \*503. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the increase in beds available in each of the geriatric hospitals located within the metropolitan area over each of the past three years.
- \*504. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. How many building blocks in the area controlled by the Westernport Regional Planning Authority have been found unsuitable for building development, indicating who is now responsible for payment of rates on these blocks.
  2. What future use will be made of these blocks, indicating whether the present owners are to be compensated by the authority.
- \*505. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister has had his attention drawn to the article " Do you really want an Abortion " which appeared on page 31 of the *Suns News Pictorial* on 14th March, 1978 ; if so, whether he has received advice that the article infringes the medical ethics regarding advertising.
  2. Whether the Minister will refer this article to the Medical Board for investigation ; if not, why.
- \*506. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he is aware that the recent increase in superannuation pensions has denied many elderly pensioners the fringe benefits they previously received ; if so, whether the Government has any plans to assist those pensioners affected and, in that event, what plans.
- \*507. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. How many municipalities in the Metropolitan area levy a residential use rate.
  2. When the residential use rate was introduced and for what purpose.
  3. Whether a municipality has the right to adjust the residential use rate to counteract rises in valuations or other circumstances ; if so, by what method.
  4. In what year the City of Coburg adopted a residential use rate and what rate was agreed on.
  5. Whether the City of Coburg has ever made any adjustment to its residential use rate ; if so, in what years and what rate was accepted in each case.
  6. How many ratepayers in the City other than pensioners are receiving rate assistance ; indicating the type of rate assistance being extended.
  7. How many pensioners in the City benefit from the State rate remission system.
- \*508. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many children attending primary schools in each of the past three years within the City of Coburg have been found to be infected with head lice.
  2. What method is used to treat the infection.
  3. Whether the Minister will consider attaching trained staff to those schools in which head lice is of regular occurrence ; if not, why.

- \*509. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of Daylesford Nominees of Hepburn Springs, whether inspections have been made in respect of safety regulations ; if so—(a) when ; (b) by whom ; (c) whether reports were made ; (d) what was the nature of the reports ; and (e) what action was taken or is proposed.
- \*510. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available at his office to Members of Parliament the file relating to the sale of 70 allotments at Kyabram from A. L. and D. Nominees Pty. Ltd. to the Housing Commission.
- \*511. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether, in view of the damage being done to small boats on the reef at Altona, he will ensure that the reef buoy at Altona, and the fairway buoys of the Altona yacht club are replaced by the Ports and Harbors Division as soon as possible.

J. H. CAMPBELL  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER  
Speaker

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## NOTICE PAPER

No. 8

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TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1978

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### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notice of Motion

1. MR. SMITH (*Warrnambool*) : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Vegetation and Vine Diseases Act 1958' to enable further Action to be taken in relation to the Fruit Fly and to provide for the control of Argentine Ants*".

#### Orders of the Day

1. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. SUPPLY (1978-79, NO. 1) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET TRUST (LICENCES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate.*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes*".
3. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section 925 of the 'Local Government Act 1958' with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public*".
4. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section 10 of the 'Public Records Act 1973' with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public*".

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WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Order of the Day

1. MOLESWORTH (LAND EXCHANGE) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)

1. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of schools and pre-schools in the electoral district of Werribee for the years 1976 and 1977, respectively—
  1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive their initial routine medical examination.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-school Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
  
2. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster, respectively, what are—
  - (a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
  
4. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments by residents and patients in State subsidised or controlled nursing homes in geriatric hospitals—
  1. What amount is at present charged against the pension of residents and all patients, specifying the increases which have occurred in each of the past three years and the sum left to the person for personal expenditure, in each case.
  2. Whether proposals are before the Minister to vary the present contribution ; if so—(a) what proposals ; and (b) whether a decision has been made and, if so, what decision.
  3. What income was derived in each State subsidised institution from the collection of such pension moneys.
  
5. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of waiting lists for hospitals for the aged—
  1. What was the waiting list for each hospital as at—(a) 30th April, 1976 ; (b) 30th August, 1977 ; and (c) 31st January, 1978, indicating the category of urgency in each case.
  2. What projects are under way or proposed to reduce the waiting list, indicating the dates of commencement and completion of construction in each case.
  
6. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
  1. What amounts were requested for Victoria in 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively, indicating what allocations were agreed to by the Commonwealth and what amounts were actually transmitted to the State in each of those years.
  2. Whether, in 1976-77, any amounts—(a) approved by ; or (b) received from the Commonwealth were unspent at the end of the financial year ; if so, what amounts, indicating whether those sums are to be subsequently spent and, in that event, on what projects.
  3. Whether any unspent funds from 1975-76 were used during 1976-77, specifying the amount and the subsequent use.
  
7. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
  1. Which health centres are presently receiving funds, specifying the funding for each centre for 1977-78.
  2. Which health centres or committees have made submissions but are not yet receiving funds.
  3. Which new centres are proposed to be funded in 1977-78.
  4. What other organizations—(a) are receiving funds under the Community Health Programme, specifying the amount received in 1976-77 ; and (b) will be receiving funds in 1977-78.
  
8. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Development Programme, which hospital works were discussed and agreed on for funding during 1976-77 by the Joint Hospital Works Advisory Committee, specifying which works were subsequently funded by—(a) the Commonwealth Government ; (b) the State Government ; or (c) by both Governments.
  
9. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of 1976-77 and 1977-78, what proportion of Community Health Programme grants were or will be applied to—(a) community health centres ; (b) community mental health centres ; (c) early childhood development ; and (d) other purposes.

10. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of medical and surgical supplies purchased by hospitals—
1. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission agreed to fund all or part of spending in excess of budget limits which resulted from devaluation ; if so, on what basis.
  2. Whether the Commission has prepared a report on the effect of devaluation ; if so, whether a copy of such report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  3. What amount was requested by hospitals to offset over-expenditure due to devaluation and what amount was allowed.
12. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of section 31.1 of the Hospitals Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, and since question No. 1639 answered on 22nd March, 1977—
1. Whether any recognised hospitals have applied to the Minister for the exemption of " superior accommodation " ; if so, which hospitals and how many beds are involved in each case.
  2. Which hospitals have received the approval of the Minister to charge higher daily bed charges on account of superior accommodation, specifying the date on which exemption was given, the number of beds, and the daily rate permitted.
  3. Whether the Minister has refused any application for exemption ; if so, from which hospital and why.
  4. Whether any hospitals are charging more than the charge set out in paragraph (b) of clause 28.2 without approval from the Victorian Minister of Health ; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed.
13. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What zoonoses are recognized as endemic to Victoria.
  2. What records are maintained of the human incidence of each zoonosis and whether the records are accepted as complete in each case ; if not, why.
  3. How many human cases of each zoonosis were diagnosed and recorded in Victoria in each of the past ten years.
  4. What steps are being taken to control or eradicate each of these zoonoses in Victoria.
14. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of genetic engineering—
1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.
15. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively; what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
17. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of Women's Refuges or Half Way Houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.  
Whether the State has purchased, or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.  
Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities; if so, what facilities and indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis.
18. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals have been surveyed by the Australian Council of Hospital Standards in each of the past three years, specifying which hospitals—(a) have been given full accreditation ; (b) have been given provisional accreditation ; and (c) have not been granted accreditation and for what reasons.
22. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portland and District Hospital—(a) what additional works are currently being planned by the hospital ; (b) what future works have been agreed to by the Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (c) whether any estimate can be given of when funds will be available ; and (d) whether any funds are to be made available for planning.

24. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the special scheme commenced earlier this year to assist local government and schools in the detection and treatment of such problems as head lice—
1. How many municipalities requested subsidies, indicating—(a) for how many nurses ; and (b) which municipalities—(i) requested ; and (ii) actually, received assistance.
  2. Whether any municipalities have terminated the arrangements.
  3. What was the cost to the Department of Health and what was the cost to municipalities for the period since the scheme's inception.
25. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.
26. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portarlington and District Community Health Centre—
1. What proposals have been made by the Centre for capital works, when these were first made and what is the estimated cost.
  2. Whether any funds have been made available ; if so, when, and for what building works.
  3. When it is expected that State funds will become available for the proposed building.
  4. Which centres are above Portarlington on the priority list.
28. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hately Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced ; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hately Hostel ; and (b) other similar hostels.
29. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2318 answered on 19th October, 1977, what recommendations were made by the Commission of Public Health and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
30. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of health services in non-metropolitan areas—
1. What use is being made in Victoria of funds available under the Commonwealth Family Medicine Programme to encourage young post-graduate general practitioners who practice in rural areas.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth Minister for Health has written to the State seeking co-operation under the Hospitals Cost Sharing Arrangement to share the cost of travel and accommodation, as well as hospital and medical attention, in a case where a patient is removed from one country hospital to another location to receive more expert medical attention ; if so—(a) when the letter was received ; (b) what response has been made by the State ; and (c) whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
31. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Geelong West, what are—(a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
32. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of surgical operations to the brain—
1. Whether any such operations have been carried out under the auspices of the Mental Health Authority, specifying in each of the past five years the number of cases classified as unsuccessful.
  2. Whether officers of the Authority have examined a draft Bill prepared by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights relating to such surgery ; if so, what recommendations have been made to the Minister ; if not, whether it will be examined and a report prepared.
33. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers ; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.



35. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Colac District Hospital—
1. What funds were provided for recurrent expenditure in 1976-77, specifying the extent of any over or under expenditure.
  2. What funds are to be provided in 1977-78, specifying the amount originally requested by the hospital.
  3. What new activities originally proposed for 1977-78 will not proceed.
  4. Whether any existing activities will have to be reduced ; if so, what activities and to what extent.
36. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Austin Hospital—
1. What was the agreed building programme over the past four financial years and in 1977-78 specifying the work to be undertaken and the amount provided for such work.
  2. Whether it is intended to provide a guarantee to ensure the conclusion of works already agreed upon ; if so, on what basis.
37. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at—  
(a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and (d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
38. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
39. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of uniform foods legislation—
1. When the Australian Health Ministers set up a joint working party of State and Commonwealth Government officers to draw up model food legislation suitable for uniform application throughout Australia, indicating the membership of that working party, and when it has met.
  2. Whether a Food Law Revision Task Force was set up to undertake the detailed work ; if so—(a) who are the members of such task force ; (b) on what occasions they have met ; and (c) whether the task force report has been completed ; if so, when ; if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. When it is expected that model food legislation will be referred to the Health Ministers for consideration.
40. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of computed tomography (CAT) scanners—
1. How many scanners are now in operation in Victoria, specifying where they are situated and whether they are full-body or part-body scanners.
  2. Which hospitals have made application to or approached the Hospitals and Charities Commission concerning the purchase of such a scanner, indicating which hospitals have received approval.
  3. Whether the Commission knows of additional private groups which intend to purchase or have purchased such equipment ; if so, which groups.
  4. Whether the Government now has a policy relating to the introduction of such scanners ; if so, what policy.
41. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
43. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State Government contribution to expenses for immunization campaigns carried out in conjunction with municipalities outside the metropolitan area—
1. What claims for expenses are met by the Department of Health, specifying the date on which the amounts were set and the Government's contribution to those expenses.
  2. Whether the Minister will review the scale of contributions by the Department with a view to bringing them into line with current costs ; if so, what will be the new rate of expense reimbursement.

44. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association—
1. What amount is being paid by the Government for services provided by or through the Association in the 1977-78 financial year, indicating for what purpose these grants are being made.
  2. Whether the Government is at present considering an increase in funds to the Association or its services and, if so, when it is expected a decision will be reached.
46. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital—
1. What was the Budget allocation for 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively.
  2. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission has agreed to fund all or part of the hospital's deficit for 1976-77 ; if so, to what extent.
  3. Why the hospital received below average grants in May and June of 1977.
  4. What funds have been made available to the hospital in each of the past five years for capital works, and what proposals for improvements are presently before the Commission, indicating when it is expected these will be agreed to.
47. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Caulfield Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of cuts which have had to be made in services at the hospital ; if so, which cuts.
  2. Whether he is also aware that one of the cuts made is the cessation of the only evening activity organized for patients, namely, a regular film evening.
48. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed community health service at Werribee, whether it is intended that funds will be made available this year ; if so, when the decision will be announced and what funds will go to the service, stating for what purposes.
49. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the regional activities for the Department of Health reported in paragraph 10.2.1 of the September, 1977, State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report, whether the Minister will make available to the House details of the regional boundaries, regional policies, and regional programmes operated by the Department.
50. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many doctors are currently registered, specifying the category of registration.
  2. How many persons paid fees to the Medical Board of Victoria in 1976-77, specifying the income derived from each type of fee, the number paying the fee, and the amount and source of any other income.
  3. What costs were incurred by the Board in 1976-77 and how such costs have been met.
  4. What services are provided to the Board by the Department of Health and other Government Departments, specifying the cost of such services.
  5. What is the estimated income and expenditure for 1977-78.
51. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital and further to question No. 2177 answered on 6th September, 1977—
1. Whether funds have been made available for the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, what funds, if not, why.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that facilities, particularly in the casualty area are totally inadequate ; if so, whether special funds will be made available for the upgrading of facilities, particularly during the holiday season.
52. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister and/or the Department of Health is studying the Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare report on drug problems in Australia ; if so—(a) what are the results of that study ; and (b) whether, in the event that the study is not finished, when the study will be finished and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
53. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.

54. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of "J" Ward at Ararat—
1. Whether the Government has plans to improve facilities at "J" Ward ; if so, when it is proposed that work will start.
  2. Whether the Government is considering moving the maximum security hospital to an area of the State other than Ararat ; if so, how far plans have progressed and when it is proposed that work would commence.
55. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Foreign Practitioners Qualification Committee has now examined Mr. Thirumuppah Achuthan ; if so, with what result, in what matters was Mr. Achuthan tested, and in which areas he was found not satisfactory.
56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4·6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.
59. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of questions Nos. 2541 and 2543 answered on 25th October, 1977, which changes occurred in the allocation of municipalities to the statistical regions and which municipalities are contained in the new statistical division included as Region 10 (a).
60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
61. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. Whether any doctors who did not pay their registration fee were subsequently registered ; if so, how many.
  2. How many doctors failing to pay the registration fee were subsequently dropped from the list.
63. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of public swimming pools, the Department of Health or the Commission of Public Health has received requests for the Swimming Pools (Water Purification) Regulations 1969 to be amended ; if so, whether amendments will be agreed to and, in that event, in what respect and when ; if not, why.
64. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
65. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of food standards—(a) whether the Minister will provide full details of the difficulties encountered by the officers of the Department of Health with the New South Wales company which produced the suspect egg-pulp ; and (b) whether the Minister or the Department has received representations from the Food Industry Council concerning the Health (Control of Pathogens) Regulations 1977 ; if so, what is the basis for the approach, what changes are proposed, and when a decision will be made.
66. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each—(a) teaching hospital ; (b) non-teaching hospital with more than 200 beds ; and (c) base hospital, what were the numbers on waiting lists for public or standard patients and private patients, respectively, as at 30th June, 1975, 30th June, 1976, 30th June, 1977 and 30th October, 1977.
67. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
68. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.

69. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public; (b) charitable; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services; (ii) outpatients' services; (iii) midwifery; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria; (b) Melbourne; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
71. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of building works being carried out at the Portland hospital by Prentice Builders—(a) what was the successful tender price for each section of the work; (b) what were the names of the unsuccessful tenderers and their quotes for the above works; and (c) whether tenders were called and let on the basis that all carpenters and other building tradesmen employed on the job would be paid the National Building Trades Construction Award E.L.S.A. Melbourne rates of pay or on the Elsewhere Rates of pay (country rates); if so, what were the details of the basis of payment.
72. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes, whether any research is presently being conducted in the Department of Health, or by outsiders with the co-operation of the Department, to evaluate their effectiveness; if so—(a) what projects are being evaluated, in which regions, who is carrying out the research, and what is the expected date of the completion of each evaluation; (b) whether it is proposed to introduce any more complexes prior to the completion of such research and, if so, why; and (c) whether copies of the research material will be made available on completion to the Member for Brunswick.
74. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of Early Childhood Development Complexes—
1. At what locations complexes have been set up to date, specifying the resources available to each complex.
  2. What proposed complexes will be set up in 1977-78.
  3. Which municipal councils have been approached to participate in such complexes, specifying those municipalities which have agreed to participate.
  4. How many complexes are expected to be created in Victoria, specifying the municipalities to be involved in each complex.
  5. What was the expenditure on such complexes in 1976-77 and what expenditure is proposed in 1977-78, specifying State, Commonwealth and other contributors.
75. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Commonwealth Childhood Services Programme 1974-75 for the establishment of pre-school and child care services—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government asked the State to delete certain commitments from the programme; if so, when, on what basis and which projects.
  2. Which organizations have been sent letters by the Secretary of the Department of Health asking that projects be not proceeded with for the present, specifying the nature of the project concerned, the date of original Departmental approval and the estimated cost.
  3. Which organizations have not been asked to delay commencement of projects.
76. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Dental Centres at Footscray and North Fitzroy, which schools receive services from each of these centres, specifying the last year at which a full service was carried out.
77. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
78. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child-care places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name; (b) address; (c) current enrolment; (d) current waiting list; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the district, indicating in each case, what arrangements are available for free or reduced-fee accommodation to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
79. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name; (b) address; (c) current enrolment; (d) current waiting list; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.

80. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What steps are to be taken to establish dental clinics at schools in the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster.
  2. What consideration has been given to providing mobile clinics to service schools with no permanent dental clinics.
81. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Whether he had deferred a decision on a subsidy to Melton Shire Council for the construction of the Kingsway pre-school ; if so—(a) why ; and (b) when he will make a decision.
  2. In which other cases a decision on a subsidy has been deferred.
83. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age in the districts whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child care places is available at centres within the districts.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the districts, indicating in each case, what arrangements for free or reduced-fee accommodation are available to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the districts in 1978 and 1979, respectively.
84. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what suburbs of Melbourne the Country Roads Board has conducted or sponsored studies of traffic noise, indicating—(a) who carried out such studies ; (b) when ; and (c) whether copies of such studies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
87. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
88. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977 ; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
89. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated ; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
90. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools are to be allocated the thirty additional migrant English teachers approved by him, when additional appointments are to be made and to which schools they will be appointed.
91. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to the question without notice on services for the mentally retarded answered on 20th September, 1977—
1. When the Committee sent the report to the Premier's Department indicating, when it was received by the Department, who received it, and what has occurred from the report in the intervening period.
  2. When he expects to—(a) see the report ; and (b) release it.
92. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved ; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
97. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
98. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What moneys have been made available to councils in the Mildura area for the relief of unemployment, indicating on what basis these moneys were made available.
  2. Whether any of those persons subsequently employed were previously employed by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ; if so, when they were discharged from the Commission's employment.

99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme ; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
101. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons—
1. Whether submissions have been received requesting the Public Service Board and other public Instrumentalities to adopt special policies on the question of recruitment ; if so, from whom and with what result.
  2. Whether the Board and/or other public Instrumentalities adopt special criteria in the recruitment of such persons ; if so, what criteria and how many persons have been recruited in each of the past three years.
103. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, in respect of each friendly society and benefit association medical service and/or hospital benefit fund in Victoria for 1976-77, the Minister will supply the Member for Brunswick with details as soon as they are available as to—(a) the income of each body, specifying the amount received by way of contribution, interest, and Commonwealth Benefit subsidies ; (b) the expenditure of each body, specifying the amount expended on medical benefits, hospital benefits, management, and Commonwealth Government benefits ; (c) the total of each fund as at 30th June, 1976 ; and (d) the number of contributors to each fund at the beginning and end, respectively, of the 1976-77 financial year.
104. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of hospital construction in Victoria, which hospitals have been permitted to borrow funds guaranteed by the State, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the date, amount and period of the guarantee ; (c) the works to be done ; and (d) whether State funds are to be made available towards the works and, if so, when.
105. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.
107. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What are the present and projected arrangements, respectively, for providing dental services at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of students at each school who had a school dental examination in each of the past five years for which information is available.
108. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) the Moorabbin hospital; and (b) the Oakleigh District Community hospital, what is the average waiting period for—(i) standard ward patients with Medibank levy cover ; and (ii) intermediate patients, in each category of hospital service.
109. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
110. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.

112. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients at community health centres being charged fees for the centres—
1. When discussions commenced with the Commonwealth Government on this subject and at whose initiative.
  2. When negotiations between the State and Commonwealth Governments concluded.
  3. Whether any surveys or studies have been completed on the subject of the payment of fees or on the existence of salaried services at community health centres.
  4. What proportion of users of community health centres are insured patients and on what basis this estimate is made.
  5. On what services fees are to be charged.
  6. Whether income will be additional to allocations already made to the community health centres or whether their allocation will be reduced on the basis of fee income received.
  7. What is the expected revenue to the State in this financial year and in a full year.
113. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of studies which suggest that two pesticides, chlordane and heptachlor, are carcinogens.
  2. Whether the two pesticides are used in products on sale in Victoria ; if so, in which products and for what purpose.
  3. Whether the Government proposes any action to restrict the use of these pesticides.
114. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Government's announcement that the F2 Freeway, south of Bell-street, Coburg, will not proceed—
1. Which properties south of Bell-street are owned by the Country Roads Board, at what expense they were obtained, and when.
  2. What are the Board's plans in respect of each property.
115. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
116. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2356 answered on 20th September, 1977, in respect of the use of rapeseed oil in foodstuffs—
1. Whether a report has now been received from the National Health and Medical Research Council ; if so, whether the Minister will make available a copy of such report to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. What action has been taken, and recommendations made by the Food Standards Committee, and what action has been taken, or is proposed, by the relevant Department on this matter.
117. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. On what grounds the Medical Board refused to restore Dr. Sender to the Register and whether the refusal was for an indefinite or a fixed term.
  2. Whether any doctors who did not pay their fee for re-registration and whose registration thus lapsed on the 1st January, 1977, subsequently made application for re-registration and were re-registered ; if so, how many.
118. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.

119. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what amounts have been allocated this financial year for grants to ethnic organizations and welfare programmes, indicating to whom grants have been made and on what basis, and what money remains to be spent in this financial year.
121. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.
122. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.
123. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, further to question No. 2576 answered on the 19th October, 1977, whether any further action has been taken in respect of the offer of \$1 million for community purposes made by the Smorgon family ; if not, why.
124. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to question No. 2749 answered on 20th October, 1977—
1. What progress has been made in examining the Australian Law Reform Commission's report on human transplants.
  2. Whether legislation is to be introduced ; if so, on what basis and when.
125. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of Division 6 of the *Summary Offences Act* 1966 relating to juvenile smoking, in each of the past five years—
1. How many persons have been charged under section 43 and what has been the result of each case.
  2. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (1) and with what result.
  3. How many persons have been charged under section 44 (2) (b), specifying the result in each case.
127. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many Bingo licences have been issued for the Geelong region.
  2. What was the total fee collected or due to the State by each such operating licence for 1977.
129. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the additional storage facilities were not proceeded with.
130. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what salaries and expenses etc. were paid in 1977 in respect of the Chairman and members of the—(a) Trotting Control Board ; and (b) Greyhound Racing Control Board.
131. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
132. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
134. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.



135. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—  
 (a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.
136. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
  2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.
137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
  2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.
138. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. On what dates the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment produced background papers.
  2. What was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the names of the persons and groups who received copies in each case.
139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.
141. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
  2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary on 29th April, 1978.
  3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
  4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.
142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—
1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively have been successful.
  2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
  3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
  4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
  5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.
143. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier what are the dates on which the Victorian Government has held consultations concerning the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry—  
 (a) within its own structure ; (b) with employer groups ; (c) with consumer groups ; and (d) with trade unions, specifying in each case—(i) the subject ; (ii) the substance of the outcome ; and (iii) the names of the participants.
144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.
145. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to the recommendation of the Norgard Inquiry that all Government Departments and Authorities should register vacancies with the Commonwealth Employment Service ; if so, on what dates and by what means action has been taken to give effect to the recommendation.

148. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, on what dates he has—(a) sought; and (b) received assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs that services for Australians of ethnic origin which were previously administered by the department of Social Security will be retained at least at the present level following their transfer to the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.
149. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier, on what dates and by what means the Victorian Government has communicated views to the Commonwealth Government on—(a) the Green Paper on Manufacturing Industry; and (b) the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry, and what was the subject and substance of the views expressed in each case.
150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.
152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.
155. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture how many brucellosis reactors have been slaughtered in Victorian abattoirs during the two year period ending 31st December, 1977, indicating the name and address of each abattoir and the number of reactors slaughtered at each abattoir during the two year period.
158. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
159. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Council for Christian Education in Schools for an increase in the government grant to a level of 50 per centum of the Council's expenditure; if so, whether the request will be supported.
161. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a survey was undertaken by the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory in 1975 regarding the design and function of 69.1.900 building type schools; if so—(a) whether a report has been prepared; and (b) whether he will supply the results to interested Members.
162. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why teachers are not allowed to take leave without pay or to be seconded to the position of Community Education Officer in schools.
  2. Whether the departmental policy on this matter was determined prior to consultation with the Community Education Committee and what is the view of the Committee on this issue.
163. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office; (b) converted shelter-shed; (c) assembly hall cloak room; (d) condemned ex-army hut; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
164. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.
165. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to Highvale primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. What was the expected maximum enrolment when the present permanent buildings at the school were constructed.
  3. How many portable class-rooms are at the school.
  4. When the proposed new primary school at Weedon-drive will be able to take students from Highvale.

166. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.
167. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties ; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
168. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
169. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme ; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
171. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.
172. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
173. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive.
174. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of information on provision for moderately handicapped children in Mental Health Authority residential institutions, day training centres and St. Nicholas hospital, respectively, at June 1973, set out in Appendix H of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education in Victoria, whether he is able to give comparable information for each subsequent year.
183. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
184. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
186. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
187. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a decision has been made on the recommended increase of subsidy for the construction of school swimming pools ; if not, why ; if so, what is the current position.

188. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many temporary teachers have been employed in each of the past three years and how many of such teachers are women.
  2. Whether there are any restrictions at present on the employment of temporary teachers.
  3. Whether any new restrictions are to be applied for the employment of temporary teachers in 1978.
189. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.
190. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.
192. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
193. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.
194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.

199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
200. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether teachers recruited from the United States of America can remain in the teaching service beyond their original contract period ; if so, whether they can be appointed as permanent teachers without relinquishing their American citizenship.
201. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates teachers will be required to report for duty after the summer vacation in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. Whether the annual leave entitlements of teachers are currently under review.
  3. Whether compulsory in-service programmes during term breaks are proposed for any group of teachers.
202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.
204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
205. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what is the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each submission which has been put to the Teachers Tribunal pursuant to recommendation 5 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, that the Education Department should examine the feasibility of providing permanent positions with career opportunities for part-time teachers, and what reasons have been given for the view that it is currently impossible to appoint teachers employed part-time to permanent positions and provide career opportunities.
210. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
211. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received representations from the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of Physics concerning the reduction in science teaching in Victorian secondary schools ; if so, what action is to be taken.
212. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the detailed basis of the allocation of capital funds for—(a) major works ; and (b) minor works between regions of the Education Department in 1976-77 and in 1977-78.
213. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Ardoch school—
1. What is the present enrolment.
  2. What is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. What additional facilities are to be provided on the site other than those of a standard secondary school.
  4. What is the basis of entry to the school.
216. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the planned new wing at Healesville high school.
217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.

219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
221. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed Chirnside primary school, North Croydon—
1. Whether a site has been purchased in Songbird-avenue ; if so, when the purchase was completed.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the school.
  3. When it is expected that construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. Whether it is expected that the school will commence in portable class-rooms ; if so, when.
  5. Whether he is aware of the acute overcrowding that would occur at the Lilydale West primary school if the school is not open by the start of the 1979 school year.
222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.
225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
227. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.

230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
231. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many secondary schools within the electoral district of Werribee submitted names of members of their staff for the position of career guidance officers in 1976.
  2. What is the position of those schools which could not find suitable applicants from the present staff to act as career guidance officers.
  3. What promotion opportunities exist for staff members who now hold the position of career guidance officers.
  4. When it is envisaged that all secondary schools within the district will have career guidance officers attached to their staff.
232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
233. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of secondary schools in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. Which schools have—(a) a Commonwealth standard library ; (b) a Commonwealth standard science block ; and (c) an assembly hall.
  2. Which schools plan improvements in the next three years, indicating—(a) the date of construction and basis of financing of each library, science block and assembly hall ; and (b) the nature and cost of improvements.
234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
235. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each of the Education Task Forces established in 1973, what works were recommended for schools within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating—(a) which of the recommended works—(i) have been completed ; (ii) are currently in progress ; or (iii) are currently being tendered for ; and (b) when tenders are expected to be called for each of the other recommended works.
236. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral district of Werribee have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of such works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
237. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
239. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to the advertisement in the *Education Gazette* of 4th November, 1977 concerning proposed secondments to the Special Services Division—
1. On what date the newly seconded teachers will commence duty within the Division.
  2. When these seconded persons will be expected to terminate their work within the Division.
  3. Whether the new secondees will receive a \$500 gratuity, and whether persons who were seconded throughout 1977 will receive a \$500 gratuity for that year.
  4. What are the required commencement and finishing dates for seconded teachers who are continuing their secondment from 1977 to 1978.
  5. Whether he will guarantee that any teachers wishing to return from the Division to teaching duties in a school in 1978 will be able to do so.

240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
241. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds were allocated to each region for the current financial year, indicating how much was provided for new schools and additions and improvements to existing schools, respectively.
  2. Whether there was any loading in the funding for regions with expanding populations ; if so, what loading and which regions received the loading.
242. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what were the circumstances that required Police vehicle IVD 040 to be used at 5.25 p.m. on 28th February, 1978 to remove two boys from the vicinity of the Footscray Park lily ponds.
243. MR. SIMMONDS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of apprentices indentured to employers in Victoria during 1977 and those seeking indentures—
1. How many applications to the Industrial Training Commission were—(a) received ; and (b) approved, indicating how many of those approved were unable to commence apprenticeship training.
  2. How many applicants for apprenticeships in—(a) sheet-metal ; (b) electrical ; and (c) building trades were apprenticed, indicating how this figure compares with each of the previous five years.
  3. What percentage of existing apprentices in—(a) metal; and (b) building trades left their employment.
244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.
247. MRS. TONER: To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether staffing schedules at the Austin Hospital are such that existing staff are carrying an additional 176 hours in one ward.
  2. Whether categories of training are taken into account in staffing.
248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.



251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
252. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating (i) the number ; and (ii) the percentage who have waited up to six months ; 6 to 12 months ; 12 to 18 months ; 18 to 24 months ; and more than 24 months, respectively.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
255. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.
257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.
258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.
259. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—
1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
  2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
  3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
  4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
  5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
  6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
  7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
  8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
  9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.
260. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to Watsonia Heights primary school—
1. What progress has been made in respect of siteworks to rectify areas defined as dangerous in a report prepared by the Public Works Department in July, 1977.
  2. What progress the Public Works Department has made in provision of an estimate for the staff administration area.

261. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts—

1. What was the original estimate of cost for stage two and stage three respectively of the Victorian Arts Centre and what was the estimated completion date for each stage.
2. When these estimates of cost have been revised by the Building Committee, indicating the amounts in each case.
3. What is the present estimated completion date for each section.

262. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—

1. Whether the Shapiro Report (the Westernport Bay Environmental Study) recommended an investigation to be carried out into forming a specific State Authority for managing coastal areas ; if so, what action has been taken to date on this recommendation.
2. Whether the Report also recommended that a survey be conducted of the existing legislation covering wetlands and tidal areas ; if so, when this survey was completed and with what recommendations.

265. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Department of Crown Lands and Survey request farmers to spray their land using phenoxy herbicides such as 244D and 245T ; if so—(a) for what purposes ; (b) what guidelines are laid down ; and (c) what action is taken if the instruction is not complied with.

267. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which Government Departments and Instrumentalities are funding Dr. Spillaine's studies of meteorology in the Latrobe Valley, indicating—(a) what data still remains to be analysed ; (b) what staff is available for the purpose ; and (c) when the studies are expected to be completed.

268. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the report of the Board of Inquiry into the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 will be tabled during the Autumn Session of Parliament ; if so, when.

269. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the present priority for the proposed pedestrian operated lights to be installed in Bell-street, Coburg, between Alice-street and Suffolk-avenue.

271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—

1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
2. What is the registered address of this organization.
3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.

272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—

1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.

275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.

276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.

279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—

1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.

280. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date, indicating by what means and with what result, the concurrence of the Commonwealth Government and/or its agencies was sought in the implementation of recommendations 27, 28 and 29 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education.

281. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present—(a) actual ; and (b) authorized strength of the Victoria Police Force.
  2. What is the present—(a) female strength ; and (b) number of cadets.
  3. How many recruits are at present in training at the Police Academy at Glen Waverley.
  4. What was the wastage in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated wastage in actual strength in 1978.
  5. What was the overall increase in actual strength in 1977 and what is the estimated actual increase in 1978.
  6. What was the ratio of police strength to population in Victoria as at 1st March, 1978.
282. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force during the period 1965 to 1978, categorizing—(a) appointments to the Force ; (b) losses through retirement, ill-health, resignations and dismissals ; and (c) net gain.
283. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
284. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the Victoria Police Force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.
285. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many complaints were lodged against members of the Victoria Police Force from January to December, 1977, and from January 1978 to date, indicating who lodged such complaints and what was the nature of the complaints.
  2. How many of these complaints were handled by the Police Discipline Board.
  3. What action was taken by the Police Department in respect of these complaints.
  4. How many of these complaints were made against—(a) members of the Uniform Branch ; and (b) members of the Criminal Investigation Branch.
286. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in the year 1978-79.
287. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what moneys allocated to the Victoria Police Force for expenditure on capital works for the current financial year has yet to be spent, indicating what works have yet to be started and/or completed.
288. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many recruits have completed training at the Police Academy in each year from 1974 to 1977 inclusive, and what estimated number of recruits will complete training in 1978.
  2. What investigations, if any, have been made into extending training facilities at the Academy.
289. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
290. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many members of the Victoria Police Force were involved or employed in security duties during the recent visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Sir Robert Menzies.

291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.
292. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in the period from 1st December, 1976 to 1st March, 1978—
1. How many motorists were tested under the *Motor Car (Breath Testing Stations) Act 1976* by use of the puff bag, indicating—(a) how many were subsequently tested by the breathalyser ; and (b) how many motorists subsequently tested by the breathalyser were found to have a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
  2. How many motorists, apart from those subjected to random breath test, were required to have a breathalyser test, indicating how many had a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
  2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
  3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
  4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.
295. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many persons have been killed as a result of car accidents on Victorian roads in the past twelve months, and in each of the years from 1968 to date.
  2. How many persons have been killed on Victorian roads since road accident statistics have been recorded.
  3. How many persons in each of the years on record have been—(a) under 25 years of age; and (b) under 20 years of age, indicating how many persons in each category have been involved in serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
  4. What statistics are available providing the cost to the community of road accidents in each of the years on record.
296. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many cars have been reported stolen in the past twelve months and in each year since 1968; indicating how many have been recovered in each year and how many persons have been convicted of offences.
298. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Victorian Railways Board has examined the feasibility of joining the Broadmeadows and Somerton rail services with the existing loop line at Broadmeadows, thus catering for travellers wishing to make trips to stations on either line; if not, why.
300. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether there is any shortage of personnel attached to the Coburg Fire Station; if so, in which positions the shortages occur and why.

301. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the municipalities of Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Coburg, Essendon, Northcote and Preston, respectively—
1. Which system of valuation is used.
  2. What amount was received from the Victoria Grants Commission for the current financial year.
  3. What was the percentage of rate increase for the 1977-78 financial year.
  4. Whether a separate garbage charge is levied ; if so, at what rate.
302. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of each category of crime recorded by the Victoria Police for statistical purposes, how many offences were—(a) committed ; and (b) cleared up, in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating in each case, the percentage variation over the previous year.
303. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Diamond Creek Technical School—
1. What was the estimated enrolment growth at the school prior to its establishment.
  2. What was the actual enrolment in 1975 and 1976, respectively, what is the present enrolment, and what is the expected enrolment in 1978, 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  3. Whether a survey was recently undertaken in the Diamond Creek district which indicated that a majority of parents supported the provision of a combined technical/high school facility ; if so, what action he will take on the matter.
  4. When it is expected that a library and gymnasium will be constructed and ground improvements undertaken.
304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
306. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the site presently being investigated in Broadgully-road is the most appropriately-placed school site, in view of the pattern of residential development in the Diamond Creek area.
  2. Whether other sites have been examined.
  3. Whether members of the Diamond Creek School Council have been consulted about the most appropriate position for a new school.
308. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, when the Department of Health will advise the Diamond Valley Shire Council of a subsidy for the provision of a meals-on-wheels kitchen and cardroom at the Greensborough Senior Citizens' Club.
309. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has power to compulsorily acquire or purchase land along Alexandra-parade, or elsewhere in the vicinity, being land not directly required for highway purposes ; if so, what steps have been taken to purchase properties of any persons who have complained that the enjoyment of their properties has been adversely affected by noise from traffic using Alexandra-parade.
310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds ; if so—(a) when such payments ceased ; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.
311. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.
312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number ; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians ; (ii) passengers ; (iii) drivers ; (iv) motor cycle riders ; (v) bicycle riders ; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.

313. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, what—(a) criminal offences ; (b) episodes of vandalism ; and (c) offences against Railway Regulations have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
314. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, and what plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which they are expected to become available.
315. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, for what period each day, if any, each station is unattended.
316. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of breaches of licences and investigation of complaints in each of the past twelve months by the Environment Protection Authority and each of its delegated agencies—
1. How many breaches were detected, indicating whether in respect of land, water or air.
  2. How many prosecutions were launched, indicating those which were successful and the penalty imposed.
317. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what are the current recruitment figures for the Victoria Police Force.
318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977–78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.
319. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Since the commencement of the *Public Records Act* 1973, how many professional staff have been employed by the Public Records Office stating their positions, the number of resignations each year and their positions, and the reasons given for resigning.
  2. Who is the current Keeper of Public Records, stating his qualifications.
320. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How vital public records are selected for preservation, indicating—(a) which disposal schedules are operative ; (b) whether disposal schedules are available for researchers and members of the public ; if not, why ; and (c) whether any authorization has been given for the destruction of public records ; if so, what records.
  2. Whether standards have been established for the maintenance, selection and transfer of public records for preservation ; if so, what standards ; if not, when it is expected that standards will be formulated.
  3. What publications have been issued by the Keeper of Public Records.
  4. Whether it is proposed to prepare original publications, indicating what is in preparation ; if not, why.
  5. Whether there is a conservation unit or staff at the Public Records Office to repair priceless public records.
  6. Whether any records currently kept at Laverton are stored—(a) in tea-chests or similar depositories ; or (b) on the floor gathering dust.
  7. Whether any comprehensive guide to public record holdings has been prepared ; if not, when it is expected to be prepared.
321. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, who are the current members of the Public Records Advisory Council, and what are their qualifications.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury ; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.
325. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977–78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments ; (b) specific purpose grants ; and (c) revenue grants.
  2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
  3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977–78 ; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices ; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax ; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources ; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.

330. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Why ethnic welfare agencies were not funded in the recently announced family support grants of \$509,713.
  2. Whether, in the distribution of the remainder of the family support service grants, he will consider giving priority to funding ethnically-based agencies.
333. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether the Social Welfare Department has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, on advertising the services of the Department, giving figures for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; (b) placement of advertisements ; and (c) the number of advertisements in languages other than English, specifying the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
334. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
  3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
335. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.
336. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977-78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
340. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many people have been examined by the Department of Health for mercury levels or other heavy metal poisoning in the past 18 months, indicating the results in each case.
341. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2096 given on 4th May, 1977—
1. Whether the working paper has been completed and when it will be published.
  2. What are the main proposals submitted by each of the four Local Government Regional Refuse Disposal Groups.
  3. What consultation has taken place with local government bodies to assist development of the legislative framework.
  4. Whether the objective of introducing legislation this session will be achieved ; if not, why.
  5. Whether a decision has been made concerning the matters referred to in parts three and four of the question.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
346. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What representations have been made for revoking the lease for sand extraction in the Frankston Pines Plantation, indicating on what dates.
  2. Whether any recommendation has been made to him by the Premier that the lease be terminated ; if so, with what result.
  3. Whether the process for revoking the lease is continuing ; if so, when it is expected to be completed.

347. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether an exploration licence has been granted to ICI Australia Ltd. to explore for minerals in the Warby Ranges ; if so—(a) under what conditions ; (b) what geological and geochemical investigations have been carried out so far, indicating the sites of fluorite minerals and whether the licence covers country which is erosion prone ; (c) whether these lands are reserved for public purposes as a State or national park or other reserve, indicating the recommendation of the Land Conservation Council ; (d) what conservation values and interests need to be protected in the Warby Ranges ; (e) whether the proposal for further drilling will be subject to an environmental impact statement and, if not, why ; and (f) whether any decision to allow future mining would allow open-cut methods and, if so, whether these methods will be the subject of an environmental impact statement.
350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
352. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Government will announce a decision on the proposed extension of the South-eastern Freeway so that uncertainty will be removed from the minds of people whose properties may be affected, particularly people who wish to sell but are unable to do so because their properties are now virtually frozen.
354. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.
355. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in each of the past three years to date, what oil spillages have occurred from ships in Port Phillip Bay, the River Yarra, Westernport Geelong and Portland harbors, respectively, stating—(a) the name of the ship and flag, State or port of registry ; (b) the location of the accident ; (c) the details of the spillage ; (d) whether court action took place and with what result ; and (e) the clean up costs.
356. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
357. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many accidents were reported in the Ballarat District citing injuries received as a result of excavation and trench digging during each of the past three years.
  2. What was the cause of injury in each case.
358. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of each Government Department and Instrumentality—
1. What is the present number of apprentices employed.
  2. What was the intake during each of the past four years.
  3. How many applications were received in respect of each classification during each of the past four years.
359. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many new apprenticeship trades have been introduced during the past ten years, indicating which trades.
  2. How many applications and indentures, respectively, have resulted in each case during each year since the introduction of each such trade.
360. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.



361. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What land has been purchased and/or compulsorily acquired for the Mornington Peninsula freeway in the vicinity of—(a) the Pines Forest estate ; and (b) Baxter.
  2. When the land was acquired in each case, indicating the sale price and the vendor.
362. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. What steps have been taken to provide a replacement for the existing unsatisfactory court house at Eltham.
  2. When it is expected that a new court house will be constructed.
- (Notices received on 9th March, 1978)*
364. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what action has been taken to provide more playing space for the Viewbank primary school.
365. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Government has attempted to apply stringent controls in the sport of boxing to cover training, trainers, contestants and contests, as recommended by the Australian Medical Association.
366. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
  2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
  3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
  4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.
367. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What measures have been taken to extend the present intruder alarm system at Hurstbridge high school to include the—(a) art and craft centre ; and (b) video-equipment storage areas.
  2. Whether he is aware that the school presently employs a commercial security firm to minimize the risk of burglary and/or arson.
368. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what are the annual leasing charges for—(a) ten floors of Nauru House for the Education Department ; (b) 228 Victoria-parade; and (c) part of 250 Elizabeth-street for the Ministry of Housing, indicating in each case, the amount of leasehold and the cost per square foot.
371. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in view of the Government's aim to provide sewerage throughout the whole of the electoral district of Greensborough by 1977, as reported in the "Diamond Valley News" on 9th October, 1973, what progress has been made towards this goal.
374. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. What localities outside the metropolitan area have been investigated for the proposed re-establishment of the State laboratories.
  2. When it is expected the proposed establishment site will be selected.
  3. When it is expected that construction will be commenced on the new laboratories.
376. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
  2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
  3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.
377. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.
379. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.

380. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—

1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.

381. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T contain dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
2. Whether 24D contains impurities which mask the analysis of dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
3. Whether any serious systematic sample checking is made of each batch of these chemicals ; if so—(a) who conducts these checks ; and (b) what laboratories are used ; if not, why.
4. Whether there is such a thing as a known minimum dosage of cancer-causing chemicals below which exposure is safe.

382. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—

1. Whether the herbicides 245T and 24D are detoxified in the soil ; if so, how rapidly, citing the published supporting scientific references.
2. Whether herbicides are the only tools available for use in weed control ; if not—(a) what other methods can be used ; and (b) what action the Keith Turnbull Research Institute is taking to publicise these alternatives.

383. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.

384. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—

1. Whether phenoxy herbicides containing dioxin are used by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey ; if so—(a) in what circumstances ; and (b) what are the general levels of dioxin allowed.
2. What testing has been done on these chemicals before use to check these dioxin levels, indicating the levels in each case.
3. Whether dioxin is tetragonic ; if so, what supervision and control is exercised whenever sprays are used.

385. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—

1. Whether phenoxy herbicides containing dioxin are used by the Forests Commission ; if so—(a) in what circumstances ; and (b) what are the general levels of dioxin allowed.
2. What testing has been done on these chemicals before use to check these dioxin levels, indicating the levels in each case.
3. Whether dioxin is tetragonic ; if so, what supervision and control is exercised whenever sprays are used.

386. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
3. Why the work has not been performed.
4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.

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387. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry on what dates the Victorian Government made submissions to the Commonwealth Government on the level of structural adjustment assistance paid by the Commonwealth Government to industries in Victoria, and what was the level of structural adjustment suggested in each case.

389. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works how many State-owned buildings over 25 metres in height are without automatic fire sprinkler systems.

390. **MR. SIMPSON :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what real property valued at \$250,000 or more is owned by the State, indicating—(a) the location of each property ; (b) the area in hectares of each parcel of undeveloped land ; and (c) the most recent valuation of each property.
391. **MR. KENNETT :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
  2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.
392. **MR. TREZISE :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what is the termination date of the present agreement between the State of Victoria and the promoter of Tattersall Consultations fixing the percentage allowance provided to the promoter for administration expenses for the running of consultations.
393. **MR. TREZISE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What costs have been incurred by the Totalizator Agency Board to date for the proposed installation of the "Crisp" computer betting system.
  2. What is the estimated final cost of completion of the system.
  3. Whether tenders were originally called for the provision of the system ; if so—(a) who were the original tenderers considered ; and (b) which firm received the contract for the work ; if not, why.
  4. What is the cause of delay in bringing the system into operation and what is the estimated commencement date.
  5. What is the estimated cost to the Board to cancel the system, indicating whether this course of action is being considered and, if so, for what reason.
  6. What are the advantages of the "Crisp" system over the present system.
394. **MR. KIRKWOOD :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.
395. **MR. KIRKWOOD :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the daily average passenger/bus ratio for Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board bus operations.
  2. What is the average fuel consumption of a Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board bus.
396. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of pedestrian overpasses—
1. What Authorities submit applications for such overpasses across grade school crossings and heavily trafficked roads.
  2. Which Authority decides priorities, indicating the factors taken into account.
  3. How these crossings are funded, indicating who contributes to the fund.
  4. How much money has been allocated for overpasses in each of the past three financial years.
  5. What is the current priority list for crossings indicating the number expected to be built in this financial year, the number built in each of the past two financial years, and the average cost per overpass in each year.
  6. Whether any application for an overpass has been submitted by the City of Chelsea ; if so, when.
397. **MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether there are any plans to electrify the Stony Point railway line ; if so, what is the projected time scale for the works.
399. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether his attention has been drawn to proceedings in the Melbourne County Court which were the subject of a transcript forwarded to Sir Gregory Gowans by direction of Mr. Justice McNab ; if so, whether he is familiar with allegations against Housing Commission Commissioners and staff put forward by Counsel representing the former Housing Commission Assistant Transport Officer, Mr. G. N. Clippetti, and what action has been taken in the light of these allegations.
400. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.
401. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.

402. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. Whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth at the next Premier's Conference that, as a matter of urgency, the Commonwealth formulate a comprehensive industry policy.
2. Whether he will convene a committee with Government, employer, union, consumer and industry representatives to begin development of an industry policy for Victoria.

403. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—

1. What was the income and expenditure of the State Savings Bank Provident Fund in respect of the 1976-77 financial year and what were the assets and liabilities of the fund at the end of that year.
2. Whether the fund is the only provident, pension or superannuation fund that is conducted for the benefit of persons who have been on the payroll of the bank or their dependants.

404. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, if the Minister will ascertain and advise—

1. What amount of Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rates in respect of the 1975-76 and 1976-77 financial years, respectively, were outstanding at 1st March, 1978.
2. In how many cases legal action has been commenced to recover the rates outstanding in respect of each of these periods.

405. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether any recommendation has been made for the extractive industry lease on the Frankston Pine Plantation to be terminated by the Department of Minerals and Energy ; if so, when it is expected to be finalized to allow planning for sporting and recreational facilities in the area.

406. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. Which State Government departments presently based in Geelong will be transferred to the new State Government offices at Ryrrie-street, Geelong.
2. How many of such Geelong-based departments will be moving from present private accommodation before the present leases expire.
3. What is the financial obligation of the State to fulfil lease conditions after the Departments have moved into the State offices.
4. Whether any departments and employees not presently based in Geelong will be housed in the new Public Offices at Geelong ; if so, which Departments and employees.

407. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether the new State public offices in Ryrrie-street, Geelong has insufficient car parking spaces to meet the standards set for such building space ; if so—(a) why such space was not provided for in planning for the buildings ; and (b) whether local authorities will be adequately compensated financially as would be required under private building construction and, if not, why.

408. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in which year work will be commenced and completed, respectively, on the proposed overpass rail crossing at North Shore-road, Norlane.

409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.

410. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that the findings of the 1977 investigation into the Geelong area public transport operations will be available, particularly in relation to weekly and monthly fare concession bus tickets.

411. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the re-alignment of the roadway for the proposed F.2 Freeway in relation to the building project of Kodak (Australasia) Pty. Ltd., has affected any additional properties within the City of Coburg ; if so, what are the locations of the properties affected.

412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—

1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
3. In how many of these claims submitted to the insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.

414. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Premier with reference to the property, Nyermilang at Lakes Entrance—
1. On what date the Government purchased the property.
  2. Which Department at present administers the property.
  3. What is the area of the property.
  4. What price was paid, for what purpose it was purchased, and from whom it was purchased.
  5. For what purposes it has been used since the property was acquired.
  6. What improvements have been carried out, indicating at what cost.
  7. Whether the public have access to the property and, if not, to whom access is available.
415. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.
416. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What major new road, rail and river crossings, respectively, are planned to be constructed in the Geelong area.
  2. When it is expected that each such crossing will be commenced and completed, respectively.
418. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. Whether he has considered the full potential of Weights and Measures Unions as consumer protection bodies.
  2. Which of the following criteria are considered to be most important when judging the efficacy of Weights and Measures Unions :—(a) cost per capita within the areas under the jurisdiction of the Unions ; (b) amount of revenue collected ; (c) number of prosecutions ; and (d) inspection of packaging.
  3. Whether he has investigated means of providing incentives to municipalities to ensure that Weights and Measures Unions give chief priority to consumer protection rather than revenue collection.
420. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—
1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976–77 and 1977–78.
  2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977–78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.
421. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, with respect to the Government acquisition of Rotamah Island (*Gippsland Lakes*), what was the—(a) purchase price ; (b) Valuer-General's valuation ; and (c) previous sale prices in transactions relating to the sale of this property over the past ten years.
422. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, why applications for compulsory third-party motor vehicle insurance require the applicant to state his or her occupation and what effect such information has on the policy.
423. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of relevant contracts let in each of the past five years which have not complied with recommendations on bills of quantity set out in paragraphs 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 of the Statute Law Revision Committee Report upon a proposal for the bonding of building contractors, of 25th September, 1962.
424. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the chemical currently being used for the fluoridation of Melbourne's water supply is of a chemically pure standard.
  2. Whether, as the World Health Organisation resolution recommends the introduction of fluoridation only where the fluoride intake from water and other sources for the given population is below the optimum levels, the Minister could supply references to research carried out by the Commission of Public Health which demonstrated the necessity for adding fluoride to the public water supplies.
  3. What levels of total fluoride intake were determined by the research carried out by the Commission, indicating whether these levels could be classified as fluoride intake from—(a) environmental pollution ; (b) existing drinking water ; and (c) average dietary patterns.

425. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What references are available regarding the amount of fluoride gases emanating from industrial emissions in and around Melbourne.
  2. Whether the Environment Protection Authority classifies fluoride as an environmental pollutant.
  3. Whether American research has shown that fluoride emissions are the second most prolific after sulphur dioxide but are one thousand times more toxic than sulphur dioxide.
  4. Whether the American Environment Protection Authority lists 1.5 parts per million of fluoride as the maximum tolerance level for marine life in oceans and estuaries.
  5. Whether any research has been carried out to determine the likelihood of the fluoride level resulting from sewerage sullage and waste from domestic and industrial run-off into Port Phillip Bay exceeding the American Environment Protection Authority-maximum fluoride tolerance level.

(Notices received on 15th March, 1978)

426. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many Filipino nursing staff are employed in hospitals in Victoria.
  2. What are the terms of contract entered into by Filipino staff.
  3. What were the reasons for bringing Filipino staff into Victorian hospitals.
427. MR. COLEMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the City of Oakleigh is currently operating with a deficit of approximately \$170,000; if so—(a) over what period this deficit has been accumulated; and (b) what is the expected deficit for the complete financial year.
428. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether he is aware of a petition raised by workers at the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd. plant at Geelong alleging pollution from the Pivot Superphosphate Company at North Shore.
  2. What levels of dust, sulphur odours, and air pollution have been recorded in the vicinity of the plant over the past twelve months, indicating—(a) the accepted standard in each case; and (b) where licence conditions were exceeded.
  3. What steps are currently being taken by the Environment Protection Authority to meet the requests of the petition.
429. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What percentage of domestic fuel and power demand is for water heating.
  2. What is the contribution of solar energy to domestic hot water where heating is provided by—(a) gas; and (b) electricity, indicating whether direct solar water heaters using a thermosyphon or solar pre-heaters were used, and how these results compare with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's figures at Clayton, which show a potential 65 per cent. saving from solar energy in Victoria.
  3. In respect of which solar units off peak rates are—(a) given; and (b) not given.
430. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, whether an inquiry is being undertaken by the Law Department or any other body into the costs associated with the sale and purchase of land; if so—(a) who are the persons conducting the inquiry, and what are the terms of reference; and (b) when it is expected that a report will be made.
432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
  3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
  4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.
433. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each institution conducted by the Mental Health Authority for handicapped children, what income was received by way of child endowment from the Commonwealth Department of Social Security in each of the past two years and for what purpose the income was used.
434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
  2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash; (ii) land; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
  3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.

435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
  2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
  3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services ; if so, at what level.
  4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.
436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated regulations—
1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project ; and (b) a community project.
  2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
  3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  4. Whether application forms for grants are available ; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant ; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
  6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.
437. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance service which services the Mornington peninsula—
1. Whether it is intended that the service will continue ; if so, on what basis.
  2. How many persons were assisted by the ambulance during 1977, indicating to which hospitals they were taken.
  3. Whether the ambulance is being used to transfer patients from the Frankston hospital to the Wonthaggi hospital ; if so, why.
  4. What was the cost of the service in the last financial year, and what is the estimated cost for this financial year.
438. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Cowes Elderly Citizens Club—
1. Whether the Minister has yet received a deputation from the Shire of Phillip Island as requested by the Shire ; if so, when, and with what result.
  2. What plans exist for the upgrading of the inadequate facilities at the Club and when it is expected that funds will be made available for this purpose.
439. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of the financial difficulties faced by the Maryborough hospital ; if so, what steps have been taken to ensure that these difficulties are overcome.
440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. When it was determined to establish the school.
  4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
  5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year ; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.
441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational ; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.
442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis ; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.

444. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been any known extension in the presence of alfalfa aphid SAA and blue green aphid BGA in Victoria and neighbouring States during recent months and whether it is expected that the pest will be effectively controlled in the immediate future.
  2. Whether the programme to import and develop resistant lucern strains has been successful ; if so, whether the Department of Agriculture has established a lucern research and breeding programme and, in that event, when.
  3. Whether there has been any known quarantine problem associated with the importation of seed in bulk.
445. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many residents of the City of Broadmeadows were out-patients at the Royal Children's Hospital in each month from 1st February, 1975 to 31st January, 1978 inclusive.
446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers; if so, from which schools and with what results.
447. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. Who authorized the recent opening of a gravel pit on State Electricity Commission land south of Traralgon.
  2. Whether the Extractive Industries Branch of the Department of Minerals and Energy was aware that this pit was to be opened ; if not, why.
  3. Whether the provisions of the *Extractive Industries Act* 1966 were complied with ; if not, what action is being taken to impose the penalty for non-compliance with the Act.
448. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing in respect of the Housing Commission Estates in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe, respectively—
1. How many applicants are waiting for—(a) three bedroom houses ; (b) two bedroom houses ; (c) single person flats ; and (d) Darby and Joan flats.
  2. What is the approximate waiting time for each of the above-mentioned categories.
  3. How many two bedroom houses the Commission has for tenancy purposes.
449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—
1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
  2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
  3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
  4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
  5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
  6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.
450. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When the Coburg police station was built and for how many police officers the station was designed at that date.
  2. How many police officers and other staff are presently employed at the station.
  3. Whether a plan to re-model the station was prepared some time ago ; if so, what was the time factor and the proposed cost of the project, and why these urgent works were not carried out.
  4. Whether it is proposed to install an urgently needed shower recess at the Station; if not, why.
  5. In view of the fact that officers of the station are subjected to great physical hardship because of the prevailing conditions, whether the Minister will give consideration to having the old outmoded station completely dismantled and a more modern two-storey building developed in the area ; if not, why.



451. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What are the academic qualifications of the General Manager of the Grain Elevators Board.
  2. Whether the position was publicly advertised ; if so, in which newspapers and on what dates.
  3. What is the annual salary of the General Manager and when the last increase in the salary was granted, indicating the extent of the increase.
452. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether the alfalfa aphid and blue green aphid are affecting the annual medic within the State.
  2. Whether there is a resistant variety of annual medic available to a Victorian farmer from overseas sources ; if so, what are the particulars.
453. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he will ascertain which brands of pet foods on sale in Victoria contain whale meat or any other whale product.
454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
  2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
  3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.
455. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. How much the State Electricity Commission has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate in each year.
  2. How much Alcoa of Australia Ltd. has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate of the royalty in each year.
  3. Whether the Government will give consideration to increasing the royalty on coal to bear more relationship to present day energy costs ; if not, why.
456. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What are the details of the electricity needs of the Alcoa of Australia Ltd. plant at Anglesea, indicating the forecasts of electricity needs for each of the next five years.
  2. In view of the large quantity of electrical energy needed by this plant, what steps have been taken to encourage Alcoa to install further generating capacity of its own.
457. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What proposals have been made to the Government to establish a casino in Victoria, indicating—(a) who has made such approaches ; and (b) what sites have been suggested.
  2. Whether the Government is still considering the establishment of casinos in Victoria ; if so, when it is envisaged a decision will be finalized.
458. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether it is feasible for the 6.55 a.m. train from Geelong to Melbourne to terminate at Flinders-street station.
459. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. On how many occasions in each of the past five years builders have extended the periods prescribed for completion of work in contracts to the Housing Commission, indicating the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of instances in which penalty provisions were invoked.
  2. What was the total value of penalties imposed and foregone, respectively.
460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—
1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
  2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
  3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.
461. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What action the Housing Commission intends taking to meet the demand for two bedroom housing in the Latrobe Valley.
  2. How many applicants are waiting to purchase Commission houses at Churchill, and what is the approximate waiting time for such applicants.
  3. What are the details of the Commission building programme for the Towns of Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill, respectively.

(Notices received on 16th March, 1978)

462. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether there has been a substantial increase in expenditure on entertainment in recent months by the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board ; if so, whether the increase in expenditure is relevant to the interests of grain growers.
2. What total amount has been expended on entertainment since the present Chairman's appointment to that position.
3. What amount was expended on entertainment by the previous Chairman of the Board in each of the two years prior to his retirement.
4. What are the names of persons entertained by the Board since the appointment of the present Chairman.

463. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of the Swine Compensation Fund—

1. What is the present total amount in the fund.
2. What income the fund has received and what expenditure has been made from the fund in each of the past five years.

464. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether representations have been made to him for legislation to be introduced in respect of registration, licensing and guidelines for the control of piggeries in Victoria ; if so—(a) when these representations were first made and by whom ; and (b) what is the reason for the delay in implementing the legislation and when it will be introduced.

465. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what average number of Geelong-Melbourne passengers have travelled on morning peak hour trains on week days during the years 1970, 1975, and in this year to date.

466. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have had their salary arrangements altered as a result of the Government's decision to cease collecting fees for the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association.

467. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education at which schools strikes have been held in 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, indicating the respective dates.

468. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have been absent without leave under the terms of the *Public Service Act* 1974 as a result of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association this year.

469. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, which candidates for the Victorian State Elections held in 1970, 1973 and 1976 indicated teaching as their occupation.

470. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established—(a) school councils consisting of equal numbers of parents, teachers and students ; (b) school councils without any teacher representatives other than the principal ; and (c) school councils with student representation other than in equal numbers with teachers and parents.

471. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister will provide the Member for Ascot Vale with a list of all property holdings that are occupied by the Victoria Police Force and any lease arrangements that have been undertaken by the Force to provide necessary Police facilities.

472. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. Whether container road transport vehicles create air turbulence that endangers other vehicles travelling on the same roads in the opposite direction.
2. Whether any investigations have been made by the Government to determine the extent of this problem ; if so, with what result.
3. Whether there are regulations to govern the load capacity of these vehicles.

473. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 27 answered on 14th March, 1978, whether the examination of the three brands of snake bite kits included an evaluation of their usefulness and effectiveness ; if so, what was the conclusion of the inspecting officers in each case.

474. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the status of intersections are altered where traffic stop signs have been damaged or removed by accident or by acts of vandalism ; if so, what precautions are taken by the appropriate traffic authorities to alert motorists using such intersections and what urgent action is taken to restore such signs.

(Notices received on 21st March, 1978)

475. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works—
1. What stage has been reached in the development of a suitable crane for the Portarlington pier.
  2. When it is expected that the crane will be installed and available for use by professional fishermen.
476. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the concern of interstate road hauliers at the Victorian speed limit of 40 m.p.h. imposed on interstate transport vehicles.
  2. If he will ascertain and advise what are the speed limits in all other States.
  3. Whether the Government will review the speed limit to conform with other States.
  4. Whether the Minister will review the present penalties which can result in a truck operator being fined by the court for exceeding the speed limit and then ultimately losing his licence, whereas car drivers may only be liable for on the spot fines.
477. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the permit procedure for organizations wishing to play Bingo has been proved to be adequate.
  2. How many applications have been granted to date.
  3. Whether the Police Force has indicated any concern at Bingo being played on licensed premises since the introduction of the legislation.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any abuse of the system to date.
478. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what policy has been developed by the Teachers Tribunal in respect of proposals put to it regarding multi-cultural education.
479. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many classes have enrolments greater than 31 in State primary schools.
  2. Whether, in view of the 600 fully trained teachers, who were assisted by Education Department scholarships, and who are still unemployed, he will authorize the employment of sufficient of these teachers to reduce all classes to 31 students.
480. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Government has compulsorily acquired the Woodlands Estate in Bulla Shire owned by Mr. Peter Mitchell to be part of Mount Gellibrand National Park ; if so—(a) why Mr. Mitchell was not consulted about either acquisition or fair compensation and why he was not served with the necessary documents ; and (b) whether he will consider, in addition to adequate compensation, allowing Mr. Mitchell to retain the historic family homestead, outbuildings and a suitable area of surrounding land.
481. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the delays in hearing appeals by the Land Valuation Boards of Review.
  2. Whether any steps have been taken to speed up the process ; if so, what steps ; if not, whether the Minister will undertake a review of the procedure to speed up hearings.
482. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Brunswick the first and any subsequent reports of investigations into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, and whether the Minister will lay the relevant file on the table of the Library.
483. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health are participating in the current review of hostel accommodation for aged persons currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security ; if so—(a) on what basis ; (b) which officers are involved ; and (c) whether the State has put a submission to the Commonwealth on this subject and, in that event, whether a copy of the submission will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
484. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme" ; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

485. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special accommodation houses—
1. How many are now registered.
  2. How many have applied for registration but have not yet been registered.
  3. What is the average time between applying for registration and actual registration, specifying the major reasons for the delay.
  4. How many have been refused registration.
  5. How many persons or companies have been prosecuted for failing to seek and/or obtain registration.
  6. What is the Department of Health estimate of the number of special accommodation houses and houses which should be classified as special accommodation houses in Victoria.
486. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special health screening services for refugees—
1. When the Victorian Government put a case to the Commonwealth Government for urgent financial assistance, specifying the amount sought and for what services.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth has provided such funds ; if so, how much, on what basis, and when.
487. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1977 inclusive and in this year to date.
  2. How many approved authorizations for the installing of a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.
  3. How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the year 1977 and in this year to date.
488. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Melton, Werribee and Laverton police stations respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983 inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is of Melton, Werribee and Laverton, respectively.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are in unmarked cars.
489. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether single tender contracts ranging from \$100,000 to \$249,000 were awarded to contractors between the years 1972 and 1976 inclusive ; if so—(a) how many contracts ; (b) what was the individual value of each contract ; (c) who was the successful contractor in each case ; and (d) what was the building and location in respect of each individual contract.
490. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether he has received any proposals for the future use of the Wiltona Migrant Hostel at Williamstown for—(a) a marine science laboratory ; or (b) a marine pollution science unit for the Environment Protection Authority ; if so, whether representations have been made to the Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services for the use of the hostel.
491. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. On how many occasions the off-peak two carriage Tait train operating from Altona to Newport has broken down.
  2. What were the reasons for the break downs.
  3. What is the average number of passengers using the train off-peak.
  4. When it is intended to update the rolling stock on this line.
492. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the 32 children involved in the migrant programme at North Williamstown primary school and the 132 children not included in the programme, whether he will ensure that a migrant education teacher will be appointed to the school as a matter of urgency, to replace the teacher transferred at the end of 1977.

493. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, with regard to teachers at Special Education Units travelling to schools, whether teachers have not been reimbursed their car travelling expenses for the last two months; if so, what are the reasons, and whether teachers who continue to use their cars travelling to schools will receive travelling expenses.
494. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Deer Park West railwayline—
1. When electrification of the line will be completed.
  2. When suburban electric train services will be extended to the line.
  3. What number of suburban electric train services will operate each day on the line.
  4. Which non-electric services will cease stopping at stations on the line on the introduction of electric services.
495. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. At which primary schools in each of the electoral districts of Ringwood, Mitcham, Doncaster, Forest Hill and Warrantye, respectively, there are—(a) permanent dental health clinics; and (b) platforms for mobile dental health clinics.
  2. How many primary school children in each electoral district received in 1977 and are expected to receive in 1978, respectively—(a) dental examinations; and (b) dental treatment under the school dental health scheme, indicating at which schools or at what other places such examinations and treatment will be received.
496. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present strength of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in all ranks.
  2. What is the—(a) establishment; and (b) actual strength of each platoon at each station, indicating the number of officers and firefighters, respectively.
  3. How many officers and firefighters respectively the Brigade is below minimum level.
  4. Whether it is intended to bring the manning up to the minimum level of officers and firefighters as required; if so, when.
  5. When the necessary number of officers will be promoted to increase officer strength to the required minimum.
  6. When the necessary number of firefighters will be employed to increase the strength to the required minimum.
  7. Whether any delays in the promotion of officers and the employment of firefighters will leave Melbourne with a fire service operating under the required minimum.
  8. Whether the deflation of staff will have an effect on the efficiency of the Brigade and the morale of the existing staff.
  9. How many times during the past twelve months it has been necessary to transfer officers and firefighters to make up strength either from shift to shift or station to station, indicating from which and to what station staff was transferred and why.
  10. Whether the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board intends employing sufficient staff to enable it to operate above the minimum manning.
  11. What was the cost to the Board, including all penalties, to operate relieving staff and stand-by staff during the past twelve months.
497. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the officers of the Preston City Council have provided details of—(a) the number of building allotments in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park primary school; and (b) a vehicular and pedestrian link from the Lockton-avenue estate through Barrow-street to the school site; if so, what are the details, including the—(i) number of lots; (ii) number of existing houses; (iii) cost of road construction; (iv) cost of water reticulation services; (v) cost of sewerage services; (vi) cost of electrical reticulation; (vii) type of bridge construction and road works associated with the Barrow-street link; and (viii) any other relevant information.
498. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether, in view of the discrepancy between the answer given to a question without notice relating to the provision of natural gas for electricity generation asked on 8th March, 1978 and the statement on the same matter under oath by the Assistant General Manager of the State Electricity Commission to the Public Works Committee on the same day which is reported on page 233 of the transcript on the Emergency Gas Turbine Inquiry, he will examine and advise the reason for these discrepancies.
  2. Whether, in view of his opinion that the Committee's work is important and that priority should be given to the Inquiry, he will ensure that representatives of Government Departments and Instrumentalities give complete and factual answers to Committees of Inquiry, particularly in the light of the statement of the Assistant General Manager of the Commission that he was not allowed to divulge information about gas pricing when so questioned; if not, whether it is the Government's policy to so restrain public officers.

499. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the size of the present staff room at Ruthven primary school.
  2. What was the staff level of this school at the time of construction and what is the present level of staffing.
  3. Whether it is proposed to provide additional staff room accommodation ; if so, when and how.
500. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Railways Department intends re-locating Keon Park railway station on the south side of Keon-parade ; if so, what is proposed and when.
501. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he has received a request from the Preston City Council for land in Johnson-street, Keon Park, owned by the Railways Department to be leased to the Council for car parking ; if so—(a) when the request was made ; (b) what was the reply ; (c) when the Council was advised of the situation ; (d) what use is proposed by the Railways ; and (e) when the land will be used.
502. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether, in view of the heavy traffic on the Melbourne–Geelong railway line at Newport, he will ensure that a childproof fence is constructed between Challis-street and Maddox-road, Newport, to replace the present broken-down fencing.
503. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the increase in beds available in each of the geriatric hospitals located within the metropolitan area over each of the past three years.
504. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. How many building blocks in the area controlled by the Westernport Regional Planning Authority have been found unsuitable for building development, indicating who is now responsible for payment of rates on these blocks.
  2. What future use will be made of these blocks, indicating whether the present owners are to be compensated by the Authority.
505. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister has had his attention drawn to the article “ Do you really want an Abortion ” which appeared on page 31 of the *Sun News Pictorial* on 14th March, 1978 ; if so, whether he has received advice that the article infringes the medical ethics regarding advertising.
  2. Whether the Minister will refer this article to the Medical Board for investigation ; if not, why.
506. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he is aware that the recent increase in superannuation pensions has denied many elderly pensioners the fringe benefits they previously received ; if so, whether the Government has any plans to assist those pensioners affected and, in that event, what plans.
507. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. How many municipalities in the Metropolitan area levy a residential use rate.
  2. When the residential use rate was introduced and for what purpose.
  3. Whether a municipality has the right to adjust the residential use rate to counteract rises in valuations or other circumstances ; if so, by what method.
  4. In what year the City of Coburg adopted a residential use rate and what rate was agreed on.
  5. Whether the City of Coburg has ever made any adjustment to its residential use rate ; if so, in what years and what rate was accepted in each case.
  6. How many ratepayers in the City other than pensioners are receiving rate assistance, indicating the type of rate assistance being extended.
  7. How many pensioners in the City benefit from the State rate remission system.
508. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many children attending primary schools in each of the past three years within the City of Coburg have been found to be infected with head lice.
  2. What method is used to treat the infection.
  3. Whether the Minister will consider attaching trained staff to those schools in which head lice is of regular occurrence ; if not, why.

509. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of Daylesford Nominees of Hepburn Springs, whether inspections have been made in respect of safety regulations ; if so—(a) when ; (b) by whom ; (c) whether reports were made ; (d) what was the nature of the reports ; and (e) what action was taken or is proposed.
510. **MR. SIMPSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available at his office to Members of Parliament the file relating to the sale of 70 allotments at Kyabram from A. C. and D. Nominees Pty. Ltd. to the Housing Commission.
511. **MR. STIRLING** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether, in view of the damage being done to small boats on the reef at Altona, he will ensure that the reef buoy at Altona, and the fairway buoys of the Altona yacht club are replaced by the Ports and Harbors Division as soon as possible.

(Notices received on 22nd March, 1978)

- \*512. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What has caused the delay in purchasing land for Seaford Park primary school, indicating—(a) when negotiations began ; (b) whether action was taken to compulsorily acquire the land and, if so, when ; and (c) whether negotiations, including valuations, have been completed ; if so, when.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the building of the school, indicating—(a) when it is expected to complete the project ; and (b) when the school is expected to be opened.
- \*513. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the current progress on works providing a third railway track between Caulfield and Mordialloc stations, indicating—(a) the amount of money spent ; (b) the extent of the works and how much is uncompleted ; and (c) what funds exist for the completion of this project and when it is expected to be completed.
  2. Whether there are plans to extend the third track to Frankston ; if so—(a) for what purposes ; and (b) when it is expected to start work.
- \*514. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what was the growth in sales of gas in each of the past five years, indicating the projected growth in each case and the areas where the growth in consumption has occurred.
- \*515. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister intends introducing legislation which will provide a form of insurance covering deficient title caused by a vehicle being sold whilst under lien to a finance institution ; if so, when.
- \*516. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What is the number of registered professional fishermen in Victoria.
  2. How many professional fishing licences have been issued in each of the past ten years.
  3. Whether the total number of licensed fishermen has varied over the past ten years.
  4. What amounts have been allocated in the State Budget for the control of fishing in each of the past ten years.
  5. How many inspectors of ocean fishing there are, indicating whether the number has increased during the past ten years.
  6. How many prosecutions have been launched for undersized—(a) scallops ; and (b) fish, during each of the past five years.
  7. What production figures are available for dredging scallops in each of the past ten years.
- \*517. **MR. LACY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association in each of the years from 1970 to 1977 inclusive—
1. Which schools experienced such strikes.
  2. On which dates the strikes were held.
  3. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  4. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
- \*518. **MR. LACY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in which subject areas in the secondary and technical divisions, respectively, there are currently—(a) unemployed teachers ; and (b) employment vacancies, indicating the numbers involved in each case.
- \*519. **MR. LACY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many registered teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) primary ; (b) secondary ; and (c) technical divisions.
  2. How many appropriately qualified primary teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) migrant ; (b) music ; (c) physical education ; (d) library ; and (e) art/craft categories.

- \*520. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held during 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association—
1. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  2. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
- \*521. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary, and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established school councils with—(a) one ; (b) two ; (c) three ; (d) four ; (e) five ; and (f) more than five teacher representatives.
- \*522. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what amounts were allocated in the 1977-78 Budget to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division for the purpose of purchasing land, indicating—(a) how much has been spent to date ; (b) what departments undertake land purchases for the Division ; and (c) what steps will be taken to ensure that the allocation will be fully spent.
- \*523. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether consideration is being given by the Housing Commission to purchasing established private homes in inner suburban areas of Geelong.
- \*524. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the Barwon Police District, whether there has been an increase or decrease in the incidence of major criminal offences in the past five years, indicating the type of offence and the ratio of apprehension and conviction in relation to the number of offences.
- \*525. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many applications, if any, have been granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the past five years in the Geelong area for approval and authorization for installing listening devices in residences, buildings or motor cars.
- \*526. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he will consider introducing legislation to require open-topped trucks to cover loads that can fall onto roadways and cause damage to other road users.
- \*527. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of payments to the Preston City Council for pensioner rate concessions, whether the Council has received the amounts claimed ; if not, why.
- \*528. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, in respect of the ten point plan for decentralization implemented by the Department of State Development in September, 1972—
1. What number of industries have taken advantage of the Governments incentives, indicating how many of these industries have built new factories or major extensions since that date.
  2. Which industries have built new factories or major extensions since September, 1972, indicating the factory name, main product, location and number of employees in each case.
- \*529. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department was involved in any way with a contract for the building of an Arts Centre at Wangaratta during 1976-77.
  2. Who were the tenderers and what was the amount tendered by each tenderer.
  3. Who were the signatories to the main building contract and when the contract was signed with the successful tenderers, indicating the name of the successful tenderer.
  4. Why competitive tenders were called.
  5. On what grounds the decision was made to award the contract to the successful tenderer.
  6. What was the date scheduled for the completion of the contract and the actual date of completion.
  7. Whether the original contract was recently cancelled.
  8. Who was the architect appointed to supervise construction of the contract.
- \*530. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department is investigating the confinement leave provision relating to female teachers within the teaching service.
  2. Whether abolition of confinement leave could allow for the employment of all unemployed teachers in the Primary Division.
  3. Whether continuation of the present trend in the ratio of female primary teachers to male primary teachers will result in a large percentage of primary schools being staffed completely by female teachers in future.
  4. Whether the Government has any control over the intake of students at State Colleges of Victoria to ensure a greater percentage of male teachers at the colleges.
  5. Whether the Government will be taking action to correct the imbalance between the number of male and female teachers.



- \*531. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the State Government provides financial assistance to the Municipal Saleyards Association ; if so—(a) on what basis and for what purpose ; and (b) what amount has been provided.
- \*532. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in cases where a motor vehicle has been seriously damaged by accident and the insurance company has permitted repairs to be carried out by the "cut and shut" method in order to save an overall pay out, whether the Minister would take the initiative to see that the onus of responsibility for a roadworthiness test should be accepted by the respective insurance company and not the insured.
- \*533. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. In view of the recent announcement that Commonwealth funds will be made available to the Victorian Government for school dental service, what proposals have been made to provide a Dental Therapy Clinic for the Coburg/Fawkner area.
  2. What schools within the electoral district of Coburg have dental facilities.
  3. Whether the Department of Health has any plans to provide additional dental services to schools within the electorate ; if so, what plans.
  4. What percentage of children within the electorate require dental treatment.
  5. Whether the Department employs any officers to visit schools to advise them on the problems of tooth decay ; if not, why.
- \*534. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what has been the result of the investigation into the control of burglar alarms installed in business and industrial premises which was carried out last year by officers of the Chief Secretary's Office, the Police Department, the Insurance Council of Australia and the Environment Protection Authority.
- \*535. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. How many municipalities in the metropolitan area engage a handyman service to assist elderly, handicapped, or low income residents.
  2. What is the man-power strength of this service and from what source funds are made available to meet the cost by the respective municipalities.
  3. What Government funds are made available to municipalities to assist them with this type of work assistance project.
- \*536. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What has been the result of the study into the flooding of the Merri Creek made by the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation on behalf of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and presented in March, 1977.
  2. When the Board intends to commence work on the retarding basins within the municipalities of Broadmeadows and Whittlesea to offset serious flooding of the Merri Creek.
- \*537. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. Whether he is aware that many cricket clubs are being deprived of playing on turf wickets because the local municipalities consider they are too costly.
  2. Whether he is aware that the Coburg City Council is contemplating the closing down of turf wickets which have been operating for the past 45 years in Coburg.
  3. Whether he will make inquiries into the possibility of financial assistance to retain the natural advantage of turf wickets in Coburg ; if not, why.
- \*538. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the detailed energy policy for conservation of resources and how it is being applied.
  2. Whether he endorses the findings of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977, indicating any areas of disagreement.
- \*539. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the median age of teachers in each of the three divisions of the teaching service.
  2. Whether the Minister will give consideration to the provision of a by-pass procedure to allow experience of older teachers to be taken into account to ease the problem of qualification-linked salary barriers, at least within the assistant class salary range.
- \*540. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 274, answered on 22nd March, 1977, whether the Minister can provide information setting out the existing main road reservation of the F.2 freeway in the area north of Bell-street, Coburg to Mahoney's-road, Campbellfield, which was agreed upon per medium of an amendment to the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme on 24th September, 1975.

\*541. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What was the expenditure on State highways (other than national highways) for the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and the estimated expenditure for 1977-78.
2. Whether other road classifications, e.g. forest roads, tourist roads etc., have been charged against rural arterial or rural local roads; if so, which road classifications and what amounts have been so charged during the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and will be so charged in 1977-78.

J. H. CAMPBELL  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER  
Speaker

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## NOTICE PAPER

No. 9

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WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1978

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### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. BALFOUR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the ' Mines Act 1958 ' and for other purposes*".
- \*2. MR. THOMPSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to establish a Body Corporate under the name of St. Andrew's Hospital and for other purposes*".
- \*3. MR. BORTHWICK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Granting of Leases of certain Crown Land at Sandringham in the Parish of Moorabbin along Port Phillip Bay*".
- \*4. MR. BORTHWICK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to require the Environmental Effects of certain Works to be assessed, and for other purposes*".
- \*5. MR. THOMPSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section 48 of the ' Teaching Service Act 1958 '*".

#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. VEGETATION AND VINE DISEASES (PARASITES) BILL.—Second reading.
- \*2. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Second reading.
- \*3. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
- \*4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
5. EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
- \*6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CONTROL DATA (AUSTRALIA) PTY. LTD. AND TOTALIZATOR AGENCY BOARD—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement relating to Cancellation of Contract between Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and Totalizator Agency Board.
7. MOLESWORTH (LAND EXCHANGE) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
8. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
9. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate*.
10. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
11. SUPPLY (1978-79, No. 1) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
12. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
13. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
14. MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET TRUST (LICENCES) BILL.—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

## GENERAL BUSINESS

## Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
- \*2. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House condemns the Government of Victoria for its failure to adequately investigate the suitability of various helicopters for operational use by the Victoria Police Force which has seriously affected the prevention of crime in Victoria.
- \*3. MR. WILTON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be enacted to establish Residential Tenancy Boards for the purposes of disseminating information concerning rental practices, arbitrating and deciding upon disputes between landlords and tenants, holding and investing in trust on behalf of tenants moneys deposited as security deposits demanded by landlords, and generally regulating relationships between landlords and tenants.
4. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes*".
5. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section 925 of the 'Local Government Act 1958' with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public*".
6. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section 10 of the 'Public Records Act 1973' with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public*".

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 4th April, 1978)

- \*542. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What rail concessions are available in Victoria to deserted wives, supporting mothers, old aged pensioners, invalid pensioners, war widows and civilian widows, respectively.
  2. What rail concessions are available to the children of persons who receive rail concessions.
  3. What plans the Government has to extend rail concessions to children of social security and repatriation pensioners.
- \*543. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. What action the Government proposes taking to preserve Clarendon Terrace, Claredon-street, East Melbourne from demolition.
  2. Who is the present owner of the building.
  3. When the structure was built.
  4. What are the dimensions of the site.
  5. What is the estimated cost of restoration.
- \*544. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the proposed date of closure of the Wonthaggi-Nyora railway line.
  2. Whether tenders closed on 14th September 1977, for the provision of an alternative bus service.
  3. How many signatures on petitions against the closure have been received by the Minister or the Premier.
  4. What representations have been received from local Members of Parliament about the proposed closure.
- \*545. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to the Ministerial Statement on the Hume Freeway, Wallan to Broadford, made to the House on 7th September, 1977, whether he will provide, prior to the further consideration of the statement by the House—(a) specific details of how the cost plus 15 per cent profit formula for Galli Brothers Constructions Pty. Ltd. was determined ; (b) copies of the formal deeds of variation of the three Hume Freeway contracts of 30th October, 1974 ; (c) details of the dispute between the Board and the major contractor over the freeway contracts ; and (d) the name of the engineer or engineers who were responsible for supervising the relevant sections of the freeway.
- \*546. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway, how many Country Roads Board staff and Galli Bros. Constructions Pty. Ltd. staff respectively, were employed in supervisory roles, giving names, qualifications and length of service in each case.
- \*547. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway whether he will lay on the table of the Library—(a) the specifications ; and (b) the schedule of rates with original tender prices quoted for the contracts for sections A and B, respectively, of the freeway.
- \*548. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport further to the Ministerial Statement of 7th September, 1977 on the Hume Freeway with respect to the substitution of basalt for siltstone in layers 2 and 3 of the pavements in the Wallan to Broadford section—(a) who requested the change ; (b) who authorized the change ; (c) what were the technical reasons for the change ; (d) whether he will lay on the table of the Library the technical reports which were used to justify the change ; (e) what were the tender rates for the supply of siltstone and basalt, respectively ; (f) what was the difference in the total amounts earned by Galli Bros. Constructions Pty. Ltd. and Apex Quarries Ltd. due to the substitution of basalt for siltstone in layers 2 and 3 of the pavement ; (g) whether the contract provides for basalt to be brought from Wollert ; (h) whether East Kilmore was mentioned in the contracts as the site for extracting basalt ; and (i) what Government assistance Apex Quarries Ltd. received in setting up the East Kilmore quarry.
- \*549. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable Minister of Transport whether he will lay on the table of the Library the Minutes of site meetings between the Country Roads Board and the contractors during the construction of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway.

\*550. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with reference to the prosecution of Mr. Kenneth Lewis of Hamilton and Mr. James Burow of Peshurst for having on 28th July, 1976 moved a house divided into two sections between Peshurst and Hamilton, contrary to section 33 of the *Motor Car Act 1958*—

1. Whether the maximum width of the house at base, after the front room had been cut off, was 7.010 metres.
2. Whether approval for the removal and transport of the house from Peshurst to Hamilton was given by the—(a) Hamilton City Council ; (b) Shire of Minhamite ; (c) State Electricity Commission ; (d) Police ; (e) Transport Regulation Board ; (f) Telecom Australia.
3. Whether Permit No. 18721 on 9th December, 1975 enabled the removal and transport of a house 7.93 metres wide, and was a church 8.534 metres wide transported from Mortlake to Tower Hill.
4. Whether permits for wide loads refused to Mr. Burow have been granted to other operators.
5. Who refused Mr. Burow's application for the removal of Mr Lewis' house, and when.
6. Whether Mr. Lewis had discussions with Mr. Liddell and Mr. Moncrieff of the Country Roads Board in Melbourne about his application ; if so, whether he received sympathetic consideration and was advised to apply again.
7. Whether the Board brought a barrister from Melbourne to prosecute Messrs. Lewis and Burow ; if so, whom.
8. What was the total cost of the prosecution.
9. What was the amount of the fines and costs imposed for each offence on—(a) Mr. Lewis ; and (b) Mr. Burow.

\*551. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What representations he has received from—(a) local government bodies ; (b) organizations ; and (c) individuals, about the maintenance and preservation of the Hamilton to East Natimuk via Balmoral and Noradjuha railway line.
2. What is the length of the rail line.
3. What have been the maintenance costs in each year from 1974 to 1977 and in this year to date.

\*552. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of each of the freight centres in Victoria—

1. What was the date of commencement in each case, and what are the projected dates of opening for each future centre.
2. In the case of each centre, how many zones have been created, indicating generally the areas in each zone.
3. In respect of each zone—(a) who were the successful road transport contractors ; (b) who made the decision to appoint such contractors ; and (c) what rates were set.

\*553. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to his statement on the West Gate Bridge on 7th September, 1977—

1. As the stated reasons for the delays in construction amounted to 152 working weeks, what are the reasons for the additional delays which will result in completion of the project eight years behind schedule.
2. What proportion of the daily cost of delays of \$35,000 is attributable to interest charges.

\*554. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2609 answered on 4th October, 1977—

1. What were the reasons for the Government adopting the report on the "outer ring" freeway.
2. Who evaluated the plan and how.
3. What is the—(a) expected cost ; and (b) estimated date of completion of the outer ring freeway.
4. Whether it is expected that the outer ring freeway will increase or depress motor vehicle usage.

\*555. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Country Roads Board's proposed Banksia-street-Bell-street link—

1. What are the projected traffic numbers, expressed in thousands of vehicles each day, it is estimated will be using the proposed route for each year from 1978 to 1997 inclusive.
2. What is the proposed width of the link.
3. What area would be taken up by the link, indicating the present uses of each part of that area.

\*556. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. How many traffic accidents involving pedestrians, motor cars, motor cycles, bicycles, motor trucks, and motor buses, respectively, have taken place at the intersection of Mitcham and Springfield-roads, Nunawading in each year since 1955.
2. How many persons have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured in traffic accidents at the intersection in each year since 1955.
3. Whether any requests have been made to the Government or to the Road Safety and Traffic Authority or to any Minister for traffic control lights to be erected at the intersection ; if so, by whom, to whom, and on what date each such request was made.
4. Whether it is proposed to construct traffic control lights at the intersection ; if so—(a) when such traffic control lights or signals will be constructed ; and (b) what priority number has been allocated to that intersection.
5. Whether any—(a) traffic flow studies ; (b) pedestrian activity studies ; and (c) studies as to the need for access to or egress from adjoining properties have been carried out at the intersection ; if so, by whom, when each such study was carried out, and what facts were ascertained from each study.

\*557. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. What toothpastes currently offered for sale in Victoria contain chloroform as an ingredient, indicating in the case of each brand the percentage of chloroform.
2. For what purpose chloroform is used in an ingredient.
3. Whether chloroform is carcinogenic.
4. What action he will take to investigate the possible risks of using chloroform in toothpastes and, if there is a degree of danger, to so advise the public.

\*558. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Railway Workshops at Newport, Bendigo and Ballarat South, respectively—

1. What is the programme for steel construction for the next five years at each workshop.
2. Whether each workshop will remain as an important maintenance centre for rolling stock.
3. What is the planned programme at each workshop, for the car and wagon shop, turnery and blacksmiths shop and coppersmiths shop.
4. Under the present policy of no staff replacement at workshops, how long it will be before falling staff levels makes the workshops uneconomic.
5. How much Victorian Railways work is done by outside industry, indicating what type of work and whether the Department always has the opportunity to tender for such work.
6. How the Department relates costs to tender when tendering for jobs.

\*559. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with regard to the Country Roads Board construction projects—

1. What is a " Lump Sum—Schedule of Rates " contract.
2. Who determines contract variations in such contracts.
3. How many of such contracts were negotiated in each calendar year from 1973 to 1977 and in this year to date.
4. In how many cases variations in such contracts operated to the—(a) financial advantage of the Board ; or (b) financial advantage of the contractors.
5. What five " Lump Sum—Schedule of Rates " contracts in the period led to the greatest financial variation against the Board, indicating the reasons for the variations of quantity estimates in each case.

\*560. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with respect to commuters who travel to and from work on all or most working days by public transport in the Melbourne Transportation District, what is the average daily number of commuters, indicating what proportion are—(a) white collar workers ; and (b) blue collar workers.

\*561. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what Asian languages are being taught in State primary, secondary or technical schools, respectively, indicating in each case, the name of the school, the language taught, the levels at which such languages are taught, and the numbers of pupils and staff involved.

\*562. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether the Minister will ascertain and inform whether chloroform was banned in the United States in April, 1976 as an ingredient in toothpaste, cough medicines and other drugs and whether the Commonwealth Government Laboratories tested toothpastes available in Australia and found that 10 of 38 brands contained chloroform.
2. What cough medicines and other proprietary remedies currently available contain chloroform as an ingredient.



- \*563. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education to what extent the allocation of personnel resources in the Curriculum Services Unit and the Educational Resources Unit, respectively, reflect the priorities of the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions and teachers in the schools.
- \*564. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether, in view of the emphasis placed on the expressive arts and physical education in the staffing structure of the Curriculum Services Unit, the Government no longer considers oracy, literacy, numeracy and vocational orientation the main priorities of the curriculum ; if so, whether the change in emphasis is in accordance with the recommendations made in the draft report of the Curriculum Services Inquiry.
- \*565. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. What steps are being taken to provide additional aid to the Children's Protection Society in view of estimates by the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that as many as 13,500 Australian children may be deliberately injured every year.
  2. What action is anticipated to ensure—(a) mandatory notification by doctors, and other health professionals and teachers of suspected cases of child bashing ; (b) preventative programmes ; (c) referral centres ; and (d) additional social workers for the Children's Protection Society.
- \*566. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has received requests from a number of municipalities in Victoria for the introduction of legislation making the wearing of hard hats or safety helmets by persons, riding horses compulsory ; if so, whether he has considered the matter, and what action is contemplated.
- \*567. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will indicate whether, as a matter of principle, specifications for the police helicopter or helicopters will be drawn in such a way that—(a) emphasis will be placed on the true operational role of the desired aircraft ; and (b) most manufacturers of helicopters will be able to tender.
- \*568. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether, in view of the time lag involved in the assessment of appeals, he will seek assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Social Security that all unemployed persons waiting for results of unemployment benefit appeals will automatically be provided with emergency income maintenance funds in the interim period.
- \*569. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what specific multi-lingual job placement and employment information facilities are available for newly arrived skilled migrants who settle in Victoria.
- \*570. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what avenues for training and/or retraining to each skilled trade or industry sector are available to—(a) unskilled ; and (b) semi-skilled workers over the age of 24 years.
- \*571. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will take action as a matter of urgency to require the Department of Labour and Industry and the Education Department to implement programmes of English language teaching in industry in consultation with employer and trade union organizations.
- \*572. MR. ROPER . To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether a national committee has been set up on health statistics, if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee, who are the members of the committee, when it was set up and on how many occasions it has met.
  2. What progress has been made with the collection of national health statistics.
- \*573. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many persons are currently in the Heatherton Sanatorium with tuberculosis specifying the number who are refugees and the country of origin.
  2. How many persons, specifying country of origin, are being treated for tuberculosis in other State Government institutions or public Hospitals.
- \*574. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what total amount so far has been allocated and expended, respectively, and how many applications so far—(a) have been received ; (b) have been approved ; (c) have been rejected and (d) are waiting assessment, in respect of—(i) the scheme announced on 26th February, 1978, under which young couples buying their first home block were to be required to find 25 per centum only of the price in cash and were to be able to re-pay the rest at 10 per centum interest over ten years ; (ii) the scheme announced on 13th December, 1977, under which \$100 million from private lending sources was to be channelled into co-operative building societies for loans to home buyers at 8·5 per centum interest ; (iii) the scheme announced on 29th December, 1977, under which \$25 million from the State Savings Bank of Victoria and five private banks was to be channelled into 49 co-operative housing societies for first mortgage loans of up to \$25,000 to home buyers at 9·25 per centum interest and second mortgage loans of up to \$5,000 at 10 per centum interest ; and (iv) the scheme announced on 13th March, 1978, under which the price of a block of land was to be reduced by \$3,000 and the price of a home-land package was to be reduced by \$5,000.

- \*575. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether a report has been prepared by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board on the St. Nicholas Hospital, Carlton ; if so, when the report was completed and whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*576. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of courses for the training of teachers for pre-schools—
1. Which courses are currently recognized by the Department of Health, specifying the number of students enrolled in the course and the first year intake in 1978.
  2. Whether the Department in recommending the employment of pre-school teachers ranks graduates of courses in different categories ; if so, on what basis.
  3. How many scholarships are awarded by the Department to students undertaking such courses, specifying at which institutions such scholarships are granted and whether scholarships are available for early childhood education students at either Coburg or Frankston.
  4. In view of the Department's own report and the report prepared for the Council of the Institute of Early Childhood Development at Kew, whether a submission was made to the State College of Victoria concerning the need for restraint in the student intake ; if not, why.
- \*577. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the kitchen at the Kingston Centre—
1. When the first stage was commenced and completed.
  2. When it was announced that \$3 million would be made available for the completion of the kitchen.
  3. Whether any tenders have yet been let for further stages of the kitchen ; if not, why.
  4. What is the proposed completion date of stage two and when it is expected that work will commence and be completed on stage three.
  5. Whether the steel frame work of the first stage now requires retreating because of rust and other problems ; if so, why.
- \*578. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will lay on the table of the Library the file relating to complaints concerning Dr. C. Officer of Seymour.
- \*579. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What is the current Government policy in respect to the issue of new dairy licences.
  2. How many new licences have been issued in the past twelve months giving details of the date of issue, name and address of the applicant, and the reason for the licence being issued.
  3. How many applications have been made for new licences in the past twelve months.
  4. Whether any dairy farmers have been advised by any officer of the Agriculture Department that they may be able to obtain a new licence after the 30th June, 1978 ; if so, what are the names of the applicants and the officers who gave the advice.
  5. Whether any dairy farmers have been given permission to build dairies and/or supply milk to manufacturers using another dairy farmer's licence.
- \*580. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what progress has been achieved on those matters relating to dredging at the mouth of the Patterson River raised by the deputation on 18th March, 1977, indicating—(a) the schemes proposed ; (b) the solutions suggested ; (c) whether any further report had been submitted by the contractor, indicating feasibility and costs ; (d) what are the results of discussions on this matter with the Environment Protection Authority ; and (e) when it is expected to conclude these matters.
- \*581. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what land has been purchased by the Urban Land Council since 1st January, 1976, indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location ; (b) title particulars ; (c) the area ; (d) what price was paid ; (e) what development works had been carried out prior to purchase ; (f) what development works have been carried out since purchase, by whom, and at what cost ; and (g) what development works remain to be carried out prior to resale and what is the estimated costs of such work.
- \*582. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether the Agriculture Department printed a book " Bee-keeping in Victoria " ; if so, whether the edition has been out of print since 1968.
  2. Whether the original 1964 copies sold for 5/- per copy and whether it is a fact that second-hand copies now sell for \$10 per copy.
  3. Whether it is the intention of the department to print further copies of the book ; if so, when.
- \*583. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister for Water Supply, in each of the past twelve months what were the monthly readings for mercury and lead at the following points within the Geelong Water Catchment :—(a) Pettavel outlet in the Barwon Supply ; and (b) Moorabool Supply—Lovely Banks Outlet, indicating—(i) the acceptable standard for levels of mercury and lead ; (ii) for how long these levels have been occurring ; and (iii) whether the public health Authorities have been informed and, if so, what action such Authorities have taken.

- \*584. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. If he will ascertain and inform whether Japanese import authorities have banned fluorescent compounds in any wrapping or packaging paper used in contact applications as a means of optical lightening agent to make the paper look whiter ; if so, what are the reasons for the ban.
  2. Whether fluorescent type paper is used for packaging of foodstuffs, including seafoods in Victoria/Australia ; if so, whether the use of the paper has been subject to investigation and in that event, what are the results of these investigations.
- \*585. MR. TREWIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with respect to the Wallan section of the Hume Freeway,
1. From what source funds will be made available to meet the cost of—(a) the visit of the expert from England to advise on future work on the pavement area ; and (b) the reforming and sealing of the Freeway.
  2. Whether such moneys will be obtained from—(a) taxpayers of Victoria ; (b) the Country Roads Board ; (c) national highway funds ; or (d) the contractors originally involved in building the Freeway.
- \*586. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the promise made by Mr. A. Hird, Assistant Director-General of Education (Personnel) in the *News Exchange* of 24th February, 1978 guaranteeing that official staffing establishments for all schools would be maintained throughout the year will be kept ; if not, why.
- \*587. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many professional officers of the Country Fire Authority have been transferred, and how much money has been spent on transfer expenses in each of the past two years.
  2. What allowance is available to a professional officer to transfer his family.
  3. If he will ascertain and inform the House what is the average cost to the officer and his family of such transfers.
  4. Whether consideration is being given to establishing an Appeals Tribunal ; if so, with what powers and with what constitution.
- \*588. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation which metropolitan municipalities have been allocated grants from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for the 1977-78 financial year, indicating the project for which each grant was given.
- \*589. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the report of the Advisory Committee into the Future Operations and funding of Community Education Centres has been finalized ; if so, what guidelines for this project are contained in the Report.
- \*590. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there has been any increase in the \$30 maintenance allocation via the direct grant scheme for portable class-rooms.
- \*591. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many applications for positions in the Education Department were received from non-bonded teachers for the current school year, indicating how many of these applicants have been employed to date.
- \*592. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the estimated cost of damage incurred in the bush fires found to be the fault of the State Electricity Commission.
  2. Whether the Commission is liable for compensation for the damage incurred ; if so, what will be the method of payment.
- \*593. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, in view of Section 4 of the *Bail Act* 1977 whereby persons charged with an indictable offence involving use or threatened use of firearms may not be granted bail unless the accused can show cause why detention in custody is not justified and further where bail is so granted the court is to commit its reasons to writing, how many persons accused of attempted armed robbery of a company and actual robbery of a bank in this year to date have been released on bail and what were the reasons recorded by the court for the granting of bail in each such case.
- \*594. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. On what date a portion of the public car park of the Victorian Railways in Latrobe-terrace, Geelong was reserved solely for railway employees.
  2. What the reason was for the decision and how many public car spaces were so reserved.
  3. Whether the public was notified of the decision ; if not, why.
  4. How many persons have been charged and fined for illegally parking in these spaces, indicating the penalties in each case.
  5. What is the size and height of the " no parking " signs over each such space.
  6. Why these parking spaces are not fenced off from the public spaces.
  7. Whether Wilbur-Smith and Associates in recent years carried out an investigation into the car parking facilities at the Geelong railway station ; if so, what were the findings and recommendations.

\*595. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing if he will lay on the table of the Library the reports and records of interviews by former Chief Inspector McDowell, and Chief Inspector Baker, pertaining to the Housing Commission purchases at Pakenham, Sunbury and Melton which were called for by the Minister of Housing prior to and during the recent inquiry into land purchases by the Housing Commission.

\*596. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of psychiatric services provided at or by Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital, Beechworth—

1. When the early treatment centre was ready for occupancy.
2. When Treasury and Public Service Board approval, respectively, was—(a) sought ; and (b) given, for staff, specifying for which positions.
3. How many staff have been appointed, specifying the dates of appointment.
4. When it is expected that—(a) all staff will be appointed ; and (b) patients will be admitted.
5. How many community mental health nurses are—(a) employed ; and (b) about to be employed.
6. How many vehicles are available for the nurses, specifying when requests were made for additional vehicles and the result of those requests.

J. H. CAMPBELL  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER  
Speaker

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. Crabb, The Hon. V. J. Doube, Mr. Hann, Mr. Mackinnon, Mrs. Patrick, Mr. Reese, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Trezise.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT)—Mr. Billing, Mr. Burgin, Mr. Culpin, Mr. McArthur, and Mr. Mutton.

STANDING ORDERS—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fordham, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Reese, Mr. Ross-Edwards, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Wilkes.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—Mr. Ebery, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Evans (*Ballarat North*), Mr. McInnes, Mr. Skeggs, Mr. Smith (*South Barwon*), and Mr. Wilton.

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (JOINT)—Mr. Birrell, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Roper, and Mr. Williams.

## PRINTED PAPERS

The following papers which have been printed can now be obtained by Honorable Members from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly (Telephone 6518-250), and by others on the circulation list from the Government Printer. They can also be purchased by the public from the Government Printer :—

Subordinate Legislation Committee—Report upon Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund Regulations 1977 (S.R. No. 105/1977) (D.26).

Youth, Sport and Recreation—Report of the Director-General, 1976-77 (No. 3).



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 10

THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1978

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House condemns the Government of Victoria for its failure to adequately investigate the suitability of various helicopters for operational use by the Victoria Police Force which has seriously affected the prevention of crime in Victoria.
3. MR. WILTON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be enacted to establish Residential Tenancy Boards for the purposes of disseminating information concerning rental practices, arbitrating and deciding upon disputes between landlords and tenants, holding and investing in trust on behalf of tenants moneys deposited as security deposits demanded by landlords, and generally regulating relationships between landlords and tenants.
4. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes* ".
5. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 925 of the ' Local Government Act 1958 ' with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public* ".
6. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 10 of the ' Public Records Act 1973 ' with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public* ".

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. CO-OPERATIVE FARMERS AND GRAZERS DIRECT MEAT SUPPLY LIMITED BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*2. SANDRINGHAM LAND BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
4. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this Bill be now read a second time—*and on the amendment*—That all the words after " That " be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof " this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that the Motor Car Traders Committee be required to submit an Annual Report of its activities to Parliament ".
5. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*Resumption of debate.*
6. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. SUPPLY (1978-79, No. 1) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET TRUST (LICENCES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
12. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1. VEGETATION AND VINE DISEASES (PARASITES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- 2. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*3. ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

- \*1. TEACHING SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

- 1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

- \*1. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

*(Notices received on 5th April, 1978)*

- \*597. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether he has considered the full potential of Weights and Measures Unions as consumer protection bodies.
  2. Which of the following criteria are considered to be most important when judging the efficacy of Weights and Measures Unions—(a) cost per capita within the areas under the jurisdiction of the Unions ; (b) amount of revenue collected ; (c) number of prosecutions ; and (d) inspection of packaging.
  3. Whether he has investigated means of providing incentives to municipalities to ensure that Weights and Measures Unions give chief priority to consumer protection rather than revenue collection.
- \*598. MR. WOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many—(a) Acco 1710B small town tankers ; (b) fully enclosed crew cab pumpers ; and (c) open backed crew cab pumpers, are to be issued to Fire Brigades in region 18 of the Country Fire Authority.
  2. To which brigades these tankers will be issued, indicating the proposed date of delivery in each case.
- \*599. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will give an assurance that no arrangement has been entered into by the Department of Minerals and Energy and Daylesford Nominees Pty. Ltd. to allow the extraction of mineral spa water from Government bores or springs on Crown land under the direct control of the Department of Crown Lands and Survey.
- \*600. MR. AUSTIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What progress the Government has made to get insurance companies to divert funds to assist the housing industry.
  2. Whether there is a proposal whereby the Government will subsidise interest rates to attract up to \$100 million from the funds of insurance companies to assist the housing industry ; if so, whether the offer is still open ; if not, what other steps the Government will take to arrest the decline in home building in Victoria.
- \*601. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. Whether local Department of Crown Lands and Survey officers can fill vacancies caused by retirement ; if so, why these vacancies are not advertised.
  2. What appointments have been made to the department's staff at Dimboola in the past 12 months, stating—(a) the number of applicants for each vacancy ; and (b) the name and qualification of each appointee.
- \*602. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether land has been purchased by the Government in the vicinity of Hann's Inlet, Crib Point ; if so, in respect of each purchase—(a) what amount of land was involved ; (b) what price was paid ; (c) who was the vendor ; (d) what was the date of purchase ; and (e) what was the reason for the purchase.
- \*603. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation since the issuing of licenses for discharge from industry to the air commenced—
1. How many breaches of licence conditions have been detected, indicating in respect of both the Environment Protection Authority and its delegated agencies, the name of the company and the seriousness of the breach.
  2. How many prosecutions have proceeded, indicating whether they have been successful and, if so, the name of the company prosecuted and the fine imposed.
- \*604. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether the Land Conservation Council Report on the Mallee Study Area recommends that the Pine Plains contains outstanding recreation, scenic, and nature conservation values, and that ultimately the whole area should be added to the Wyperfeld National Park ; if so, whether the Government intends to act on this recommendation, indicating, what notice will be given to lessees so they can re-establish themselves elsewhere.
  2. How many farmers hold leases in the area, stating in each case—(a) their name ; (b) the period of the lease ; (c) the rental ; (d) the size of the area ; and (e) the value per acre.
  3. What steps are being taken to ensure that protection of park values will be paramount in this area.



- \*605. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many personnel are engaged in the investigations being conducted into the affairs of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operative, indicating the expertise of each person.
  2. Whether he has set a date of completion of the inquiry ; if so, what date.
- \*606. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, whether river red gums in the Casterton area are infested with beetles ; if so—(a) whether trees are being killed ; (b) what steps have been taken to eliminate the problem, indicating with what results ; and (c) whether less birds are migrating to the area.
- \*607. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether he is aware of successful experiments in the manufacture of 50 litre capacity plastic beer barrels by a Belgian company Marve Continental BV ; if so, what were the results of the experiments by comparison with metal containers and the adaptability of the plastic container to meet Australian conditions ; if not, whether he will make inquiries to assess the following :—(a) the comparative weight of the plastic keg as compared with the metal container ; (b) the comparative noise factor involved in deliveries to and from hotels in built-up areas ; and (c) the comparative damage by the two types of containers to roadways and footpaths.
- \*608. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he can give an assurance that no new leases have been issued recently to Daylesford Nominees Pty. Ltd., to occupy Crown Land in the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs district, for the purpose of extracting mineral spa water.
- \*609. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Chief Secretary's Office is currently considering the introduction of legislation in relation to the cost incurred by sporting clubs in paying for workers compensation premiums ; if so, whether he can inform the House when legislation will be introduced into Parliament to allow for relief similar to that proposed in New South Wales and South Australia.
- \*610. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board has purchased ticket machines manufactured for the CRISP system ; if so, what was the cost of the machines and whether they can be used for any other purpose.
- \*611. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what has been the total amount of financial guarantees given by the Government under the *Co-operation Act* 1958 in the past five financial years, including estimates for 1977-78, and what is the current total guarantee commitment by the Government.
- \*612. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of the Public Relations Department of the State Electricity Commission—
1. How many staff are presently employed and what was the staff level in each of the past five years.
  2. How many journalists, photographers, cinematic and camera crews, respectively, are employed.
  3. What has been the budget in each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the purpose of this department.
- \*613. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will provide all relevant information covering arrangements regarding the superannuation rights for School Council employed personnel.
- \*614. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. In each of the past 15 years how many people have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, in road accidents in Victoria.
  2. Whether age categories are available in respect of the killed and injured ; if so, what are the details.
- \*615. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. How many abattoirs are presently operating within 50 miles of the Melbourne G.P.O., indicating where they are located and who is the operator in each instance.
  2. Which of these abattoirs have—(a) export licences ; and (b) approval to supply processed meat to Queensland for the local trade.
  3. Whether any of these works are operating at standards which are below those being enforced by the Victorian Meat and Abattoir Inspection Authority in country abattoirs.
  4. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all files from the Authority in respect of the abattoirs referred to above.

J. H. CAMPBELL  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER  
Speaker

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 11

TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*2. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET TRUST (LICENCES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

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2. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. TEACHING SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1. SANDRINGHAM LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
  2. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)

1. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of schools and pre-schools in the electoral district of Werribee for the years 1976 and 1977, respectively—
  1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive their initial routine medical examination.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-school Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
  
2. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster, respectively, what are—
  - (a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
  
4. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments by residents and patients in State subsidised or controlled nursing homes in geriatric hospitals—
  1. What amount is at present charged against the pension of residents and all patients, specifying the increases which have occurred in each of the past three years and the sum left to the person for personal expenditure, in each case.
  2. Whether proposals are before the Minister to vary the present contribution ; if so—(a) what proposals ; and (b) whether a decision has been made and, if so, what decision.
  3. What income was derived in each State subsidised institution from the collection of such pension moneys.
  
5. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of waiting lists for hospitals for the aged—
  1. What was the waiting list for each hospital as at—(a) 30th April, 1976 ; (b) 30th August, 1977 ; and (c) 31st January, 1978, indicating the category of urgency in each case.
  2. What projects are under way or proposed to reduce the waiting list, indicating the dates of commencement and completion of construction in each case.
  
7. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
  1. Which health centres are presently receiving funds, specifying the funding for each centre for 1977-78.
  2. Which health centres or committees have made submissions but are not yet receiving funds.
  3. Which new centres are proposed to be funded in 1977-78.
  4. What other organizations—(a) are receiving funds under the Community Health Programme, specifying the amount received in 1976-77 ; and (b) will be receiving funds in 1977-78.
  
8. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Development Programme, which hospital works were discussed and agreed on for funding during 1976-77 by the Joint Hospital Works Advisory Committee, specifying which works were subsequently funded by—(a) the Commonwealth Government ; (b) the State Government ; or (c) by both Governments.
  
10. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of medical and surgical supplies purchased by hospitals—
  1. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission agreed to fund all or part of spending in excess of budget limits which resulted from devaluation ; if so, on what basis.
  2. Whether the Commission has prepared a report on the effect of devaluation ; if so, whether a copy of such report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  3. What amount was requested by hospitals to offset over-expenditure due to devaluation and what amount was allowed.
  
12. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of section 31.1 of the Hospitals Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, and since question No. 1639 answered on 22nd March, 1977—
  1. Whether any recognised hospitals have applied to the Minister for the exemption of " superior accommodation " ; if so, which hospitals and how many beds are involved in each case.
  2. Which hospitals have received the approval of the Minister to charge higher daily bed charges on account of superior accommodation, specifying the date on which exemption was given, the number of beds, and the daily rate permitted.
  3. Whether the Minister has refused any application for exemption ; if so, from which hospital and why.
  4. Whether any hospitals are charging more than the charge set out in paragraph (b) of clause 28.2 without approval from the Victorian Minister of Health ; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed.

14. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of genetic engineering—
1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.
15. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
17. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of Women's Refuges or Half Way Houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick. Whether the State has purchased, or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.  
Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities; if so, what facilities and indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis.
24. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the special scheme commenced earlier this year to assist local government and schools in the detection and treatment of such problems as head lice—
1. How many municipalities requested subsidies, indicating—(a) for how many nurses ; and (b) which municipalities—(i) requested ; and (ii) actually, received assistance.
  2. Whether any municipalities have terminated the arrangements.
  3. What was the cost to the Department of Health and what was the cost to municipalities for the period since the scheme's inception.
25. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.
26. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portarlington and District Community Health Centre—
1. What proposals have been made by the Centre for capital works, when these were first made and what is the estimated cost.
  2. Whether any funds have been made available ; if so, when, and for what building works.
  3. When it is expected that State funds will become available for the proposed building.
  4. Which centres are above Portarlington on the priority list.
28. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hately Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced ; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hately Hostel ; and (b) other similar hostels.
30. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of health services in non-metropolitan areas—
1. What use is being made in Victoria of funds available under the Commonwealth Family Medicine Programme to encourage young post-graduate general practitioners who practice in rural areas.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth Minister for Health has written to the State seeking co-operation under the Hospitals Cost Sharing Arrangement to share the cost of travel and accommodation, as well as hospital and medical attention, in a case where a patient is removed from one country hospital to another location to receive more expert medical attention ; if so—(a) when the letter was received ; (b) what response has been made by the State ; and (c) whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

31. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Geelong West, what are—(a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
32. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of surgical operations to the brain—
1. Whether any such operations have been carried out under the auspices of the Mental Health Authority, specifying in each of the past five years the number of cases classified as unsuccessful.
  2. Whether officers of the Authority have examined a draft Bill prepared by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights relating to such surgery ; if so, what recommendations have been made to the Minister ; if not, whether it will be examined and a report prepared.
33. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers ; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.
35. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Colac District Hospital—
1. What funds were provided for recurrent expenditure in 1976-77, specifying the extent of any over or under expenditure.
  2. What funds are to be provided in 1977-78, specifying the amount originally requested by the hospital.
  3. What new activities originally proposed for 1977-78 will not proceed.
  4. Whether any existing activities will have to be reduced ; if so, what activities and to what extent.
37. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at—(a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and (d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
38. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
39. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of uniform foods legislation—
1. When the Australian Health Ministers set up a joint working party of State and Commonwealth Government officers to draw up model food legislation suitable for uniform application throughout Australia, indicating the membership of that working party, and when it has met.
  2. Whether a Food Law Revision Task Force was set up to undertake the detailed work ; if so—(a) who are the members of such task force ; (b) on what occasions they have met ; and (c) whether the task force report has been completed ; if so, when ; if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. When it is expected that model food legislation will be referred to the Health Ministers for consideration.
40. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of computed tomography (CAT) scanners—
1. How many scanners are now in operation in Victoria, specifying where they are situated and whether they are full-body or part-body scanners.
  2. Which hospitals have made application to or approached the Hospitals and Charities Commission concerning the purchase of such a scanner, indicating which hospitals have received approval.
  3. Whether the Commission knows of additional private groups which intend to purchase or have purchased such equipment ; if so, which groups.
  4. Whether the Government now has a policy relating to the introduction of such scanners ; if so, what policy.

41. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
43. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State Government contribution to expenses for immunization campaigns carried out in conjunction with municipalities outside the metropolitan area—
1. What claims for expenses are met by the Department of Health, specifying the date on which the amounts were set and the Government's contribution to those expenses.
  2. Whether the Minister will review the scale of contributions by the Department with a view to bringing them into line with current costs ; if so, what will be the new rate of expense reimbursement.
44. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association—
1. What amount is being paid by the Government for services provided by or through the Association in the 1977-78 financial year, indicating for what purpose these grants are being made.
  2. Whether the Government is at present considering an increase in funds to the Association or its services and, if so, when it is expected a decision will be reached.
46. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital—
1. What was the Budget allocation for 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively.
  2. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission has agreed to fund all or part of the hospital's deficit for 1976-77 ; if so, to what extent.
  3. Why the hospital received below average grants in May and June of 1977.
  4. What funds have been made available to the hospital in each of the past five years for capital works, and what proposals for improvements are presently before the Commission, indicating when it is expected these will be agreed to.
47. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Caulfield Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of cuts which have had to be made in services at the hospital ; if so, which cuts.
  2. Whether he is also aware that one of the cuts made is the cessation of the only evening activity organized for patients, namely, a regular film evening.
50. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many doctors are currently registered, specifying the category of registration.
  2. How many persons paid fees to the Medical Board of Victoria in 1976-77, specifying the income derived from each type of fee, the number paying the fee, and the amount and source of any other income.
  3. What costs were incurred by the Board in 1976-77 and how such costs have been met.
  4. What services are provided to the Board by the Department of Health and other Government Departments, specifying the cost of such services.
  5. What is the estimated income and expenditure for 1977-78.
53. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.
56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4.6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.

60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
61. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. Whether any doctors who did not pay their registration fee were subsequently registered ; if so, how many.
  2. How many doctors failing to pay the registration fee were subsequently dropped from the list.
64. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
66. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each—(a) teaching hospital ; (b) non-teaching hospital with more than 200 beds ; and (c) base hospital, what were the numbers on waiting lists for public or standard patients and private patients, respectively, as at 30th June, 1975, 30th June, 1976, 30th June, 1977 and 30th October, 1977.
67. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
68. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.
69. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public ; (b) charitable ; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services ; (ii) outpatients' services ; (iii) midwifery ; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977 ; (b) 1978 ; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria ; (b) Melbourne ; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
76. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Dental Centres at Footscray and North Fitzroy, which schools receive services from each of these centres, specifying the last year at which a full service was carried out.
77. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
78. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child-care places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the district, indicating in each case, what arrangements are available for free or reduced-fee accommodation to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
79. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
81. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Whether he had deferred a decision on a subsidy to Melton Shire Council for the construction of the Kingsway pre-school ; if so—(a) why ; and (b) when he will make a decision.
  2. In which other cases a decision on a subsidy has been deferred.



83. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age in the districts whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child care places is available at centres within the districts.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the districts, indicating in each case, what arrangements for free or reduced-fee accommodation are available to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the districts in 1978 and 1979, respectively.
84. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what suburbs of Melbourne the Country Roads Board has conducted or sponsored studies of traffic noise, indicating—(a) who carried out such studies ; (b) when ; and (c) whether copies of such studies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
87. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
88. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977 ; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
89. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated ; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
91. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to the question without notice on services for the mentally retarded answered on 20th September, 1977—
1. When the Committee sent the report to the Premier's Department indicating, when it was received by the Department, who received it, and what has occurred from the report in the intervening period.
  2. When he expects to—(a) see the report ; and (b) release it.
92. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved ; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
97. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme ; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
101. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons—
1. Whether submissions have been received requesting the Public Service Board and other public Instrumentalities to adopt special policies on the question of recruitment ; if so, from whom and with what result.
  2. Whether the Board and/or other public Instrumentalities adopt special criteria in the recruitment of such persons ; if so, what criteria and how many persons have been recruited in each of the past three years.
103. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, in respect of each friendly society and benefit association medical service and/or hospital benefit fund in Victoria for 1976-77, the Minister will supply the Member for Brunswick with details as soon as they are available as to—(a) the income of each body, specifying the amount received by way of contribution, interest, and Commonwealth Benefit subsidies ; (b) the expenditure of each body, specifying the amount expended on medical benefits, hospital benefits, management, and Commonwealth Government benefits ; (c) the total of each fund as at 30th June, 1976 ; and (d) the number of contributors to each fund at the beginning and end, respectively, of the 1976-77 financial year.

104. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of hospital construction in Victoria, which hospitals have been permitted to borrow funds guaranteed by the State, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the date, amount and period of the guarantee ; (c) the works to be done ; and (d) whether State funds are to be made available towards the works and, if so, when.
105. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.
107. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What are the present and projected arrangements, respectively, for providing dental services at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of students at each school who had a school dental examination in each of the past five years for which information is available.
108. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) the Moorabbin hospital; and (b) the Oakleigh District Community hospital, what is the average waiting period for—(i) standard ward patients with Medibank levy cover ; and (ii) intermediate patients, in each category of hospital service.
109. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
110. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
112. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients at community health centres being charged fees for the centres—
1. When discussions commenced with the Commonwealth Government on this subject and at whose initiative.
  2. When negotiations between the State and Commonwealth Governments concluded.
  3. Whether any surveys or studies have been completed on the subject of the payment of fees or on the existence of salaried services at community health centres.
  4. What proportion of users of community health centres are insured patients and on what basis this estimate is made.
  5. On what services fees are to be charged.
  6. Whether income will be additional to allocations already made to the community health centres or whether their allocation will be reduced on the basis of fee income received.
  7. What is the expected revenue to the State in this financial year and in a full year.
113. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of studies which suggest that two pesticides, chlordane and heptachlor, are carcinogens.
  2. Whether the two pesticides are used in products on sale in Victoria ; if so, in which products and for what purpose.
  3. Whether the Government proposes any action to restrict the use of these pesticides.
115. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.

117. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. On what grounds the Medical Board refused to restore Dr. Sender to the Register and whether the refusal was for an indefinite or a fixed term.
  2. Whether any doctors who did not pay their fee for re-registration and whose registration thus lapsed on the 1st January, 1977, subsequently made application for re-registration and were re-registered ; if so, how many.
118. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.
121. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.
122. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.
123. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, further to question No. 2576 answered on the 19th October, 1977, whether any further action has been taken in respect of the offer of \$1 million for community purposes made by the Smorgon family ; if not, why.
129. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the additional storage facilities were not proceeded with.
131. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
132. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
134. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.
135. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—(a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.

136. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.

137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.

138. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. On what dates the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment produced background papers.
2. What was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the names of the persons and groups who received copies in each case.

139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.

141. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary on 29th April, 1978.
3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.

142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—

1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively have been successful.
2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.

143. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier what are the dates on which the Victorian Government has held consultations concerning the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry—(a) within its own structure ; (b) with employer groups ; (c) with consumer groups ; and (d) with trade unions, specifying in each case—(i) the subject ; (ii) the substance of the outcome ; and (iii) the names of the participants.

144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.

145. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to the recommendation of the Norgard Inquiry that all Government Departments and Authorities should register vacancies with the Commonwealth Employment Service ; if so, on what dates and by what means action has been taken to give effect to the recommendation.

149. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier, on what dates and by what means the Victorian Government has communicated views to the Commonwealth Government on—(a) the Green Paper on Manufacturing Industry ; and (b) the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry, and what was the subject and substance of the views expressed in each case.

150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.

152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.
158. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area ; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type ; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
159. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Council for Christian Education in Schools for an increase in the government grant to a level of 50 per centum of the Council's expenditure ; if so, whether the request will be supported.
161. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a survey was undertaken by the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory in 1975 regarding the design and function of 69.1.900 building type schools ; if so—(a) whether a report has been prepared ; and (b) whether he will supply the results to interested Members.
162. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why teachers are not allowed to take leave without pay or to be seconded to the position of Community Education Officer in schools.
  2. Whether the departmental policy on this matter was determined prior to consultation with the Community Education Committee and what is the view of the Committee on this issue.
163. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office ; (b) converted shelter-shed ; (c) assembly hall cloak room ; (d) condemned ex-army hut ; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
164. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school ; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.
165. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to Highvale primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. What was the expected maximum enrolment when the present permanent buildings at the school were constructed.
  3. How many portable class-rooms are at the school.
  4. When the proposed new primary school at Weedon-drive will be able to take students from Highvale.
166. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.
167. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties ; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.

168. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
169. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme ; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
171. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.
172. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
173. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive.
174. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of information on provision for moderately handicapped children in Mental Health Authority residential institutions, day training centres and St. Nicholas hospital, respectively, at June 1973, set out in Appendix H of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education in Victoria, whether he is able to give comparable information for each subsequent year.
183. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
184. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
186. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
189. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.
190. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.

192. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
193. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.
194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980.
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.

204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
210. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
216. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the planned new wing at Healesville high school.
217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.
219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.
225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.



230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
237. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
241. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds were allocated to each region for the current financial year, indicating how much was provided for new schools and additions and improvements to existing schools, respectively.
  2. Whether there was any loading in the funding for regions with expanding populations ; if so, what loading and which regions received the loading.
242. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what were the circumstances that required Police vehicle IVD 040 to be used at 5.25 p.m. on 28th February, 1978 to remove two boys from the vicinity of the Footscray Park lily ponds.
244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.
247. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether staffing schedules at the Austin Hospital are such that existing staff are carrying an additional 176 hours in one ward.
  2. Whether categories of training are taken into account in staffing.
248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.

249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
252. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating (i) the number ; and (ii) the percentage who have waited up to six months ; 6 to 12 months ; 12 to 18 months ; 18 to 24 months ; and more than 24 months, respectively.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
255. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.
257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.
258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.
259. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—
1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
  2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
  3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
  4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
  5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
  6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
  7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
  8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
  9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.

260. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to Watsonia Heights primary school—
1. What progress has been made in respect of siteworks to rectify areas defined as dangerous in a report prepared by the Public Works Department in July, 1977.
  2. What progress the Public Works Department has made in provision of an estimate for the staff administration area.
262. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether the Shapiro Report (the Westernport Bay Environmental Study) recommended an investigation to be carried out into forming a specific State Authority for managing coastal areas ; if so, what action has been taken to date on this recommendation.
  2. Whether the Report also recommended that a survey be conducted of the existing legislation covering wetlands and tidal areas ; if so, when this survey was completed and with what recommendations.
265. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Department of Crown Lands and Survey request farmers to spray their land using phenoxy herbicides such as 244D and 245T ; if so—(a) for what purposes ; (b) what guidelines are laid down ; and (c) what action is taken if the instruction is not complied with.
267. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which Government Departments and Instrumentalities are funding Dr. Spillaine's studies of meteorology in the Latrobe Valley, indicating—(a) what data still remains to be analysed ; (b) what staff is available for the purpose ; and (c) when the studies are expected to be completed.
268. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the report of the Board of Inquiry into the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 will be tabled during the Autumn Session of Parliament ; if so, when.
269. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the present priority for the proposed pedestrian operated lights to be installed in Bell-street, Coburg, between Alice-street and Suffolk-avenue.
271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
283. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
284. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the Victoria Police Force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.

285. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many complaints were lodged against members of the Victoria Police Force from January to December, 1977, and from January 1978 to date, indicating who lodged such complaints and what was the nature of the complaints.
  2. How many of these complaints were handled by the Police Discipline Board.
  3. What action was taken by the Police Department in respect of these complaints.
  4. How many of these complaints were made against—(a) members of the Uniform Branch ; and (b) members of the Criminal Investigation Branch.
287. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what moneys allocated to the Victoria Police Force for expenditure on capital works for the current financial year has yet to be spent, indicating what works have yet to be started and/or completed.
288. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many recruits have completed training at the Police Academy in each year from 1974 to 1977 inclusive, and what estimated number of recruits will complete training in 1978.
  2. What investigations, if any, have been made into extending training facilities at the Academy.
289. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.
292. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in the period from 1st December, 1976 to 1st March, 1978—
1. How many motorists were tested under the *Motor Car (Breath Testing Stations) Act 1976* by use of the puff bag, indicating—(a) how many were subsequently tested by the breathalyser ; and (b) how many motorists subsequently tested by the breathalyser were found to have a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
  2. How many motorists, apart from those subjected to random breath test, were required to have a breathalyser test, indicating how many had a blood alcohol content of .05 per cent or over.
293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
  2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
  3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
  4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.

295. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education; for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many persons have been killed as a result of car accidents on Victorian roads in the past twelve months, and in each of the years from 1968 to date.
  2. How many persons have been killed on Victorian roads since road accident statistics have been recorded.
  3. How many persons in each of the years on record have been—(a) under 25 years of age; and (b) under 20 years of age, indicating how many persons in each category have been involved in serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
  4. What statistics are available providing the cost to the community of road accidents in each of the years on record.
298. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Victorian Railways Board has examined the feasibility of joining the Broadmeadows and Somerton rail services with the existing loop line at Broadmeadows, thus catering for travellers wishing to make trips to stations on either line; if not, why.
300. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether there is any shortage of personnel attached to the Coburg Fire Station; if so, in which positions the shortages occur and why.
302. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of each category of crime recorded by the Victoria Police for statistical purposes, how many offences were—(a) committed; and (b) cleared up, in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating in each case, the percentage variation over the previous year.
304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
306. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the site presently being investigated in Broadgully-road is the most appropriately-placed school site, in view of the pattern of residential development in the Diamond Creek area.
  2. Whether other sites have been examined.
  3. Whether members of the Diamond Creek School Council have been consulted about the most appropriate position for a new school.
310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds; if so—(a) when such payments ceased; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.
311. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.
312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians; (ii) passengers; (iii) drivers; (iv) motor cycle riders; (v) bicycle riders; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
313. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, what—(a) criminal offences; (b) episodes of vandalism; and (c) offences against Railway Regulations have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
314. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, and what plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which they are expected to become available.

315. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway stations in the electoral district of Oakleigh, for what period each day, if any, each station is unattended.
316. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of breaches of licences and investigation of complaints in each of the past twelve months by the Environment Protection Authority and each of its delegated agencies—
1. How many breaches were detected, indicating whether in respect of land, water or air.
  2. How many prosecutions were launched, indicating those which were successful and the penalty imposed.
318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.
319. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Since the commencement of the *Public Records Act 1973*, how many professional staff have been employed by the Public Records Office stating their positions, the number of resignations each year and their positions, and the reasons given for resigning.
  2. Who is the current Keeper of Public Records, stating his qualifications.
320. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How vital public records are selected for preservation, indicating—(a) which disposal schedules are operative ; (b) whether disposal schedules are available for researchers and members of the public ; if not, why ; and (c) whether any authorization has been given for the destruction of public records ; if so, what records.
  2. Whether standards have been established for the maintenance, selection and transfer of public records for preservation ; if so, what standards ; if not, when it is expected that standards will be formulated.
  3. What publications have been issued by the Keeper of Public Records.
  4. Whether it is proposed to prepare original publications, indicating what is in preparation ; if not, why.
  5. Whether there is a conservation unit or staff at the Public Records Office to repair priceless public records.
  6. Whether any records currently kept at Laverton are stored—(a) in tea-chests or similar depositories ; or (b) on the floor gathering dust.
  7. Whether any comprehensive guide to public record holdings has been prepared ; if not, when it is expected to be prepared.
321. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, who are the current members of the Public Records Advisory Council, and what are their qualifications.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act 1958* that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury ; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.
325. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977-78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments ; (b) specific purpose grants ; and (c) revenue grants.
  2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
  3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977-78 ; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices ; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax ; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources ; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.
333. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether the Social Welfare Department has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, on advertising the services of the Department, giving figures for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; (b) placement of advertisements ; and (c) the number of advertisements in languages other than English, specifying the languages of communication and the advertising medium.

334. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
  3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
335. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.
336. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977-78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
340. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many people have been examined by the Department of Health for mercury levels or other heavy metal poisoning in the past 18 months, indicating the results in each case.
341. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2096 given on 4th May, 1977—
1. Whether the working paper has been completed and when it will be published.
  2. What are the main proposals submitted by each of the four Local Government Regional Refuse Disposal Groups.
  3. What consultation has taken place with local government bodies to assist development of the legislative framework.
  4. Whether the objective of introducing legislation this session will be achieved ; if not, why.
  5. Whether a decision has been made concerning the matters referred to in parts three and four of the question.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
346. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What representations have been made for revoking the lease for sand extraction in the Frankston Pines Plantation, indicating on what dates.
  2. Whether any recommendation has been made to him by the Premier that the lease be terminated ; if so, with what result.
  3. Whether the process for revoking the lease is continuing ; if so, when it is expected to be completed.
347. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether an exploration licence has been granted to ICI Australia Ltd. to explore for minerals in the Warby Ranges ; if so—(a) under what conditions ; (b) what geological and geochemical investigations have been carried out so far, indicating the sites of fluorite minerals and whether the licence covers country which is erosion prone ; (c) whether these lands are reserved for public purposes as a State or national park or other reserve, indicating the recommendation of the Land Conservation Council ; (d) what conservation values and interests need to be protected in the Warby Ranges ; (e) whether the proposal for further drilling will be subject to an environmental impact statement and, if not, why ; and (f) whether any decision to allow future mining would allow open-cut methods and, if so, whether these methods will be the subject of an environmental impact statement.

350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
352. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Government will announce a decision on the proposed extension of the South-eastern Freeway so that uncertainty will be removed from the minds of people whose properties may be affected, particularly people who wish to sell but are unable to do so because their properties are now virtually frozen.
354. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.
355. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in each of the past three years to date, what oil spillages have occurred from ships in Port Phillip Bay, the River Yarra, Westernport Geelong and Portland harbors, respectively, stating—(a) the name of the ship and flag, State or port of registry ; (b) the location of the accident ; (c) the details of the spillage ; (d) whether court action took place and with what result ; and (e) the clean up costs.
356. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
360. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.

*(Notices received on 9th March, 1978)*

364. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what action has been taken to provide more playing space for the Viewbank primary school.
366. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
  2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
  3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
  4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.
367. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What measures have been taken to extend the present intruder alarm system at Hurstbridge high school to include the—(a) art and craft centre ; and (b) video-equipment storage areas.
  2. Whether he is aware that the school presently employs a commercial security firm to minimize the risk of burglary and/or arson.
374. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. What localities outside the metropolitan area have been investigated for the proposed re-establishment of the State laboratories.
  2. When it is expected the proposed establishment site will be selected.
  3. When it is expected that construction will be commenced on the new laboratories.



376. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
  2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
  3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.
377. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.
379. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.
380. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
  2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.
381. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T contain dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
  2. Whether 24D contains impurities which mask the analysis of dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
  3. Whether any serious systematic sample checking is made of each batch of these chemicals ; if so—(a) who conducts these checks ; and (b) what laboratories are used ; if not, why.
  4. Whether there is such a thing as a known minimum dosage of cancer-causing chemicals below which exposure is safe.
382. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. Whether the herbicides 245T and 24D are detoxified in the soil ; if so, how rapidly, citing the published supporting scientific references.
  2. Whether herbicides are the only tools available for use in weed control ; if not—(a) what other methods can be used ; and (b) what action the Keith Turnbull Research Institute is taking to publicise these alternatives.
383. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
  2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.
384. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. Whether phenoxy herbicides containing dioxin are used by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey ; if so—(a) in what circumstances ; and (b) what are the general levels of dioxin allowed.
  2. What testing has been done on these chemicals before use to check these dioxin levels, indicating the levels in each case.
  3. Whether dioxin is tetragonic ; if so, what supervision and control is exercised whenever sprays are used.
386. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
  2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
  3. Why the work has not been performed.
  4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.

(Notices received on 14th March, 1978)

389. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works how many State-owned buildings over 25 metres in height are without automatic fire sprinkler systems.
390. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what real property valued at \$250,000 or more is owned by the State, indicating—(a) the location of each property ; (b) the area in hectares of each parcel of undeveloped land ; and (c) the most recent valuation of each property.
391. MR. KENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
  2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.
393. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What costs have been incurred by the Totalizator Agency Board to date for the proposed installation of the "Crisp" computer betting system.
  2. What is the estimated final cost of completion of the system.
  3. Whether tenders were originally called for the provision of the system ; if so—(a) who were the original tenderers considered ; and (b) which firm received the contract for the work ; if not, why.
  4. What is the cause of delay in bringing the system into operation and what is the estimated commencement date.
  5. What is the estimated cost to the Board to cancel the system, indicating whether this course of action is being considered and, if so, for what reason.
  6. What are the advantages of the "Crisp" system over the present system.
394. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.
396. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of pedestrian overpasses—
1. What Authorities submit applications for such overpasses across grade school crossings and heavily trafficked roads.
  2. Which Authority decides priorities, indicating the factors taken into account.
  3. How these crossings are funded, indicating who contributes to the fund.
  4. How much money has been allocated for overpasses in each of the past three financial years.
  5. What is the current priority list for crossings indicating the number expected to be built in this financial year, the number built in each of the past two financial years, and the average cost per overpass in each year.
  6. Whether any application for an overpass has been submitted by the City of Chelsea ; if so, when.
400. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.
401. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.
402. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth at the next Premier's Conference that, as a matter of urgency, the Commonwealth formulate a comprehensive industry policy.
  2. Whether he will convene a committee with Government, employer, union, consumer and industry representatives to begin development of an industry policy for Victoria.
403. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What was the income and expenditure of the State Savings Bank Provident Fund in respect of the 1976-77 financial year and what were the assets and liabilities of the fund at the end of that year.
  2. Whether the fund is the only provident, pension or superannuation fund that is conducted for the benefit of persons who have been on the payroll of the bank or their dependants.
405. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether any recommendation has been made for the extractive industry lease on the Frankston Pine Plantation to be terminated by the Department of Minerals and Energy ; if so, when it is expected to be finalized to allow planning for sporting and recreational facilities in the area.

409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
  2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
  3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.
410. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that the findings of the 1977 investigation into the Geelong area public transport operations will be available, particularly in relation to weekly and monthly fare concession bus tickets.
411. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the re-alignment of the roadway for the proposed F.2 Freeway in relation to the building project of Kodak (Australasia) Pty. Ltd., has affected any additional properties within the City of Coburg ; if so, what are the locations of the properties affected.
412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
  2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
  3. In how many of these claims submitted to the insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
  4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.
414. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Premier with reference to the property, Nyermilang at Lakes Entrance—
1. On what date the Government purchased the property.
  2. Which Department at present administers the property.
  3. What is the area of the property.
  4. What price was paid, for what purpose it was purchased, and from whom it was purchased.
  5. For what purposes it has been used since the property was acquired.
  6. What improvements have been carried out, indicating at what cost.
  7. Whether the public have access to the property and, if not, to whom access is available.
415. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.
416. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What major new road, rail and river crossings, respectively, are planned to be constructed in the Geelong area.
  2. When it is expected that each such crossing will be commenced and completed, respectively.
418. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. Whether he has considered the full potential of Weights and Measures Unions as consumer protection bodies.
  2. Which of the following criteria are considered to be most important when judging the efficacy of Weights and Measures Unions :—(a) cost per capita within the areas under the jurisdiction of the Unions ; (b) amount of revenue collected ; (c) number of prosecutions ; and (d) inspection of packaging.
  3. Whether he has investigated means of providing incentives to municipalities to ensure that Weights and Measures Unions give chief priority to consumer protection rather than revenue collection.
420. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—
1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976–77 and 1977–78.
  2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977–78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.
421. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, with respect to the Government acquisition of Rotamah Island (Gippsland Lakes), what was the—(a) purchase price ; (b) Valuer-General's valuation ; and (c) previous sale prices in transactions relating to the sale of this property over the past ten years.

423. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of relevant contracts let in each of the past five years which have not complied with recommendations on bills of quantity set out in paragraphs 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 of the Statute Law Revision Committee Report upon a proposal for the bonding of building contractors, of 25th September, 1962.
424. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the chemical currently being used for the fluoridation of Melbourne's water supply is of a chemically pure standard.
  2. Whether, as the World Health Organisation resolution recommends the introduction of fluoridation only where the fluoride intake from water and other sources for the given population is below the optimum levels, the Minister could supply references to research carried out by the Commission of Public Health which demonstrated the necessity for adding fluoride to the public water supplies.
  3. What levels of total fluoride intake were determined by the research carried out by the Commission, indicating whether these levels could be classified as fluoride intake from—(a) environmental pollution ; (b) existing drinking water ; and (c) average dietary patterns.
425. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What references are available regarding the amount of fluoride gases emanating from industrial emissions in and around Melbourne.
  2. Whether the Environment Protection Authority classifies fluoride as an environmental pollutant.
  3. Whether American research has shown that fluoride emissions are the second most prolific after sulphur dioxide but are one thousand times more toxic than sulphur dioxide.
  4. Whether the American Environment Protection Authority lists 1.5 parts per million of fluoride as the maximum tolerance level for marine life in oceans and estuaries.
  5. Whether any research has been carried out to determine the likelihood of the fluoride level resulting from sewerage sullage and waste from domestic and industrial run-off into Port Phillip Bay exceeding the American Environment Protection Authority maximum fluoride tolerance level.

*(Notices received on 15th March, 1978)*

426. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many Filipino nursing staff are employed in hospitals in Victoria.
  2. What are the terms of contract entered into by Filipino staff.
  3. What were the reasons for bringing Filipino staff into Victorian hospitals.
428. MR. CATHE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether he is aware of a petition raised by workers at the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd. plant at Geelong alleging pollution from the Pivot Superphosphate Company at North Shore.
  2. What levels of dust, sulphur odours, and air pollution have been recorded in the vicinity of the plant over the past twelve months, indicating—(a) the accepted standard in each case ; and (b) where licence conditions were exceeded.
  3. What steps are currently being taken by the Environment Protection Authority to meet the requests of the petition.
429. MR. CATHE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What percentage of domestic fuel and power demand is for water heating.
  2. What is the contribution of solar energy to domestic hot water where heating is provided by—(a) gas ; and (b) electricity, indicating whether direct solar water heaters using a thermosyphon or solar pre-heaters were used, and how these results compare with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's figures at Clayton, which show a potential 65 per cent. saving from solar energy in Victoria.
  3. In respect of which solar units off peak rates are—(a) given ; and (b) not given.
430. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, whether an inquiry is being undertaken by the Law Department or any other body into the costs associated with the sale and purchase of land ; if so—(a) who are the persons conducting the inquiry, and what are the terms of reference ; and (b) when it is expected that a report will be made.
432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia ; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
  3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
  4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.

433. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each institution conducted by the Mental Health Authority for handicapped children, what income was received by way of child endowment from the Commonwealth Department of Social Security in each of the past two years and for what purpose the income was used.
434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
  2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash ; (ii) land ; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
  3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.
435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
  2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
  3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services ; if so, at what level.
  4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.
436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated regulations—
1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project ; and (b) a community project.
  2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
  3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  4. Whether application forms for grants are available ; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant ; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
  6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.
437. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance service which services the Mornington peninsula—
1. Whether it is intended that the service will continue ; if so, on what basis.
  2. How many persons were assisted by the ambulance during 1977, indicating to which hospitals they were taken.
  3. Whether the ambulance is being used to transfer patients from the Frankston hospital to the Wonthaggi hospital ; if so, why.
  4. What was the cost of the service in the last financial year, and what is the estimated cost for this financial year.
438. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Cowes Elderly Citizens Club—
1. Whether the Minister has yet received a deputation from the Shire of Phillip Island as requested by the Shire ; if so, when, and with what result.
  2. What plans exist for the upgrading of the inadequate facilities at the Club and when it is expected that funds will be made available for this purpose.
440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. When it was determined to establish the school.
  4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
  5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year ; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.

441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational ; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.
442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis ; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.
445. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many residents of the City of Broadmeadows were out-patients at the Royal Children's Hospital in each month from 1st February, 1975 to 31st January, 1978 inclusive.
446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what results.
447. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. Who authorized the recent opening of a gravel pit on State Electricity Commission land south of Traralgon.
  2. Whether the Extractive Industries Branch of the Department of Minerals and Energy was aware that this pit was to be opened ; if not, why.
  3. Whether the provisions of the *Extractive Industries Act* 1966 were complied with ; if not, what action is being taken to impose the penalty for non-compliance with the Act.
449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—
1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
  2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
  3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
  4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
  5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
  6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.
450. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When the Coburg police station was built and for how many police officers the station was designed at that date.
  2. How many police officers and other staff are presently employed at the station.
  3. Whether a plan to re-model the station was prepared some time ago ; if so, what was the time factor and the proposed cost of the project, and why these urgent works were not carried out.
  4. Whether it is proposed to install an urgently needed shower recess at the Station ; if not, why.
  5. In view of the fact that officers of the station are subjected to great physical hardship because of the prevailing conditions, whether the Minister will give consideration to having the old outmoded station completely dismantled and a more modern two-storey building developed in the area ; if not, why.
451. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What are the academic qualifications of the General Manager of the Grain Elevators Board.
  2. Whether the position was publicly advertised ; if so, in which newspapers and on what dates.
  3. What is the annual salary of the General Manager and when the last increase in the salary was granted, indicating the extent of the increase.

454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
  2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
  3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.
455. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. How much the State Electricity Commission has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate in each year.
  2. How much Alcoa of Australia Ltd. has paid in coal royalty in each of the years since its imposition indicating the rate of the royalty in each year.
  3. Whether the Government will give consideration to increasing the royalty on coal to bear more relationship to present day energy costs ; if not, why.
456. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What are the details of the electricity needs of the Alcoa of Australia Ltd. plant at Anglesea, indicating the forecasts of electricity needs for each of the next five years.
  2. In view of the large quantity of electrical energy needed by this plant, what steps have been taken to encourage Alcoa to install further generating capacity of its own.
457. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What proposals have been made to the Government to establish a casino in Victoria, indicating—(a) who has made such approaches ; and (b) what sites have been suggested.
  2. Whether the Government is still considering the establishment of casinos in Victoria ; if so, when it is envisaged a decision will be finalized.
458. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether it is feasible for the 6.55 a.m. train from Geelong to Melbourne to terminate at Flinders-street station.
460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—
1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
  2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
  3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.
461. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What action the Housing Commission intends taking to meet the demand for two bedroom housing in the Latrobe Valley.
  2. How many applicants are waiting to purchase Commission houses at Churchill, and what is the approximate waiting time for such applicants.
  3. What are the details of the Commission building programme for the Towns of Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill, respectively.
- (Notices received on 16th March, 1978)*
462. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been a substantial increase in expenditure on entertainment in recent months by the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board ; if so, whether the increase in expenditure is relevant to the interests of grain growers.
  2. What total amount has been expended on entertainment since the present Chairman's appointment to that position.
  3. What amount was expended on entertainment by the previous Chairman of the Board in each of the two years prior to his retirement.
  4. What are the names of persons entertained by the Board since the appointment of the present Chairman.
464. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether representations have been made to him for legislation to be introduced in respect of registration, licensing and guidelines for the control of piggeries in Victoria ; if so—(a) when these representations were first made and by whom ; and (b) what is the reason for the delay in implementing the legislation and when it will be introduced.
466. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have had their salary arrangements altered as a result of the Government's decision to cease collecting fees for the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association.

467. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education at which schools strikes have been held in 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, indicating the respective dates.
468. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have been absent without leave under the terms of the *Public Service Act* 1974 as a result of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association this year.
469. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, which candidates for the Victorian State Elections held in 1970, 1973 and 1976 indicated teaching as their occupation.
470. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established—(a) school councils consisting of equal numbers of parents, teachers and students ; (b) school councils without any teacher representatives other than the principal ; and (c) school councils with student representation other than in equal numbers with teachers and parents.
471. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister will provide the Member for Ascot Vale with a list of all property holdings that are occupied by the Victoria Police Force and any lease arrangements that have been undertaken by the Force to provide necessary Police facilities.
472. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether container road transport vehicles create air turbulence that endangers other vehicles travelling on the same roads in the opposite direction.
  2. Whether any investigations have been made by the Government to determine the extent of this problem ; if so, with what result.
  3. Whether there are regulations to govern the load capacity of these vehicles.
473. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 27 answered on 14th March, 1978, whether the examination of the three brands of snake bite kits included an evaluation of their usefulness and effectiveness ; if so, what was the conclusion of the inspecting officers in each case.
474. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the status of intersections are altered where traffic stop signs have been damaged or removed by accident or by acts of vandalism ; if so, what precautions are taken by the appropriate traffic authorities to alert motorists using such intersections and what urgent action is taken to restore such signs.

*(Notices received on 21st March, 1978)*

476. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the concern of interstate road hauliers at the Victorian speed limit of 40 m.p.h. imposed on interstate transport vehicles.
  2. If he will ascertain and advise what are the speed limits in all other States.
  3. Whether the Government will review the speed limit to conform with other States.
  4. Whether the Minister will review the present penalties which can result in a truck operator being fined by the court for exceeding the speed limit and then ultimately losing his licence, whereas car drivers may only be liable for on the spot fines.
477. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the permit procedure for organizations wishing to play Bingo has been proved to be adequate.
  2. How many applications have been granted to date.
  3. Whether the Police Force has indicated any concern at Bingo being played on licensed premises since the introduction of the legislation.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any abuse of the system to date.
478. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what policy has been developed by the Teachers Tribunal in respect of proposals put to it regarding multi-cultural education.
479. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many classes have enrolments greater than 31 in State primary schools.
  2. Whether, in view of the 600 fully trained teachers, who were assisted by Education Department scholarships, and who are still unemployed, he will authorize the employment of sufficient of these teachers to reduce all classes to 31 students.



480. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Government has compulsorily acquired the Woodlands Estate in Bulla Shire owned by Mr. Peter Mitchell to be part of Mount Gellibrand National Park ; if so—(a) why Mr. Mitchell was not consulted about either acquisition or fair compensation and why he was not served with the necessary documents ; and (b) whether he will consider, in addition to adequate compensation, allowing Mr. Mitchell to retain the historic family homestead, outbuildings and a suitable area of surrounding land.
482. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Brunswick the first and any subsequent reports of investigations into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, and whether the Minister will lay the relevant file on the table of the Library.
483. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health are participating in the current review of hostel accommodation for aged persons currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security ; if so—(a) on what basis ; (b) which officers are involved ; and (c) whether the State has put a submission to the Commonwealth on this subject and, in that event, whether a copy of the submission will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
484. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme" ; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
485. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special accommodation houses—
1. How many are now registered.
  2. How many have applied for registration but have not yet been registered.
  3. What is the average time between applying for registration and actual registration, specifying the major reasons for the delay.
  4. How many have been refused registration.
  5. How many persons or companies have been prosecuted for failing to seek and/or obtain registration.
  6. What is the Department of Health estimate of the number of special accommodation houses and houses which should be classified as special accommodation houses in Victoria.
486. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special health screening services for refugees—
1. When the Victorian Government put a case to the Commonwealth Government for urgent financial assistance, specifying the amount sought and for what services.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth has provided such funds ; if so, how much, on what basis, and when.
487. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1977 inclusive and in this year to date.
  2. How many approved authorizations for the installing of a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.
  3. How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the year 1977 and in this year to date.
488. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Melton, Werribee and Laverton police stations respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983 inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is of Melton, Werribee and Laverton, respectively.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are in unmarked cars.

491. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. On how many occasions the off-peak two carriage Tait train operating from Altona to Newport has broken down.
2. What were the reasons for the break downs.
3. What is the average number of passengers using the train off-peak.
4. When it is intended to update the rolling stock on this line.

492. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the 32 children involved in the migrant programme at North Williamstown primary school and the 132 children not included in the programme, whether he will ensure that a migrant education teacher will be appointed to the school as a matter of urgency, to replace the teacher transferred at the end of 1977.

494. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Deer Park West railwayline—

1. When electrification of the line will be completed.
2. When suburban electric train services will be extended to the line.
3. What number of suburban electric train services will operate each day on the line.
4. Which non-electric services will cease stopping at stations on the line on the introduction of electric services.

496. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What is the present strength of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in all ranks.
2. What is the—(a) establishment ; and (b) actual strength of each platoon at each station, indicating the number of officers and firefighters, respectively.
3. How many officers and firefighters respectively the Brigade is below minimum level.
4. Whether it is intended to bring the manning up to the minimum level of officers and firefighters as required ; if so, when.
5. When the necessary number of officers will be promoted to increase officer strength to the required minimum.
6. When the necessary number of firefighters will be employed to increase the strength to the required minimum.
7. Whether any delays in the promotion of officers and the employment of firefighters will leave Melbourne with a fire service operating under the required minimum.
8. Whether the deflation of staff will have an effect on the efficiency of the Brigade and the morale of the existing staff.
9. How many times during the past twelve months it has been necessary to transfer officers and firefighters to make up strength either from shift to shift or station to station, indicating from which and to what station staff was transferred and why.
10. Whether the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board intends employing sufficient staff to enable it to operate above the minimum manning.
11. What was the cost to the Board, including all penalties, to operate relieving staff and stand-by staff during the past twelve months.

497. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the officers of the Preston City Council have provided details of—(a) the number of building allotments in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park primary school ; and (b) a vehicular and pedestrian link from the Lockton-avenue estate through Barrow-street to the school site ; if so, what are the details, including the—(i) number of lots ; (ii) number of existing houses ; (iii) cost of road construction ; (iv) cost of water reticulation services ; (v) cost of sewerage services ; (vi) cost of electrical reticulation ; (vii) type of bridge construction and road works associated with the Barrow-street link ; and (viii) any other relevant information.

498. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. Whether, in view of the discrepancy between the answer given to a question without notice relating to the provision of natural gas for electricity generation asked on 8th March, 1978 and the statement on the same matter under oath by the Assistant General Manager of the State Electricity Commission to the Public Works Committee on the same day which is reported on page 233 of the transcript on the Emergency Gas Turbine Inquiry, he will examine and advise the reason for these discrepancies.
2. Whether, in view of his opinion that the Committee's work is important and that priority should be given to the Inquiry, he will ensure that representatives of Government Departments and Instrumentalities give complete and factual answers to Committees of Inquiry, particularly in the light of the statement of the Assistant General Manager of the Commission that he was not allowed to divulge information about gas pricing when so questioned ; if not, whether it is the Government's policy to so restrain public officers.

499. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What is the size of the present staff room at Ruthven primary school.
2. What was the staff level of this school at the time of construction and what is the present level of staffing.
3. Whether it is proposed to provide additional staff room accommodation ; if so, when and how.

500. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Railways Department intends re-locating Keon Park railway station on the south side of Keon-parade ; if so, what is proposed and when.
501. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he has received a request from the Preston City Council for land in Johnson-street, Keon Park, owned by the Railways Department to be leased to the Council for car parking ; if so—(a) when the request was made ; (b) what was the reply ; (c) when the Council was advised of the situation ; (d) what use is proposed by the Railways ; and (e) when the land will be used.
503. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the increase in beds available in each of the geriatric hospitals located within the metropolitan area over each of the past three years.
504. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. How many building blocks in the area controlled by the Westernport Regional Planning Authority have been found unsuitable for building development, indicating who is now responsible for payment of rates on these blocks.
  2. What future use will be made of these blocks, indicating whether the present owners are to be compensated by the Authority.
506. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he is aware that the recent increase in superannuation pensions has denied many elderly pensioners the fringe benefits they previously received ; if so, whether the Government has any plans to assist those pensioners affected and, in that event, what plans.
507. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. How many municipalities in the Metropolitan area levy a residential use rate.
  2. When the residential use rate was introduced and for what purpose.
  3. Whether a municipality has the right to adjust the residential use rate to counteract rises in valuations or other circumstances ; if so, by what method.
  4. In what year the City of Coburg adopted a residential use rate and what rate was agreed on.
  5. Whether the City of Coburg has ever made any adjustment to its residential use rate ; if so, in what years and what rate was accepted in each case.
  6. How many ratepayers in the City other than pensioners are receiving rate assistance, indicating the type of rate assistance being extended.
  7. How many pensioners in the City benefit from the State rate remission system.
508. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many children attending primary schools in each of the past three years within the City of Coburg have been found to be infected with head lice.
  2. What method is used to treat the infection.
  3. Whether the Minister will consider attaching trained staff to those schools in which head lice is of regular occurrence ; if not, why.
509. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of Daylesford Nominees of Hepburn Springs, whether inspections have been made in respect of safety regulations ; if so—(a) when ; (b) by whom ; (c) whether reports were made ; (d) what was the nature of the reports ; and (e) what action was taken or is proposed.
510. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available at his office to Members of Parliament the file relating to the sale of 70 allotments at Kyabram from A. C. and D. Nominees Pty. Ltd. to the Housing Commission.

*(Notices received on 22nd March, 1978)*

512. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What has caused the delay in purchasing land for Seaford Park primary school, indicating—(a) when negotiations began ; (b) whether action was taken to compulsorily acquire the land and, if so, when ; and (c) whether negotiations, including valuations, have been completed ; if so, when.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the building of the school, indicating—(a) when it is expected to complete the project ; and (b) when the school is expected to be opened.
513. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the current progress on works providing a third railway track between Caulfield and Mordialloc stations, indicating—(a) the amount of money spent ; (b) the extent of the works and how much is uncompleted ; and (c) what funds exist for the completion of this project and when it is expected to be completed.
  2. Whether there are plans to extend the third track to Frankston ; if so—(a) for what purposes ; and (b) when it is expected to start work.

514. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what was the growth in sales of gas in each of the past five years, indicating the projected growth in each case and the areas where the growth in consumption has occurred.
515. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister intends introducing legislation which will provide a form of insurance covering deficient title caused by a vehicle being sold whilst under lien to a finance institution ; if so, when.
516. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What is the number of registered professional fishermen in Victoria.
  2. How many professional fishing licences have been issued in each of the past ten years.
  3. Whether the total number of licensed fishermen has varied over the past ten years.
  4. What amounts have been allocated in the State Budget for the control of fishing in each of the past ten years.
  5. How many inspectors of ocean fishing there are, indicating whether the number has increased during the past ten years.
  6. How many prosecutions have been launched for undersized—(a) scallops ; and (b) fish, during each of the past five years.
  7. What production figures are available for dredging scallops in each of the past ten years.
517. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association in each of the years from 1970 to 1977 inclusive—
1. Which schools experienced such strikes.
  2. On which dates the strikes were held.
  3. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  4. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
518. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in which subject areas in the secondary and technical divisions, respectively, there are currently—(a) unemployed teachers ; and (b) employment vacancies, indicating the numbers involved in each case.
519. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many registered teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) primary ; (b) secondary ; and (c) technical divisions.
  2. How many appropriately qualified primary teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) migrant ; (b) music ; (c) physical education ; (d) library ; and (e) art/craft categories.
520. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held during 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association—
1. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  2. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
521. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary, and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established school councils with—(a) one ; (b) two ; (c) three ; (d) four ; (e) five ; and (f) more than five teacher representatives.
522. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what amounts were allocated in the 1977-78 Budget to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division for the purpose of purchasing land, indicating—(a) how much has been spent to date ; (b) what departments undertake land purchases for the Division ; and (c) what steps will be taken to ensure that the allocation will be fully spent.
523. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether consideration is being given by the Housing Commission to purchasing established private homes in inner suburban areas of Geelong.
524. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the Barwon Police District, whether there has been an increase or decrease in the incidence of major criminal offences in the past five years, indicating the type of offence and the ratio of apprehension and conviction in relation to the number of offences.
525. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many applications, if any, have been granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the past five years in the Geelong area for approval and authorization for installing listening devices in residences, buildings or motor cars.
526. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether he will consider introducing legislation to require open-topped trucks to cover loads that can fall onto roadways and cause damage to other road users.
527. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of payments to the Preston City Council for pensioner rate concessions, whether the Council has received the amounts claimed ; if not, why.

528. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, in respect of the ten point plan for decentralization implemented by the Department of State Development in September, 1972—
1. What number of industries have taken advantage of the Governments incentives, indicating how many of these industries have built new factories or major extensions since that date.
  2. Which industries have built new factories or major extensions since September, 1972, indicating the factory name, main product, location and number of employees in each case.
529. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department was involved in any way with a contract for the building of an Arts Centre at Wangaratta during 1976-77.
  2. Who were the tenderers and what was the amount tendered by each tenderer.
  3. Who were the signatories to the main building contract and when the contract was signed with the successful tenderers, indicating the name of the successful tenderer.
  4. Why competitive tenders were called.
  5. On what grounds the decision was made to award the contract to the successful tenderer.
  6. What was the date scheduled for the completion of the contract and the actual date of completion.
  7. Whether the original contract was recently cancelled.
  8. Who was the architect appointed to supervise construction of the contract.
530. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department is investigating the confinement leave provision relating to female teachers within the teaching service.
  2. Whether abolition of confinement leave could allow for the employment of all unemployed teachers in the Primary Division.
  3. Whether continuation of the present trend in the ratio of female primary teachers to male primary teachers will result in a large percentage of primary schools being staffed completely by female teachers in future.
  4. Whether the Government has any control over the intake of students at State Colleges of Victoria to ensure a greater percentage of male teachers at the colleges.
  5. Whether the Government will be taking action to correct the imbalance between the number of male and female teachers.
532. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in cases where a motor vehicle has been seriously damaged by accident and the insurance company has permitted repairs to be carried out by the "cut and shut" method in order to save an overall pay out, whether the Minister would take the initiative to see that the onus of responsibility for a roadworthiness test should be accepted by the respective insurance company and not the insured.
533. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. In view of the recent announcement that Commonwealth funds will be made available to the Victorian Government for school dental service, what proposals have been made to provide a Dental Therapy Clinic for the Coburg/Fawkner area.
  2. What schools within the electoral district of Coburg have dental facilities.
  3. Whether the Department of Health has any plans to provide additional dental services to schools within the electorate ; if so, what plans.
  4. What percentage of children within the electorate require dental treatment.
  5. Whether the Department employs any officers to visit schools to advise them on the problems of tooth decay ; if not, why.
534. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what has been the result of the investigation into the control of burglar alarms installed in business and industrial premises which was carried out last year by officers of the Chief Secretary's Office, the Police Department, the Insurance Council of Australia and the Environment Protection Authority.
535. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health.
1. How many municipalities in the metropolitan area engage a handyman service to assist elderly, handicapped, or low income residents.
  2. What is the man-power strength of this service and from what source funds are made available to meet the cost by the respective municipalities.
  3. What Government funds are made available to municipalities to assist them with this type of work assistance project.

536. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What has been the result of the study into the flooding of the Merri Creek made by the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation on behalf of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and presented in March, 1977.
  2. When the Board intends to commence work on the retarding basins within the municipalities of Broadmeadows and Whittlesea to offset serious flooding of the Merri Creek.
537. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. Whether he is aware that many cricket clubs are being deprived of playing on turf wickets because the local municipalities consider they are too costly.
  2. Whether he is aware that the Coburg City Council is contemplating the closing down of turf wickets which have been operating for the past 45 years in Coburg.
  3. Whether he will make inquiries into the possibility of financial assistance to retain the natural advantage of turf wickets in Coburg ; if not, why.
538. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the detailed energy policy for conservation of resources and how it is being applied.
  2. Whether he endorses the findings of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977, indicating any areas of disagreement.
539. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the median age of teachers in each of the three divisions of the teaching service.
  2. Whether the Minister will give consideration to the provision of a by-pass procedure to allow experience of older teachers to be taken into account to ease the problem of qualification-linked salary barriers, at least within the assistant class salary range.
541. MR. McINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the expenditure on State highways (other than national highways) for the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and the estimated expenditure for 1977-78.
  2. Whether other road classifications, e.g. forest roads, tourist roads etc., have been charged against rural arterial or rural local roads; if so, which road classifications and what amounts have been so charged during the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and will be so charged in 1977-78.

*(Notices received on 4th April, 1978)*

542. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What rail concessions are available in Victoria to deserted wives, supporting mothers, old aged pensioners, invalid pensioners, war widows and civilian widows, respectively.
  2. What rail concessions are available to the children of persons who receive rail concessions.
  3. What plans the Government has to extend rail concessions to children of social security and repatriation pensioners.
543. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. What action the Government proposes taking to preserve Clarendon Terrace, Clarendon-street, East Melbourne from demolition.
  2. Who is the present owner of the building.
  3. When the structure was built.
  4. What are the dimensions of the site.
  5. What is the estimated cost of restoration.
544. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the proposed date of closure of the Wonthaggi-Nyora railway line.
  2. Whether tenders closed on 14th September, 1977 for the provision of an alternative bus service.
  3. How many signatures on petitions against the closure have been received by the Minister or the Premier.
  4. What representations have been received from local Members of Parliament about the proposed closure.
545. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to the Ministerial Statement on the Hume Freeway, Wallan to Broadford, made to the House on 7th September, 1977, whether he will provide—(a) specific details of how the cost plus 15 per cent profit formula for Galli Brothers Constructions Pty. Ltd. was determined ; (b) copies of the formal deeds of variation of the three Hume Freeway contracts of 30th October, 1974 ; (c) details of the dispute between the Board and the major contractor over the freeway contracts ; and (d) the name of the engineer or engineers who were responsible for supervising the relevant sections of the freeway.
546. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway, how many Country Roads Board staff and Galli Bros. Constructions Pty. Ltd. staff, respectively, were employed in supervisory roles, giving names, qualifications and length of service in each case.

547. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway whether he will lay on the table of the Library—(a) the specifications ; and (b) the schedule of rates with original tender prices quoted for the contracts for sections A and B, respectively, of the freeway.
548. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport further to the Ministerial Statement of 7th September, 1977 on the Hume Freeway with respect to the substitution of basalt for siltstone in layers 2 and 3 of the pavements in the Wallan to Broadford section—(a) who requested the change ; (b) who authorized the change ; (c) what were the technical reasons for the change ; (d) whether he will lay on the table of the Library the technical reports which were used to justify the change ; (e) what were the tender rates for the supply of siltstone and basalt, respectively ; (f) what was the difference in the total amounts earned by Galli Bros. Constructions Pty. Ltd. and Apex Quarries Ltd. due to the substitution of basalt for siltstone in layers 2 and 3 of the pavement ; (g) whether the contract provides for basalt to be brought from Wollert ; (h) whether East Kilmore was mentioned in the contracts as the site for extracting basalt ; and (i) what Government assistance Apex Quarries Ltd. received in setting up the East Kilmore quarry.
549. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he will lay on the table of the Library the Minutes of site meetings between the Country Roads Board and the contractors during the construction of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway.
550. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with reference to the prosecution of Mr. Kenneth Lewis of Hamilton and Mr. James Burow of Peshurst for having on 28th July, 1976 moved a house divided into two sections between Peshurst and Hamilton, contrary to section 33 of the *Motor Car Act 1958*—
1. Whether the maximum width of the house at base, after the front room had been cut off, was 7·010 metres.
  2. Whether approval for the removal and transport of the house from Peshurst to Hamilton was given by the—(a) Hamilton City Council ; (b) Shire of Minhamite ; (c) State Electricity Commission ; (d) Police ; (e) Transport Regulation Board ; (f) Telecom Australia.
  3. Whether Permit No. 18721 on 9th December, 1975 enabled the removal and transport of a house 7·93 metres wide, and was a church 8·534 metres wide transported from Mortlake to Tower Hill.
  4. Whether permits for wide loads refused to Mr. Burow have been granted to other operators.
  5. Who refused Mr. Burow's application for the removal of Mr Lewis' house, and when.
  6. Whether Mr. Lewis had discussions with Mr. Liddell and Mr. Moncrieff of the Country Roads Board in Melbourne about his application ; if so, whether he received sympathetic consideration and was advised to apply again.
  7. Whether the Board brought a barrister from Melbourne to prosecute Messrs. Lewis and Burow ; if so, whom.
  8. What was the total cost of the prosecution.
  9. What was the amount of the fines and costs imposed for each offence on—(a) Mr. Lewis ; and (b) Mr. Burow.
551. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What representations he has received from—(a) local government bodies ; (b) organizations ; and (c) individuals, about the maintenance and preservation of the Hamilton to East Natimuk via Balmoral and Noradjuha railway line.
  2. What is the length of the rail line.
  3. What have been the maintenance costs in each year from 1974 to 1977 and in this year to date.
552. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of each of the freight centres in Victoria—
1. What was the date of commencement in each case and what are the projected dates of opening for each future centre.
  2. In the case of each centre, how many zones have been created, indicating generally the areas in each zone.
  3. In respect of each zone—(a) who were the successful road transport contractors ; (b) who made the decision to appoint such contractors ; and (c) what rates were set.
553. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to his statement on the West Gate Bridge on 7th September, 1977—
1. As the stated reasons for the delays in construction amounted to 152 working weeks, what are the reasons for the additional delays which will result in completion of the project eight years behind schedule.
  2. What proportion of the daily cost of delays of \$35,000 is attributable to interest charges.

554. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2609 answered on 4th October, 1977—
1. What were the reasons for the Government adopting the report on the "outer ring" freeway.
  2. Who evaluated the plan and how.
  3. What is the—(a) expected cost ; and (b) estimated date of completion of the outer ring freeway.
  4. Whether it is expected that the outer ring freeway will increase or depress motor vehicle usage.
555. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Country Roads Board's proposed Banksia-street-Bell-street link—
1. What are the projected traffic numbers, expressed in thousands of vehicles each day, it is estimated will be using the proposed route for each year from 1978 to 1997 inclusive.
  2. What is the proposed width of the link.
  3. What area would be taken up by the link, indicating the present uses of each part of that area.
556. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many traffic accidents involving pedestrians, motor cars, motor cycles, bicycles, motor trucks, and motor buses, respectively, have taken place at the intersection of Mitcham and Springfield-roads, Nunawading in each year since 1955.
  2. How many persons have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured in traffic accidents at the intersection in each year since 1955.
  3. Whether any requests have been made to the Government or to the Road Safety and Traffic Authority or to any Minister for traffic control lights to be erected at the intersection ; if so, by whom, to whom, and on what date each such request was made.
  4. Whether it is proposed to construct traffic control lights at the intersection ; if so—(a) when such traffic control lights or signals will be constructed ; and (b) what priority number has been allocated to that intersection.
  5. Whether any—(a) traffic flow studies ; (b) pedestrian activity studies ; and (c) studies as to the need for access to or egress from adjoining properties have been carried out at the intersection ; if so, by whom, when each such study was carried out, and what facts were ascertained from each study.
557. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What toothpastes currently offered for sale in Victoria contain chloroform as an ingredient, indicating in the case of each brand the percentage of chloroform.
  2. For what purpose chloroform is used in an ingredient.
  3. Whether chloroform is carcinogenic.
  4. What action he will take to investigate the possible risks of using chloroform in toothpastes and, if there is a degree of danger, to so advise the public.
558. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Railway Workshops at Newport, Bendigo and Ballarat South, respectively—
1. What is the programme for steel construction for the next five years at each workshop.
  2. Whether each workshop will remain as an important maintenance centre for rolling stock.
  3. What is the planned programme at each workshop, for the car and wagon shop, turnery and blacksmiths shop and coppersmiths shop.
  4. Under the present policy of no staff replacement at workshops, how long it will be before falling staff levels makes the workshops uneconomic.
  5. How much Victorian Railways work is done by outside industry, indicating what type of work and whether the Department always has the opportunity to tender for such work.
  6. How the Department relates costs to tender when tendering for jobs.
559. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with regard to the Country Roads Board construction projects—
1. What is a "Lump Sum—Schedule of Rates" contract.
  2. Who determines contract variations in such contracts.
  3. How many of such contracts were negotiated in each calendar year from 1973 to 1977 and in this year to date.
  4. In how many cases variations in such contracts operated to the—(a) financial advantage of the Board ; or (b) financial advantage of the contractors.
  5. What five "Lump Sum—Schedule of Rates" contracts in the period led to the greatest financial variation against the Board, indicating the reasons for the variations of quantity estimates in each case.



560. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with respect to commuters who travel to and from work on all or most working days by public transport in the Melbourne Transportation District, what is the average daily number of commuters, indicating what proportion are—(a) white collar workers ; and (b) blue collar workers.
561. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what Asian languages are being taught in State primary, secondary or technical schools, respectively, indicating in each case, the name of the school, the language taught, the levels at which such languages are taught, and the numbers of pupils and staff involved.
562. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain and inform whether chloroform was banned in the United States in April, 1976 as an ingredient in toothpaste, cough medicines and other drugs and whether the Commonwealth Government Laboratories tested toothpastes available in Australia and found that 10 of 38 brands contained chloroform.
  2. What cough medicines and other proprietary remedies currently available contain chloroform as an ingredient.
563. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education to what extent the allocation of personnel resources in the Curriculum Services Unit and the Educational Resources Unit, respectively, reflect the priorities of the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions and teachers in the schools.
565. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. What steps are being taken to provide additional aid to the Children's Protection Society in view of estimates by the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that as many as 13,500 Australian children may be deliberately injured every year.
  2. What action is anticipated to ensure—(a) mandatory notification by doctors, and other health professionals and teachers of suspected cases of child bashing ; (b) preventative programmes ; (c) referral centres ; and (d) additional social workers for the Children's Protection Society.
566. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has received requests from a number of municipalities in Victoria for the introduction of legislation making compulsory the wearing of hard hats or safety helmets by persons riding horses ; if so, whether he has considered the matter, and what action is contemplated.
567. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will indicate whether, as a matter of principle, specifications for the police helicopter or helicopters will be drawn in such a way that—(a) emphasis will be placed on the true operational role of the desired aircraft ; and (b) most manufacturers of helicopters will be able to tender.
568. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether, in view of the time lag involved in the assessment of appeals, he will seek assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Social Security that all unemployed persons waiting for results of unemployment benefit appeals will automatically be provided with emergency income maintenance funds in the interim period.
569. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what specific multi-lingual job placement and employment information facilities are available for newly arrived skilled migrants who settle in Victoria.
570. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what avenues for training and/or retraining to each skilled trade or industry sector are available to—(a) unskilled ; and (b) semi-skilled workers over the age of 24 years.
571. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will take action as a matter of urgency to require the Department of Labour and Industry and the Education Department to implement programmes of English language teaching in industry in consultation with employer and trade union organizations.
572. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether a national committee has been set up on health statistics ; if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee, who are the members of the committee, when it was set up and on how many occasions it has met.
  2. What progress has been made with the collection of national health statistics.
573. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many persons are currently in the Heatherton Sanatorium with tuberculosis, specifying the number who are refugees and the country of origin.
  2. How many persons, specifying country of origin, are being treated for tuberculosis in other State Government institutions or public hospitals.

574. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what total amount so far has been allocated and expanded, respectively, and how many applications so far—(a) have been received ; (b) have been approved ; (c) have been rejected ; and (d) are waiting assessment, in respect of—(i) the scheme announced on 26th February, 1978, under which young couples buying their first home block were to be required to find 25 per centum only of the price in cash and were to be able to re-pay the rest at 10 per centum interest over ten years ; (ii) the scheme announced on 13th December, 1977, under which \$100 million from private lending sources was to be channelled into co-operative building societies for loans to home buyers at 8·5 per centum interest ; (iii) the scheme announced on 29th December, 1977, under which \$25 million from the State Savings Bank of Victoria and five private banks was to be channelled into 49 co-operative housing societies for first mortgage loans of up to \$25,000 to home buyers at 9·25 per centum interest and second mortgage loans of up to \$5,000 at 10 per centum interest ; and (iv) the scheme announced on 13th March, 1978, under which the price of a block of land was to be reduced by \$3,000 and the price of a home-land package was to be reduced by \$5,000.
575. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether a report has been prepared by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board on the St. Nicholas Hospital, Carlton ; if so, when the report was completed and whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
576. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of courses for the training of teachers for pre-schools—
1. Which courses are currently recognized by the Department of Health, specifying the number of students enrolled in the course and the first year intake in 1978.
  2. Whether the Department in recommending the employment of pre-school teachers ranks graduates of courses in different categories ; if so, on what basis.
  3. How many scholarships are awarded by the Department to students undertaking such courses, specifying at which institutions such scholarships are granted and whether scholarships are available for early childhood education students at either Coburg or Frankston.
  4. In view of the Department's own report and the report prepared for the Council of the Institute of Early Childhood Development at Kew, whether a submission was made to the State College of Victoria concerning the need for restraint in the student intake ; if not, why.
577. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the kitchen at the Kingston Centre—
1. When the first stage was commenced and completed.
  2. When it was announced that \$3 million would be made available for the completion of the kitchen.
  3. Whether any tenders have yet been let for further stages of the kitchen ; if not, why.
  4. What is the proposed completion date of stage two and when it is expected that work will commence and be completed on stage three.
  5. Whether the steel frame work of the first stage now requires retreating because of rust and other problems ; if so, why.
578. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will lay on the table of the Library the file relating to complaints concerning Dr. C. Officer of Seymour.
579. **MR. HANN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What is the current Government policy in respect to the issue of new dairy licences.
  2. How many new licences have been issued in the past twelve months giving details of the date of issue, name and address of the applicant, and the reason for the licence being issued.
  3. How many applications have been made for new licences in the past twelve months.
  4. Whether any dairy farmers have been advised by any officer of the Agriculture Department that they may be able to obtain a new licence after the 30th June, 1978 ; if so, what are the names of the applicants and the officers who gave the advice.
  5. Whether any dairy farmers have been given permission to build dairies and/or supply milk to manufacturers using another dairy farmer's licence.
580. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what progress has been achieved on those matters relating to dredging at the mouth of the Patterson River raised by the deputation on 18th March, 1977, indicating—(a) the schemes proposed ; (b) the solutions suggested ; (c) whether any further report had been submitted by the contractor, indicating feasibility and costs ; (d) what are the results of discussions on this matter with the Environment Protection Authority ; and (e) when it is expected to conclude these matters.
581. **MR. CAIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what land has been purchased by the Urban Land Council since 1st January, 1976, indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location ; (b) title particulars ; (c) the area ; (d) what price was paid ; (e) what development works had been carried out prior to purchase ; (f) what development works have been carried out since purchase, by whom, and at what cost ; and (g) what development works remain to be carried out prior to resale and what is the estimated costs of such work.

582. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether the Agriculture Department printed a book "Bee-keeping in Victoria" ; if so, whether the edition has been out of print since 1968.
  2. Whether the original 1964 copies sold for 5/- per copy and whether it is a fact that second-hand copies now sell for \$10 per copy.
  3. Whether it is the intention of the Department to print further copies of the book ; if so, when.
583. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in each of the past twelve months, what were the monthly readings for mercury and lead at the following points within the Geelong Water Catchment :—(a) Pettavel outlet in the Barwon Supply ; and (b) Moorabool Supply—Lovely Banks Outlet, indicating—(i) the acceptable standard for levels of mercury and lead ; (ii) for how long these levels have been occurring ; and (iii) whether the public health Authorities have been informed and, if so, what action such Authorities have taken.
584. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. If he will ascertain and inform whether Japanese import authorities have banned fluorescent compounds in any wrapping or packaging paper used in contact applications, as a means of optical lightening agent to make the paper look whiter ; if so, what are the reasons for the ban.
  2. Whether fluorescent type paper is used for packaging of foodstuffs, including seafoods in Victoria ; if so, whether the use of the paper has been subject to investigation and in that event, what are the results of these investigations.
585. MR. TREWIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with respect to the Wallan section of the Hume Freeway—
1. From what source funds will be made available to meet the cost of—(a) the visit of the expert from England to advise on future work on the pavement area ; and (b) the reforming and sealing of the Freeway.
  2. Whether such moneys will be obtained from—(a) taxpayers of Victoria ; (b) the Country Roads Board ; (c) national highway funds ; or (d) the contractors originally involved in building the Freeway.
586. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the promise made by Mr. A. Hird, Assistant Director-General of Education (Personnel) in the *News Exchange* of 24th February, 1978 guaranteeing that official staffing establishments for all schools would be maintained throughout the year will be kept ; if not, why.
587. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many professional officers of the Country Fire Authority have been transferred and how much money has been spent on transfer expenses in each of the past two years.
  2. What allowance is available to a professional officer to transfer his family.
  3. If he will ascertain and advise what is the average cost to the officer and his family of such transfers.
  4. Whether consideration is being given to establishing an Appeals Tribunal ; if so, with what powers and with what constitution.
588. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation which metropolitan municipalities have been allocated grants from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for the 1977-78 financial year, indicating the project for which each grant was given.
589. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the report of the Advisory Committee into the Future Operations and Funding of Community Education Centres has been finalized ; if so, what guidelines for this project are contained in the Report.
590. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there has been any increase in the \$30 maintenance allocation via the direct grant scheme for portable class-rooms.
591. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many applications for positions in the Education Department were received from non-bonded teachers for the current school year, indicating how many of these applicants have been employed to date.
592. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the estimated cost of damage incurred in the bush fires found to be the fault of the State Electricity Commission.
  2. Whether the Commission is liable for compensation for the damage incurred ; if so, what will be the method of payment.
593. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, in view of Section 4 of the *Bail Act* 1977 whereby persons charged with an indictable offence involving use or threatened use of firearms may not be granted bail unless the accused can show cause why detention in custody is not justified and further where bail is so granted the court is to commit its reasons to writing, how many persons accused of attempted armed robbery of a company and actual robbery of a bank in this year to date have been released on bail and what were the reasons recorded by the court for the granting of bail in each such case.

594. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. On what date a portion of the public car park of the Victorian Railways in Latrobe-terrace, Geelong was reserved solely for railway employees.
  2. What the reason was for the decision and how many public car spaces were so reserved.
  3. Whether the public was notified of the decision ; if not, why.
  4. How many persons have been charged and fined for illegally parking in these spaces, indicating the penalties in each case.
  5. What is the size and height of the “ no parking ” signs over each such space.
  6. Why these parking spaces are not fenced off from the public spaces.
  7. Whether Wilbur-Smith and Associates in recent years carried out an investigation into the car parking facilities at the Geelong railway station ; if so, what were the findings and recommendations.
595. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing if he will lay on the table of the Library the reports and records of interviews by former Chief Inspector McDowell, and Chief Inspector Baker, pertaining to the Housing Commission purchases at Pakenham, Sunbury and Melton which were called for by the Minister of Housing prior to and during the recent inquiry into land purchases by the Housing Commission.
596. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of psychiatric services provided at or by Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital, Beechworth—
1. When the early treatment centre was ready for occupancy.
  2. When Treasury and Public Service Board approval, respectively, was—(a) sought ; and (b) given, for staff, specifying for which positions.
  3. How many staff have been appointed, specifying the dates of appointment.
  4. When it is expected that—(a) all staff will be appointed ; and (b) patients will be admitted.
  5. How many community mental health nurses are—(a) employed ; and (b) about to be employed.
  6. How many vehicles are available for the nurses, specifying when requests were made for additional vehicles and the result of those requests.
- (Notices received on 5th April, 1978)*
597. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether he has considered the full potential of Weights and Measures Unions as consumer protection bodies.
  2. Which of the following criteria are considered to be most important when judging the efficacy of Weights and Measures Unions—(a) cost per capita within the areas under the jurisdiction of the Unions ; (b) amount of revenue collected ; (c) number of prosecutions ; and (d) inspection of packaging.
  3. Whether he has investigated means of providing incentives to municipalities to ensure that Weights and Measures Unions give chief priority to consumer protection rather than revenue collection.
598. MR. WOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many—(a) Acco 1710B small town tankers ; (b) fully enclosed crew cab pumpers ; and (c) open backed crew cab pumpers, are to be issued to Fire Brigades in region 18 of the Country Fire Authority.
  2. To which brigades these tankers will be issued, indicating the proposed date of delivery in each case.
599. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will give an assurance that no arrangement has been entered into by the Department of Minerals and Energy and Daylesford Nominees Pty. Ltd. to allow the extraction of mineral spa water from Government bores or springs on Crown land under the direct control of the Department of Crown Lands and Survey.
600. MR. AUSTIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What progress the Government has made to get insurance companies to divert funds to assist the housing industry.
  2. Whether there is a proposal whereby the Government will subsidize interest rates to attract up to \$100 million from the funds of insurance companies to assist the housing industry ; if so, whether the offer is still open ; if not, what other steps the Government will take to arrest the decline in home building in Victoria.
601. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. Whether local Department of Crown Lands and Survey officers can fill vacancies caused by retirement ; if so, why these vacancies are not advertised.
  2. What appointments have been made to the department's staff at Dimboola in the past twelve months, stating—(a) the number of applicants for each vacancy ; and (b) the name and qualification of each appointee.

602. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether land has been purchased by the Government in the vicinity of Hann's Inlet, Crib Point ; if so, in respect of each purchase—(a) what amount of land was involved ; (b) what price was paid ; (c) who was the vendor ; (d) what was the date of purchase ; and (e) what was the reason for the purchase.
603. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation since the commencement of issuing licences for waste discharge from industry to the air—
1. How many breaches of licence conditions have been detected, indicating in respect of both the Environment Protection Authority and its delegated agencies, the name of the company and the seriousness of the breach.
  2. How many prosecutions have proceeded, indicating whether they have been successful and, if so, the name of the company prosecuted and the fine imposed.
604. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether the Land Conservation Council Report on the Mallee Study Area recommends that the Pine Plains contains outstanding recreation, scenic, and nature conservation values, and that ultimately the whole area should be added to the Wyperfeld National Park ; if so, whether the Government intends to act on this recommendation, indicating what notice will be given to lessees so they can re-establish themselves elsewhere.
  2. How many farmers hold leases in the area, stating in each case—(a) their name ; (b) the period of the lease ; (c) the rental ; (d) the size of the area ; and (e) the value per acre.
  3. What steps are being taken to ensure that protection of park values will be paramount in this area.
605. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many personnel are engaged in the investigations being conducted into the affairs of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operative, indicating the expertise of each person.
  2. Whether he has set a date of completion of the inquiry ; if so, what date.
606. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, whether river red gums in the Casterton area are infested with beetles ; if so—(a) whether trees are being killed ; (b) what steps have been taken to eliminate the problem, indicating with what results ; and (c) whether less birds are migrating to the area.
607. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether he is aware of successful experiments in the manufacture of 50 litre capacity plastic beer barrels by a Belgian company Marve Continental BV ; if so, what were the results of the experiments by comparison with metal containers and the adaptability of the plastic container to meet Australian conditions ; if not, whether he will make inquiries to assess the following :—(a) the comparative weight of the plastic keg as compared with the metal container ; (b) the comparative noise factor involved in deliveries to and from hotels in built-up areas ; and (c) the comparative damage by the two types of containers to roadways and footpaths.
608. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he can give an assurance that no new leases have been issued recently to Daylesford Nominees Pty. Ltd., to occupy Crown Land in the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs district, for the purpose of extracting mineral spa water.
609. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Chief Secretary's Office is currently considering the introduction of legislation in relation to the cost incurred by sporting clubs in paying for workers compensation premiums ; if so, whether he can inform the House when legislation will be introduced into Parliament to allow for relief similar to that proposed in New South Wales and South Australia.
610. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board has purchased ticket machines manufactured for the "Crisp" system ; if so, what was the cost of the machines and whether they can be used for any other purpose.
611. MR. McINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what has been the total amount of financial guarantees given by the Government under the *Co-operation Act* 1958 in the past five financial years, including estimates for 1977-78, and what is the current total guarantee commitment by the Government.
612. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of the Public Relations Department of the State Electricity Commission—
1. How many staff are presently employed and what was the staff level in each of the past five years.
  2. How many journalists, photographers, cinematic and camera crews, respectively, are employed.
  3. What has been the budget in each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the purpose of this department.
613. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will provide all relevant information covering arrangements regarding the superannuation rights for School Council employed personnel.

614. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. In each of the past 15 years how many people have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, in road accidents in Victoria.
2. Whether age categories are available in respect of the killed and injured ; if so, what are the details.

615. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. How many abattoirs are presently operating within 50 miles of the Melbourne G.P.O., indicating where they are located and who is the operator in each instance.
2. Which of these abattoirs have—(a) export licences ; and (b) approval to supply processed meat to Queensland for the local trade.
3. Whether any of these works are operating at standards which are below those being enforced by the Victorian Meat and Abattoir Inspection Authority in country abattoirs.
4. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all files from the Authority in respect of the abattoirs referred to above.

*(Notices received on 6th April, 1978)*

\*616. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he has received reports of a new method of chicken processing introduced into Australia by Allied Mills Industries Pty. Ltd., New South Wales, which will eliminate certain bacteria counts for periods when the bird is under normal refrigeration ; if so—(a) whether the system has proved successful ; and (b) whether the method will be introduced into Victoria under State Government supervision as a means of assisting the health standards of the poultry processing industry and take-away food industry.

\*617. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization has further developed a meat tenderising process of electrical stimulation to improve the tenderness of meat carcasses by preventing muscle shortening immediately after the slaughter of the animal.
2. Whether the process, as practised in certain countries, has proved successful and is acceptable by overseas marketing authorities ; if so, whether the State Government will consider negotiating through the Australian Agricultural Council and/or other Commonwealth authorities for the use of the process at national level as a means of assisting the Australian export meat trade.

\*618. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, within recent years, the National Health and Research Council has undertaken a microbiological survey of certain foods, particularly ready-to-eat take-away foods such as chicken or rissoles, with a view to detecting salmonella organisms ; if so, whether the survey produced comprehensive data on micro-organisms in certain types of food and, in that event, what is the nature of the reports from the Council and has the Minister received reports from Victorian health inspectors dealing with possible contamination of take-away foods.

\*619. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether the Minister will ascertain whether attempts have been made overseas to dispense with or limit the use of saccharin as a sweetener on the grounds that it is a health hazard.
2. Whether the Department of Health has received any notice of concern ; if so, what action has been taken to thoroughly investigate allegations and publicize the results of those investigations.

\*620. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. On what date the Hospitals and Charities Commission received an application from an organization known as the Orbost and District Centre for the Aged and Disabled Society for a copy of a draft constitution for an organization seeking registration as a charitable organization.
2. Whether such a draft has been forwarded ; if not, why.
3. Whether the Minister will arrange for an adviser from the Commission to visit Orbost in the immediate future to meet members of this organization.

\*621. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What are the proposed construction and completion dates of the swimming pool at the Police Academy.
2. Whether tenders have been called for the construction ; if so, how many tenders have been received.
3. What is the estimated total cost of the project.

- \*622. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing in respect of the City of Frankston in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. How many elderly persons units have been built, indicating the sites in each case.
  2. How many units are currently being planned.
  3. What is the waiting list for each type of unit, indicating the average waiting time in each case.
- \*623. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the presentation of apprenticeship awards at the conclusion of apprenticeship week in each of the past five years—(a) how many awards have been presented ; (b) whether refreshments were available for apprentices, their families, and other participants; if so—(i) whether the food trades school was involved in catering arrangements ; and (ii) what has been the cost on each occasion; and (c) what was the nature of refreshment provided on each occasion, and what provisions are being made for this year.
- \*624. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Adult Migrant Education Branch of the Education Department—
1. What is the function of the panel of eight advisory teachers who conduct visitations to the continuation centres.
  2. What are the names of the members of the panel.
  3. What are their—(a) general teaching qualifications ; (b) qualifications to teach English as a second or foreign language ; and (c) length of teaching experience in teaching English as a second or foreign language.
  4. How many visitations were conducted in the years 1976 and 1977 and how many visitations have been conducted so far in 1978.
  5. At which centres the visitations were made.
  6. What has been the purpose of each individual visitation.
- \*625. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what in-service projects are planned for migrant services and community education for this year, indicating for which specific group or groups each in-service programme is intended.
- \*626. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates Huntingdale High School drew attention to the inadequacy of its library facilities or made application for the construction of a new library, and what was the response in each case.
  2. Whether approval has been given for the construction of a new library ; if so, when construction is likely to commence.
- \*627. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Mitcham are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, who have waited—(i) up to 6 months ; (ii) 6 to 12 months ; (iii) 12 to 18 months ; (iv) 18 to 24 months ; and (v) more than 24 months.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
- \*628. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means recommendation 13 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the attention of the Australian Schools Commission.
- \*629. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means the attention of the Teachers Tribunal was drawn to recommendation 12 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education.
- \*630. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject recommendation 31 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, indicating who made the decision and why.
- \*631. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means recommendation 26 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the attention of the Commonwealth Government, following the assumption of full financial responsibility for tertiary education, including State Colleges, by that Government on 1st January, 1974.
- \*632. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject recommendation 36 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education on the grounds set out in the answer to question No. 182 on 14th March, 1978, indicating who made the decision.
- \*633. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject those parts of recommendation 20 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education dealing with a special publicity drive, indicating who made the decision, and why.

- \*634. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education further to his answer to question No. 214 on 14th March, 1978, on what date and by what means recommendation 24 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the tertiary teacher training institutions of Victoria.
- \*635. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in respect of recommendation 34 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, which requests for forms of assistance mentioned in the answer to question No. 206 on 14th March, 1978, were made pursuant to the recommendation.
- \*636. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he has received any representations to amend the *Environment Protection Act 1970* to include economic considerations as grounds of appeal and to change prosecution clauses and regulations ; if so, by whom, and what decision he made in each case.
- \*637. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What action he has taken to ensure that there are appropriate mechanisms for the registration and appointment of community language teachers as supernumerary staff in schools with high ethnic enrolments.
  2. Whether he has any plans to allow registration and appointment of persons qualified to teach community languages in State Government schools ; if so, when these changes will be implemented and how many extra positions will be made available.
- \*638. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the extent of community group representation on the Community Education Committee.
- \*639. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he has invited the Ministers for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Youth, Sport and Recreation to appoint a representative from each of their Departments to the Community Education Committee ; if so, whether he intends to do so, and, if not, why.
  2. Why there is no Education Department Migrant Services representation on the Community Education Committee.
- \*640. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to District Inspectors of primary schools in each Education Department Region and the Melbourne metropolitan area—
1. What is the name of the Inspector in each District.
  2. What is the address of the office of each Inspector.
- \*641. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the Committee was appointed to report to him on the development of Neighbourhood Learning Centres.
  2. Who are the members of the Committee.
  3. Whether the Committee has reported yet ; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the report to the Member for Footscray.
  4. What funds have been made available this financial year to assist such centres and how this allocation has been spent.
- \*642. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education why students undertaking the Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) Course at the State College of Victoria, Coburg and Frankston are not eligible for Departmental studentships, although diplomates are eligible for appointment to Victorian primary schools.
- \*643. MR. McINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current position in respect of the provision of Commonwealth libraries and science rooms to schools in the Gippsland area.
- \*644. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What action he intends taking to diminish the uncertainty felt by staff and students of various Colleges since the release of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Post-Secondary Education.
  2. Whether he can give assurances that no action will be taken in respect of closure of courses and facilities until the Post-Secondary Education Commission, recommended in the Report, is established.
  3. Whether the Commission will be headed by a Chairman with experience in the College system and an understanding of its purposes.
  4. How long the Commission will have to examine in detail the ramifications of various proposals.
  5. What was the basis of selection of institutions to be visited by the Committee of Inquiry.
  6. Why the Committee of Inquiry made far-reaching recommendations in respect of various institutions without having visited such institutions.
  7. Whether the Commission will visit all institutions involved before making decisions about their future.



\*645. MR. COLEMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether the Department of Agriculture is conducting tests on Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works cattle to ascertain the incidence of beef measles.
2. When these tests will be concluded.
3. Whether there is a similar test being conducted on cattle other than Board of Works cattle ; if so, whether interim results are available.

\*646. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer which departments have—(a) over-spent ; and (b) under-spent their Budget allocations in each of the past five financial years, and what was the—(i) amount ; and (ii) percentage of the discrepancy in each case.

\*647. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the State Electricity Commission in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.

\*648. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the Victorian Railways in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.

\*649. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the nature of each major development project to be carried out by the State Electricity Commission over the next five financial years, and in each case what is—(a) the estimated cost ; and (b) the proposed source of funds.

\*650. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

1. In respect of the period June, 1976 to June 1977, and for the six months to December, 1977 for Victoria, what was—(a) the total number of migrants ; (b) the total number and percentage of family reunions ; (c) the total number and percentage in the occupationally eligible category, indicating in each case their occupation ; (d) the total number and percentage of special cases, indicating in each case the professional or trade category, if any, and the name of the sponsoring employer ; and (e) the total number and percentage of refugees and the countries of origin.
2. What is the number and percentage of the occupationally eligible migrants who have had their trade qualifications recognized by the local trade committees in Victoria for the period June, 1976 to June, 1977 and for the six month period to December, 1977.
3. How many and what percentage of those migrants in Victoria whose trade qualifications have been recognized are currently employed in—(a) their occupational category ; and (b) in an unskilled or semi-skilled category, and how many are unemployed.

\*651. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

1. How many and what percentage of migrants who arrived in Victoria in the 18-month period to December 1977 inclusive, are presently un-employed.
2. How many of these migrants are from non-English speaking countries.

\*652. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what avenues are available to unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled migrant workers over the age of 24 years for training or re-training in the needed skilled trades.

\*653. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—

1. What is the required minimum for cash balances in the current financial year and what was the required minimum in each of the preceding five years.
2. What was the formula used to determine the required minimum in each case.

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 12

WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. BORTHWICK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Land Act 1958', to make Provision with respect to the Proceedings of Committees of Management appointed under sections 220 (1) and 221 (1) of that Act, to Provide for the Surrender of certain Lands to the Crown, and for other purposes*".
- \*2. MR. DUNSTAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Part XLA. of the 'Local Government Act 1958'*".
- \*3. MR. SCANLAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section 55A of the 'Teaching Service Act 1958'*".

#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. PROBATE DUTY (APPLICATION) BILL—Second reading.
- \*2. ST. ANDREWS' HOSPITAL (GUARANTEE) BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND SUPERANNUATION BILL—Second reading.
- \*4. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
- \*5. CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*6. STATE DEVELOPMENT DECENTRALIZATION AND TOURISM BILL—Second reading.
- \*7. REFERENCE AREAS BILL—SUGGESTED AMENDMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
8. EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
9. ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—Motion for—*To which the following amendment has been moved*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—"and respectfully desire to inform your Excellency that this House regrets the failure of the Government to foreshadow effective measures which will—(a) bring about substantial reductions in the present unacceptable level of unemployment ; (b) house the 21,000 Victorian families currently waiting for Housing Commission accommodation ; (c) bridge the land, deposit and interest barriers to home ownership ; (d) restore prosperity for primary producers and other country people ; (e) provide paid learning leave or on-the-job instruction in English as a second language ; (f) encourage the development of multi-cultural education in schools ; (g) provide additional nursing home care for frail and elderly people ; (h) improve industrial relations in government departments and authorities ; (i) open up access to government records through a Freedom of Information Act ; (j) ensure adequate police operations services to the community ; and (k) reduce the illegal use of drugs in Victoria."—*Resumption of debate.*
11. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. SUPPLY (1978-79, No. 1) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
14. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
15. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
16. VEGETATION AND VINE DISEASES (PARASITES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
17. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

## GENERAL BUSINESS

## Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. WILTON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be enacted to establish Residential Tenancy Boards for the purposes of disseminating information concerning rental practices, arbitrating and deciding upon disputes between landlords and tenants, holding and investing in trust on behalf of tenants moneys deposited as security deposits demanded by landlords, and generally regulating relationships between landlords and tenants.
3. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes*".
4. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 925 of the 'Local Government Act 1958' with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public*".
5. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 10 of the 'Public Records Act 1973' with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public*".
- \*6. MR. HANN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes*".

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THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. TEACHING SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. SANDRINGHAM LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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TUESDAY, 25TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 11th April, 1978)

- \*654. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What freehold properties are held by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, indicating which properties are—(a) occupied by the Department ; (b) leased or rented to other authorities ; and (c) unoccupied and not leased.
  2. What are the terms of leases granted to other authorities.
- \*655. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. On what date the levy of five per cent from the sale of taxi licences was introduced.
  2. Who made the decision to increase the percentage.
  3. Where the amounts received are allocated and for what use.
- \*656. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many apprenticeships have been provided in Geelong in each of the past five years.
- \*657. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Forest Hill, Doncaster and Ringwood, respectively—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What staff is presently employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.
- \*658. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was the number and percentage of persons killed in each year who were—(a) pedestrians ; (b) passengers ; (c) drivers ; (d) motorcycle riders ; (e) bicycle riders ; (f) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (g) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (h) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (i) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district which constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
- \*659. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of railway stations in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill, what—(a) criminal offences ; (b) episodes of vandalism ; and (c) offences against Railway regulations have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
- \*660. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill in each of the past five years.
  2. What plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which the spaces are expected to become available.
- \*661. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of railway stations in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill, for what period each day, each station is unattended.
- \*662. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Nunawading, Doncaster and Doncaster East police stations, respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983 inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is in these districts.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are in unmarked cars.

- \*663. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) ; To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in view of the recent spate of burglaries and other vandalism at the Ballarat North Technical School, the Education Department will give consideration to authorizing the building of a caretakers' cottage at this school.
- \*664. MR. REMINGTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many accidents involving horse riders whose injuries were considered to have been increased through not wearing helmets were recorded in 1977.
  2. What is the incidence of rider fatalities arising from horse-riding accidents.
- \*665. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the Mitcham area and in the municipalities of Ringwood, and Doncaster and Templestowe, respectively—(a) left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate ; and (b) sat for and passed this examination.
- \*666. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what average number of Mitcham-Melbourne passengers have travelled on morning peak hour trams on week days in each year since 1973 and in this year to date.
- \*667. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the Maroondah Police District, whether there has been an increase or decrease in the incidence of major criminal offences in the past five years, indicating the type of offence and the ratio of apprehension and conviction in relation to the number of offences.
- \*668. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning how many building blocks are to be released for sale by the Urban Land Council during the current financial year, indicating the locations of the estates in which the blocks will be sold.
- \*669. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Which schools for the deaf now have the wireless link system installed and what has been the result of the experiment with this system.
  2. What facilities are available within the electoral district of Coburg for children who are affected by deafness.
- \*670. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, further to question No. 1934 answered on 5th April, 1977 whether the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation has concluded its investigation ; if so, what were its recommendations.
- \*671. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What were the—(a) names ; and (b) positions of the Country Roads Board engineers who advised the present Minister of Special Education that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway, involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas, and what was the—(i) date ; and (ii) form of their advice.
  2. Whether this advice was circulated in the form of a letter on ministerial letterhead ; if so, what was—(a) the date of the letter ; (b) the number of copies distributed ; (c) the basis of selection of recipients ; and (d) the official status, if any, shown for the signatory ; and (e) the mode of distribution.
  3. What costs, including stationery, were met for the letter, and what was the Budget appropriation drawn upon in each case.
- \*672. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. At what stage is the urban renewal proposal for the Shire of Yackandandah.
  2. How and when the proposal will be implemented.
  3. Whether he will arrange for the file concerning the above matter to be laid on the table of the Library.
- \*673. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what are the current guidelines used by the Housing Commission in determining whether to build homes of brick veneer, timber, asbestos or cement on country estates.
- \*674. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many day-training centres for mentally retarded children have become Education Department Special Developmental Schools at the request of their committees since the proclamation of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* on 11th December, 1973, and what is the location in each case.
  2. How many special developmental schools have been established by the department over the same period, and what is the location in each case.
  3. What is the location of the nearest special school or special developmental school to—(a) Mildura ; (b) Orbost ; (c) Portland ; (d) Robinvale ; and (e) Cowes, and what is the distance which must be travelled by children in each case from each particular town.
  4. What means are used by the department to meet the special needs of handicapped children eligible for special education in these and other remote areas, who are unable to attend a special school or a special developmental school.

- \*675. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many children are eligible for public sector education under the terms of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are currently—(i) enrolled at government schools ; (ii) enrolled at non-government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. What means, if any, the Education Department uses to advise parents of handicapped children of their right to be educated by the State.
- \*676. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Government still proposes to introduce legislation which would authorize municipal councils to pay their members an allowance for out-of-pocket expenses ; if so, when this legislation will be introduced.
- \*677. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will investigate the powers conferred by the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* to ascertain whether amendments to the Act and and/or regulations are necessary to protect fishing grounds from debris and other material left by oil and gas development.
- \*678. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, whether arrangements have been made between the Australian Atomic Energy Commission and the State Electricity Commission for the licensing and regulation of a nuclear power station ; if so, what arrangements and when they were completed ; if not, when they are expected to be completed.
- \*679. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he is aware of a Monash University study which concluded—(a) that the Victorian Government should legislate to restrict the use of heavy vehicles to improve fuel economy and emission levels ; and (b) that emission controls should be made twice as effective by 1990 ; if so, what action is proposed on each of these conclusions.
- \*680. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What funds have been available to buy back land in environmentally sensitive areas for conservation purposes in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and area of each purchase.
  2. What funds are expected to be available for the purpose in the next twelve months.
- \*681. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether any pesticides available over the counter in Victoria have been placed under strict control in the United States of America ; if so—(a) how many products on sale here have restrictions placed on their use, sale and storage in that country, naming the products in each case, and the percentage concentration of the pesticide ; and (b) whether the Government is investigating the need to license operators for health and environment reasons.
- \*682. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the latest traffic count taken on the Hume-highway in the electoral district of Broadmeadows and in Bell-street, both east and west of Sydney-road, in the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. Whether there are any plans in hand for the widening of Bell-street within the electoral districts of Coburg and Essendon ; if so, at what locations.
- \*683. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, further to question No. 536 answered on 11th April, 1978—
1. Whether the Minister will convey to the Member for Coburg information relating to the plan and design of the proposed retarding basin on the Merri Creek.
  2. Whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has ever paid compensation to land holders along the course of the Merri Creek due to flooding ; if so, on what dates, at what cost, and to whom.
- \*684. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the provision of such facilities did not proceed.
- \*685. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of State Electricity Commission activities—
1. Whether existing or prospective customers have indicated a major growth in demand ; if so, what are the details of the expected growth and the anticipated new customers.
  2. How many personnel are specifically employed by the Commission to develop energy conservation priorities, giving in each case a breakdown of each officers responsibilities in this area, and listing the actual conservation projects, if any, being undertaken.
  3. Whether the Commission allocated any part of its advertising budget to energy conservation advertisements in the 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 financial years ; if so, how many advertisements have been published, indicating—(a) in which media outlet ; (b) at what cost ; (c) the name of the publication in each case ; (d) the date of publication ; and (e) a brief summary or copy of each advertisement.
  4. What are the growth forecasts in—(a) domestic transactions ; (b) commercial transactions ; (c) industrial transactions ; (d) public lighting ; (e) bulk sales ; and (f) other Commission activities for each of the next ten years.



- \*686. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the newly formed Traffic Operations Group Region No. 5 based at Sale—
1. What is the extent of the region covered by this group.
  2. How many officers are attached to the group, indicating their ranks and duties.
  3. What is the gazetted and actual strength of the group.
  4. How many vehicles are attached to the group, indicating their type.
  5. Whether there are no typists or clerical assistants attached to the group.
  6. What average time is taken each month by officers engaged on highway patrol in high powered pursuit vehicles in performing typing or clerical duties, indicating whether their pursuit vehicles are lying idle whilst they carry out such duties.
  7. Whether it is the Government's intention and the wish of the Police Force to fully utilize pursuit vehicles and their drivers ; if so, whether the group will be given typists or clerical assistants to allow its men and vehicles to spend more time on highway patrols.
- \*687. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether public servants on superannuation get regular statements of payments ; if so, how often, if not, why.
- \*688. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What action the Minister is taking to ensure that people who have their hearing impaired are adequately provided for by Hospital Benefits.
  2. What attempts are being made to include hearing aids amongst those items on which a full refund is available.
  3. Whether the Minister is aware that Geelong Hospital Benefits Association (which is not a branch of Hospital Benefits Association Victoria) has a pilot scheme in operation whereby they grant a refund of \$100 on hearing aids.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any other benefit scheme which includes a refund for hearing aids.
- \*689. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, with the recent tour of phytophthora infected forest areas in the Yarram district by the Native Forests Action Council—(a) whether a technical assistant with the Forests Commission was sent to Yarram to join the tour ; if so, why the local officer was not used ; and (b) whether any report was submitted by the officer ; if so, whether he will lay a copy on the table of the library.
- \*690. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the Education Department has any day-time facilities for further education of handicapped children other than those at Montague and Bendigo ; if so, where, and what is the number of places available at each establishment.
- \*691. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many deaf-blind children of school age there are in Victoria, and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are—(i) enrolled in Government schools ; (ii) enrolled in non-Government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. Whether it is the policy of the Government to provide education for deaf-blind children in separate schools ; if so, what is the number of places—(a) available ; and (b) planned, indicating the years in which planned places are to become available.
  3. Why it has been necessary for groups concerned with the education of deaf-blind children to organize the current " Silent Night " appeal.
  4. What are the precise aims of the appeal given by the Government's obligations to provide education for deaf-blind children under the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973*.
  5. Whether the appeal is being conducted after full consultation with and approval by the Education Department.
- \*692. MR. COLEMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What are the hours of staffing of the Glen Waverley, Mount Waverley, Glen Iris, Kooyong and Heyington railway stations, respectively.
  2. How many passengers alight daily at each of these stations.
  3. Whether there are plans to install automatic ticket vending machines at any of these stations.
- \*693. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What regulations are in force to provide for the adequate sound-proofing of music rooms in Victorian schools.
  2. What steps will be taken to provide for adequate sound-proofing of music rooms at Mitcham high school.
- \*694. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what proposals are currently under consideration to broaden the powers and responsibilities of principals in Victorian primary schools.

\*695. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—

1. Whether it is the usual practice of the Social Welfare Department to refuse to help someone who has visited the Melbourne office, rather than a regional office which is zoned as being their area.
2. Why a resident of Diamond Creek must go to the Preston office of the Social Welfare Department when requiring help or advice, when Preston is a most inconvenient suburb to travel to and from by public transport, and the City office is more accessible.

\*696. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. Why the trains on the Hurstbridge line are continually left in a filthy and battered condition.
2. Whether the trains are cleaned daily ; if so, where the trains are cleaned, and at what time of the day ; if not, why.

\*697. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. Whether any student attending a high or technical school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit.
2. Whether any student attending a special school or special development school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit ; if so, what is the reason for this difference.
3. Whether parents of handicapped children are advised of their right to assessment of the handicapped child by a Special Education Authority.
4. How many handicapped children were assessed by a Special Education Authority in 1974 and each subsequent year for which information is available, and in each case what was the number of children whose parents were advised that they should—(a) leave; and (b) continue school as a result of the assessment.
5. How many children fifteen years of age and over were enrolled at special schools or special development schools in each of the five most recent years for which information is available, and in each year what was the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who left school.

J. H. CAMPBELL,  
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KENNETH H. WHEELER,  
Speaker

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LIBRARY (JOINT)—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. McInnes, Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Skeggs.

MEAT INDUSTRY (JOINT)—Mr. Fogarty, Mr. Ginifer, Mr. McKellar, Mr. Suggett, and Mr. Trewin.

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ROAD SAFETY (JOINT)—Mr. Billing, Mr. Burgin, Mr. Culpin, Mr. McArthur, and Mr. Mutton.

STANDING ORDERS—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fordham, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Reese, Mr. Ross-Edwards, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Wilkes.

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 13

THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1978

### Order of the Day

- \* GRIEVANCES—*Debate on the question*—That grievances be noted.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. BORTHWICK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ National Parks Act 1975 ’, the ‘ Forests Act 1958 ’, and for other purposes* ”.
- \*2. MR. THOMPSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the better Promotion, Development and Co-ordination of Post-Secondary Education in Victoria, to establish a Victorian Post-Secondary Education Commission, and for other purposes* ”.
- \*3. MR. BALFOUR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend section 3 of the ‘ Petroleum Products Subsidy Act 1965 ’* ”.
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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. SANDRINGHAM LAND BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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TUESDAY, 25TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. STATE DEVELOPMENT DECENTRALIZATION AND TOURISM BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
- \*3. LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 12th April, 1978)

- \*698. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What are the eligibility criteria for craft funding, indicating—(a) how many applicants have been funded to date under this scheme ; (b) how many are currently craft funded ; and (c) how many are still with the same employer as at the time of introduction of craft funding.
  2. Whether employers are employing craft trainees ; if so how many are currently employed in—(a) the skilled trades ; and (b) an unskilled trade.
  3. How many employees are presently unemployed.
- \*699. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry complies with International Labour Organization safety standards ; if so—(a) what are the details of the safety standards ; (b) how these standards are enforced ; (c) how many staff are specifically appointed to monitor safety standards ; and (d) whether any the the Departmental inspectors are multi-lingual and, if so, in which community languages they are fluent.
- \*700. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each educational region in Victoria—
1. What total amounts of funds was allocated in the 1976-77 financial year.
  2. What was the amounts of unexpended funds in the 1976-77 financial year.
  3. What was the breakdown of total amounts of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance.
  4. What amounts were unexpended in each of the general categories, indicating the reasons for the failure to expend such funds.
  5. Whether unexpended funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  6. Whether any educational region expended more than the sum of money allocated.
- \*701. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Which departments, authorities or semi-government bodies presently have the power to acquire real property.
  2. Which of these bodies acquire real property—(a) through the Victorian Public Offices Corporation ; and (b) in their own name.
  3. What are the circumstances in which acquisition may take place and what authority or consent must be obtained, indicating what procedures must be followed, in each case where these bodies have power to acquire land.
- \*702. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing how many persons employed by the Housing Commission are qualified as—(a) architects ; and (b) planners, indicating the range of qualifications held by the planners.
- \*703. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission has purchased any farms or other land in each of the past five years ; if so, in each case what was the—(a) name of the vendor ; (b) area and location of the land ; (c) date of purchase, purchase price, and source of funds ; (d) details of vendor sale or sales ; and (e) authority under which the purchase was made.
- \*704. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy further to question No. 1211 answered on 3rd May, 1977 and the statement that research projects directly funded by the Victorian Government in 1976-77 will require the expenditure of approximately \$700,000—(a) what projects were included ; and (b) what amount was set aside for each project.
- \*705. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the proposed legislation to legalize chiropractors, what steps have been taken or are proposed to amend the definition of " medical service " in the *Workers Compensation Act* 1958 to ensure that workers seeking the services of chiropractors for relief from back pain are not required to do so at their own expense in cases where workers compensation liability exists.
- \*706. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the case put to the Honorable the Chief Secretary by representatives of 42 fire fighters for inclusion in the current superannuation scheme has been referred to him for consideration ; if so—(a) when ; and (b) with what result.
- \*707. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated to the Preston region in the 1976-77 financial year, indicating the breakdown of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance and the amount unexpended in each category.
  2. Why some funds were not expended in the Preston region and whether the funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  3. Whether the funds were re-directed in any way and used for another purpose ; if so, what purpose.
  4. What assurances exist to ensure that there will be no under expenditure in the region in 1977-78.

- \*708. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands when a lease was issued to the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Club, indicating—(a) the period of the lease ; (b) the area of land involved ; and (c) the yearly rental.
- \*709. **MR. AMOS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Police Department has carried out a major review of police strength and services in the Latrobe Valley in the past 12 months ; if so—(a) what changes are planned as a result of that review ; and (b) whether, in view of the rapid development of Yallourn North, there are plans to establish a full-time Police Station at Yallourn North ; if not, when a review will be carried out.
- \*710. **MR. CULPIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether in May, 1974, the Glenroy West Primary school was recommended for staff administration improvements and provision of art facilities by the upgrade operation task force ; if so, when these improvements will take place.
  2. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library the file and memoranda relating to this matter.
- \*711. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether rents paid by pensioners for Housing Commission accommodation are to be increased following the next half-yearly pension increase.
- \*712. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether land in Churchill-avenue and Aberdeen-street, Newtown was given to the Housing Commission in 1943 by the Newtown City Council on condition that houses constructed there by the Commission should not be sold.
  2. How many houses built by the Commission on this land have been sold.
- \*713. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Public Service Board expects to finalize its consideration of a claim made by the Victorian Public Service Association in November, 1977 in respect of clerical staff employed in Victorian schools.
- \*714. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether there are any regulations which apply to the safe storage and security of poisonous chemicals ; if so, which regulations, and whether the various premises occupied by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey throughout Victoria comply with such regulations.
- \*715. **MR. GINIFER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is planned to admit students to the Movelle primary school.
- \*716. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many officers are available to the Teacher Housing Authority to supervise and control all maintenance on the Authority's homes.
  2. What is the location of each officer, the area he has to cover, and the number of homes for which he is responsible.
  3. What finance was provided in the past three financial years for maintenance of houses under the control of the Authority.
- \*717. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What contracts were cancelled in the northern region in the past financial year which resulted in \$2.11 million of the regions allocation for capital works being unspent.
  2. What contracts were cancelled in other regions during the past financial year, giving the name of the region, the details of the contracts, and the amount of capital funds left unspent in each case.
- \*718. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether the Government proposes using Housing Commission high rise units to provide accommodation for university students ; if so, how many units and where they are located.
  2. Whether the Commission holds high rise units for emergency accommodation ; if so, how many units and where they are located.
  3. What is the current waiting period for flat accommodation in the suburbs and how many applicants for accommodation are on the Commissions' waiting list.

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

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- \*2. NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
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## THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

- \*1. RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*2. MELBOURNE UNDERGROUND RAIL LOOP (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)

1. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of schools and pre-schools in the electoral district of Werribee for the years 1976 and 1977, respectively—
  1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive their initial routine medical examination.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-school Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
  
2. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster, respectively, what are—
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4. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments by residents and patients in State subsidised or controlled nursing homes in geriatric hospitals—
  1. What amount is at present charged against the pension of residents and all patients, specifying the increases which have occurred in each of the past three years and the sum left to the person for personal expenditure, in each case.
  2. Whether proposals are before the Minister to vary the present contribution ; if so—(a) what proposals ; and (b) whether a decision has been made and, if so, what decision.
  3. What income was derived in each State subsidised institution from the collection of such pension moneys.
  
5. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of waiting lists for hospitals for the aged—
  1. What was the waiting list for each hospital as at—(a) 30th April, 1976 ; (b) 30th August, 1977 ; and (c) 31st January, 1978, indicating the category of urgency in each case.
  2. What projects are under way or proposed to reduce the waiting list, indicating the dates of commencement and completion of construction in each case.
  
7. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme—
  1. Which health centres are presently receiving funds, specifying the funding for each centre for 1977-78.
  2. Which health centres or committees have made submissions but are not yet receiving funds.
  3. Which new centres are proposed to be funded in 1977-78.
  4. What other organizations—(a) are receiving funds under the Community Health Programme, specifying the amount received in 1976-77 ; and (b) will be receiving funds in 1977-78.
  
8. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Development Programme, which hospital works were discussed and agreed on for funding during 1976-77 by the Joint Hospital Works Advisory Committee, specifying which works were subsequently funded by—(a) the Commonwealth Government ; (b) the State Government ; or (c) by both Governments.
  
12. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of section 31.1 of the Hospitals Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, and since question No. 1639 answered on 22nd March, 1977—
  1. Whether any recognised hospitals have applied to the Minister for the exemption of " superior accommodation " ; if so, which hospitals and how many beds are involved in each case.
  2. Which hospitals have received the approval of the Minister to charge higher daily bed charges on account of superior accommodation, specifying the date on which exemption was given, the number of beds, and the daily rate permitted.
  3. Whether the Minister has refused any application for exemption ; if so, from which hospital and why.
  4. Whether any hospitals are charging more than the charge set out in paragraph (b) of clause 28.2 without approval from the Victorian Minister of Health ; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed.
  
14. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of genetic engineering—
  1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.

15. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
24. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the special scheme commenced earlier this year to assist local government and schools in the detection and treatment of such problems as head lice—
1. How many municipalities requested subsidies, indicating—(a) for how many nurses ; and (b) which municipalities—(i) requested ; and (ii) actually, received assistance.
  2. Whether any municipalities have terminated the arrangements.
  3. What was the cost to the Department of Health and what was the cost to municipalities for the period since the scheme's inception.
25. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooropna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.
26. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portarlington and District Community Health Centre—
1. What proposals have been made by the Centre for capital works, when these were first made and what is the estimated cost.
  2. Whether any funds have been made available ; if so, when, and for what building works.
  3. When it is expected that State funds will become available for the proposed building.
  4. Which centres are above Portarlington on the priority list.
28. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hatley Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced ; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hatley Hostel ; and (b) other similar hostels.
30. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of health services in non-metropolitan areas—
1. What use is being made in Victoria of funds available under the Commonwealth Family Medicine Programme to encourage young post-graduate general practitioners who practice in rural areas.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth Minister for Health has written to the State seeking co-operation under the Hospitals Cost Sharing Arrangement to share the cost of travel and accommodation, as well as hospital and medical attention, in a case where a patient is removed from one country hospital to another location to receive more expert medical attention ; if so—(a) when the letter was received ; (b) what response has been made by the State ; and (c) whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
31. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Geelong West, what are—(a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
32. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of surgical operations to the brain—
1. Whether any such operations have been carried out under the auspices of the Mental Health Authority, specifying in each of the past five years the number of cases classified as unsuccessful.
  2. Whether officers of the Authority have examined a draft Bill prepared by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights relating to such surgery ; if so, what recommendations have been made to the Minister ; if not, whether it will be examined and a report prepared.

33. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers ; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.
37. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at—  
 (a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and  
 (d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
38. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
41. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
43. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State Government contribution to expenses for immunization campaigns carried out in conjunction with municipalities outside the metropolitan area—
1. What claims for expenses are met by the Department of Health, specifying the date on which the amounts were set and the Government's contribution to those expenses.
  2. Whether the Minister will review the scale of contributions by the Department with a view to bringing them into line with current costs ; if so, what will be the new rate of expense reimbursement.
46. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital—
1. What was the Budget allocation for 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively.
  2. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission has agreed to fund all or part of the hospital's deficit for 1976-77 ; if so, to what extent.
  3. Why the hospital received below average grants in May and June of 1977.
  4. What funds have been made available to the hospital in each of the past five years for capital works, and what proposals for improvements are presently before the Commission, indicating when it is expected these will be agreed to.
47. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Caulfield Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of cuts which have had to be made in services at the hospital ; if so, which cuts.
  2. Whether he is also aware that one of the cuts made is the cessation of the only evening activity organized for patients, namely, a regular film evening.
53. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.

56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4·6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.
60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
61. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. Whether any doctors who did not pay their registration fee were subsequently registered ; if so, how many.
  2. How many doctors failing to pay the registration fee were subsequently dropped from the list.
64. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
66. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each—(a) teaching hospital ; (b) non-teaching hospital with more than 200 beds ; and (c) base hospital, what were the numbers on waiting lists for public or standard patients and private patients, respectively, as at 30th June, 1975, 30th June, 1976, 30th June, 1977 and 30th October, 1977.
67. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
68. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.
69. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public ; (b) charitable ; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services ; (ii) outpatients' services ; (iii) midwifery ; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977 ; (b) 1978 ; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria ; (b) Melbourne ; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
76. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Dental Centres at Footscray and North Fitzroy, which schools receive services from each of these centres, specifying the last year at which a full service was carried out.
77. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
78. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child-care places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the district, indicating in each case, what arrangements are available for free or reduced-fee accommodation to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.

79. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
83. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral districts of Geelong West, Werribee, Mitcham, Doncaster and Essendon, respectively—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children under four and a half years of age in the districts whose mothers are full-time members of the workforce, and what total number of child care places is available at centres within the districts.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each child care centre in the districts, indicating in each case, what arrangements for free or reduced-fee accommodation are available to low-income families.
  3. What additional child care places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the districts in 1978 and 1979, respectively.
84. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what suburbs of Melbourne the Country Roads Board has conducted or sponsored studies of traffic noise, indicating—(a) who carried out such studies ; (b) when ; and (c) whether copies of such studies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
87. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
88. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year ; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977 ; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
89. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated ; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
91. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, further to the question without notice on services for the mentally retarded answered on 20th September, 1977—
1. When the Committee sent the report to the Premier's Department indicating, when it was received by the Department, who received it, and what has occurred from the report in the intervening period.
  2. When he expects to—(a) see the report ; and (b) release it.
92. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved ; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
97. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme ; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
101. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons—
1. Whether submissions have been received requesting the Public Service Board and other public Instrumentalities to adopt special policies on the question of recruitment ; if so, from whom and with what result.
  2. Whether the Board and/or other public Instrumentalities adopt special criteria in the recruitment of such persons ; if so, what criteria and how many persons have been recruited in each of the past three years.

103. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, in respect of each friendly society and benefit association medical service and/or hospital benefit fund in Victoria for 1976-77, the Minister will supply the Member for Brunswick with details as soon as they are available as to—(a) the income of each body, specifying the amount received by way of contribution, interest, and Commonwealth Benefit subsidies ; (b) the expenditure of each body, specifying the amount expended on medical benefits, hospital benefits, management, and Commonwealth Government benefits ; (c) the total of each fund as at 30th June, 1976 ; and (d) the number of contributors to each fund at the beginning and end, respectively, of the 1976-77 financial year.
104. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of hospital construction in Victoria, which hospitals have been permitted to borrow funds guaranteed by the State, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the date, amount and period of the guarantee ; (c) the works to be done ; and (d) whether State funds are to be made available towards the works and, if so, when.
105. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.
107. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. What are the present and projected arrangements, respectively, for providing dental services at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of students at each school who had a school dental examination in each of the past five years for which information is available.
108. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) the Moorabbin hospital; and (b) the Oakleigh District Community hospital, what is the average waiting period for—(i) standard ward patients with Medibank levy cover ; and (ii) intermediate patients, in each category of hospital service.
109. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
110. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
113. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of studies which suggest that two pesticides, chlordane and heptachlor, are carcinogens.
  2. Whether the two pesticides are used in products on sale in Victoria ; if so, in which products and for what purpose.
  3. Whether the Government proposes any action to restrict the use of these pesticides.
115. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
117. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. On what grounds the Medical Board refused to restore Dr. Sender to the Register and whether the refusal was for an indefinite or a fixed term.
  2. Whether any doctors who did not pay their fee for re-registration and whose registration thus lapsed on the 1st January, 1977, subsequently made application for re-registration and were re-registered ; if so, how many.

118. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.
121. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.
122. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.
123. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, further to question No. 2576 answered on the 19th October, 1977, whether any further action has been taken in respect of the offer of \$1 million for community purposes made by the Smorgon family ; if not, why.
131. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
132. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
134. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.
135. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—(a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.
136. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
  2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.



137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.

138. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. On what dates the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment produced background papers.
2. What was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the names of the persons and groups who received copies in each case.

139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.

141. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary on 29th April, 1978.
3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.

142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—

1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively have been successful.
2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.

143. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier what are the dates on which the Victorian Government has held consultations concerning the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry—(a) within its own structure ; (b) with employer groups ; (c) with consumer groups ; and (d) with trade unions, specifying in each case—(i) the subject ; (ii) the substance of the outcome ; and (iii) the names of the participants.

144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.

149. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier, on what dates and by what means the Victorian Government has communicated views to the Commonwealth Government on—(a) the Green Paper on Manufacturing Industry ; and (b) the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry, and what was the subject and substance of the views expressed in each case.

150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.

152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.

158. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type; or (b) E type offer: and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
159. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Council for Christian Education in Schools for an increase in the government grant to a level of 50 per centum of the Council's expenditure; if so, whether the request will be supported.
161. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a survey was undertaken by the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory in 1975 regarding the design and function of 69.1.900 building type schools; if so—(a) whether a report has been prepared; and (b) whether he will supply the results to interested Members.
162. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why teachers are not allowed to take leave without pay or to be seconded to the position of Community Education Officer in schools.
  2. Whether the departmental policy on this matter was determined prior to consultation with the Community Education Committee and what is the view of the Committee on this issue.
163. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office; (b) converted shelter-shed; (c) assembly hall cloak room; (d) condemned ex-army hut; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
164. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.
165. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to Highvale primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. What was the expected maximum enrolment when the present permanent buildings at the school were constructed.
  3. How many portable class-rooms are at the school.
  4. When the proposed new primary school at Weedon-drive will be able to take students from Highvale.
166. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.
167. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
168. **MR. WILKES:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.

169. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
171. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.
172. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
173. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive.
183. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
184. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
186. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
189. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.
190. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.
192. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
193. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.

194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980.
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.
204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
210. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
216. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the planned new wing at Healesville high school.

217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.
219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.
225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.

234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
237. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
241. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds were allocated to each region for the current financial year, indicating how much was provided for new schools and additions and improvements to existing schools, respectively.
  2. Whether there was any loading in the funding for regions with expanding populations ; if so, what loading and which regions received the loading.
242. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what were the circumstances that required Police vehicle IVD 040 to be used at 5.25 p.m. on 28th February, 1978 to remove two boys from the vicinity of the Footscray Park lily ponds.
244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.
248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.

252. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating (i) the number ; and (ii) the percentage who have waited up to six months ; 6 to 12 months ; 12 to 18 months ; 18 to 24 months ; and more than 24 months, respectively.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
255. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.
257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.
258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.
259. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—
1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
  2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
  3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
  4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
  5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
  6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
  7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
  8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
  9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.
260. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to Watsonia Heights primary school—
1. What progress has been made in respect of siteworks to rectify areas defined as dangerous in a report prepared by the Public Works Department in July, 1977.
  2. What progress the Public Works Department has made in provision of an estimate for the staff administration area.
262. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. Whether the Shapiro Report (the Westernport Bay Environmental Study) recommended an investigation to be carried out into forming a specific State Authority for managing coastal areas ; if so, what action has been taken to date on this recommendation.
  2. Whether the Report also recommended that a survey be conducted of the existing legislation covering wetlands and tidal areas ; if so, when this survey was completed and with what recommendations.

268. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the report of the Board of Inquiry into the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 will be tabled during the Autumn Session of Parliament ; if so, when.
269. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what is the present priority for the proposed pedestrian operated lights to be installed in Bell-street, Coburg, between Alice-street and Suffolk-avenue.
271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
283. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
287. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what moneys allocated to the Victoria Police Force for expenditure on capital works for the current financial year has yet to be spent, indicating what works have yet to be started and/or completed.
288. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many recruits have completed training at the Police Academy in each year from 1974 to 1977 inclusive, and what estimated number of recruits will complete training in 1978.
  2. What investigations, if any, have been made into extending training facilities at the Academy.
289. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.



293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
  2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
  3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
  4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.
295. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many persons have been killed as a result of car accidents on Victorian roads in the past twelve months, and in each of the years from 1968 to date.
  2. How many persons have been killed on Victorian roads since road accident statistics have been recorded.
  3. How many persons in each of the years on record have been—(a) under 25 years of age; and (b) under 20 years of age, indicating how many persons in each category have been involved in serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
  4. What statistics are available providing the cost to the community of road accidents in each of the years on record.
302. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of each category of crime recorded by the Victoria Police for statistical purposes, how many offences were—(a) committed; and (b) cleared up, in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating in each case, the percentage variation over the previous year.
304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
306. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the site presently being investigated in Broadgully-road is the most appropriately-placed school site, in view of the pattern of residential development in the Diamond Creek area.
  2. Whether other sites have been examined.
  3. Whether members of the Diamond Creek School Council have been consulted about the most appropriate position for a new school.
310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds; if so—(a) when such payments ceased; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.
311. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.

312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—

1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number ; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians ; (ii) passengers ; (iii) drivers ; (iv) motor cycle riders ; (v) bicycle riders ; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.

318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury ; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.

325. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—

1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977-78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments ; (b) specific purpose grants ; and (c) revenue grants.
2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977-78 ; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices ; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax ; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources ; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.

333. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—

1. Whether the Social Welfare Department has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, on advertising the services of the Department, giving figures for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
2. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; (b) placement of advertisements ; and (c) the number of advertisements in languages other than English, specifying the languages of communication and the advertising medium.

334. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.

335. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.

336. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977-78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.

339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—

1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury, or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.

341. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2096 given on 4th May, 1977—
1. Whether the working paper has been completed and when it will be published.
  2. What are the main proposals submitted by each of the four Local Government Regional Refuse Disposal Groups.
  3. What consultation has taken place with local government bodies to assist development of the legislative framework.
  4. Whether the objective of introducing legislation this session will be achieved ; if not, why.
  5. Whether a decision has been made concerning the matters referred to in parts three and four of the question.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
352. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Government will announce a decision on the proposed extension of the South-eastern Freeway so that uncertainty will be removed from the minds of people whose properties may be affected, particularly people who wish to sell but are unable to do so because their properties are now virtually frozen.
354. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.
356. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
360. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.

*(Notices received on 9th March, 1978)*

364. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what action has been taken to provide more playing space for the Viewbank primary school.
366. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
  2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
  3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
  4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.

367. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What measures have been taken to extend the present intruder alarm system at Hurstbridge high school to include the—(a) art and craft centre ; and (b) video-equipment storage areas.
2. Whether he is aware that the school presently employs a commercial security firm to minimize the risk of burglary and/or arson.

374. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. What localities outside the metropolitan area have been investigated for the proposed re-establishment of the State laboratories.
2. When it is expected the proposed establishment site will be selected.
3. When it is expected that construction will be commenced on the new laboratories.

376. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.

377. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.

379. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.

380. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—

1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.

381. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T contain dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
2. Whether 24D contains impurities which mask the analysis of dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
3. Whether any serious systematic sample checking is made of each batch of these chemicals ; if so—(a) who conducts these checks ; and (b) what laboratories are used ; if not, why.
4. Whether there is such a thing as a known minimum dosage of cancer-causing chemicals below which exposure is safe.

383. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.

386. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
3. Why the work has not been performed.
4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.

(Notices received on 14th March, 1978)

389. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works how many State-owned buildings over 25 metres in height are without automatic fire sprinkler systems.
391. MR. KENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
  2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.
393. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What costs have been incurred by the Totalizator Agency Board to date for the proposed installation of the "Crisp" computer betting system.
  2. What is the estimated final cost of completion of the system.
  3. Whether tenders were originally called for the provision of the system ; if so—(a) who were the original tenderers considered ; and (b) which firm received the contract for the work ; if not, why.
  4. What is the cause of delay in bringing the system into operation and what is the estimated commencement date.
  5. What is the estimated cost to the Board to cancel the system, indicating whether this course of action is being considered and, if so, for what reason.
  6. What are the advantages of the "Crisp" system over the present system.
394. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.
396. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of pedestrian overpasses—
1. What Authorities submit applications for such overpasses across grade school crossings and heavily trafficked roads.
  2. Which Authority decides priorities, indicating the factors taken into account.
  3. How these crossings are funded, indicating who contributes to the fund.
  4. How much money has been allocated for overpasses in each of the past three financial years.
  5. What is the current priority list for crossings indicating the number expected to be built in this financial year, the number built in each of the past two financial years, and the average cost per overpass in each year.
  6. Whether any application for an overpass has been submitted by the City of Chelsea ; if so, when.
400. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.
401. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.
402. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth at the next Premier's Conference that, as a matter of urgency, the Commonwealth formulate a comprehensive industry policy.
  2. Whether he will convene a committee with Government, employer, union, consumer and industry representatives to begin development of an industry policy for Victoria.
403. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What was the income and expenditure of the State Savings Bank Provident Fund in respect of the 1976-77 financial year and what were the assets and liabilities of the fund at the end of that year.
  2. Whether the fund is the only provident, pension or superannuation fund that is conducted for the benefit of persons who have been on the payroll of the bank or their dependants.
409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
  2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
  3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.

410. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that the findings of the 1977 investigation into the Geelong area public transport operations will be available, particularly in relation to weekly and monthly fare concession bus tickets.
411. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the re-alignment of the roadway for the proposed F.2 Freeway in relation to the building project of Kodak (Australasia) Pty. Ltd., has affected any additional properties within the City of Coburg ; if so, what are the locations of the properties affected.
412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
  2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
  3. In how many of these claims submitted to the insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
  4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.
414. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Premier with reference to the property, Nyermilang at Lakes Entrance—
1. On what date the Government purchased the property.
  2. Which Department at present administers the property.
  3. What is the area of the property.
  4. What price was paid, for what purpose it was purchased, and from whom it was purchased.
  5. For what purposes it has been used since the property was acquired.
  6. What improvements have been carried out, indicating at what cost.
  7. Whether the public have access to the property and, if not, to whom access is available.
415. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.
416. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What major new road, rail and river crossings, respectively, are planned to be constructed in the Geelong area.
  2. When it is expected that each such crossing will be commenced and completed, respectively.
420. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—
1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976-77 and 1977-78.
  2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977-78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.
421. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, with respect to the Government acquisition of Rotamah Island (Gippsland Lakes), what was the—(a) purchase price ; (b) Valuer-General's valuation ; and (c) previous sale prices in transactions relating to the sale of this property over the past ten years.
423. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of relevant contracts let in each of the past five years which have not complied with recommendations on bills of quantity set out in paragraphs 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 of the Statute Law Revision Committee Report upon a proposal for the bonding of building contractors, of 25th September, 1962.
424. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the chemical currently being used for the fluoridation of Melbourne's water supply is of a chemically pure standard.
  2. Whether, as the World Health Organisation resolution recommends the introduction of fluoridation only where the fluoride intake from water and other sources for the given population is below the optimum levels, the Minister could supply references to research carried out by the Commission of Public Health which demonstrated the necessity for adding fluoride to the public water supplies.
  3. What levels of total fluoride intake were determined by the research carried out by the Commission, indicating whether these levels could be classified as fluoride intake from—(a) environmental pollution ; (b) existing drinking water ; and (c) average dietary patterns.

(Notices received on 15th March, 1978)

426. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many Filipino nursing staff are employed in hospitals in Victoria.
  2. What are the terms of contract entered into by Filipino staff.
  3. What were the reasons for bringing Filipino staff into Victorian hospitals.
429. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What percentage of domestic fuel and power demand is for water heating.
  2. What is the contribution of solar energy to domestic hot water where heating is provided by—  
(a) gas ; and (b) electricity, indicating whether direct solar water heaters using a thermosyphon or solar pre-heaters were used, and how these results compare with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's figures at Clayton, which show a potential 65 per cent. saving from solar energy in Victoria.
  3. In respect of which solar units off peak rates are—(a) given ; and (b) not given.
430. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, whether an inquiry is being undertaken by the Law Department or any other body into the costs associated with the sale and purchase of land ; if so—(a) who are the persons conducting the inquiry, and what are the terms of reference ; and (b) when it is expected that a report will be made.
432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia ; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
  3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
  4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.
434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
  2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash ; (ii) land ; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
  3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.
435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
  2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
  3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services ; if so, at what level.
  4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.
436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated regulations—
1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project ; and (b) a community project.
  2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
  3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  4. Whether application forms for grants are available ; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant ; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
  6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.

437. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance service which services the Mornington peninsula—
1. Whether it is intended that the service will continue ; if so, on what basis.
  2. How many persons were assisted by the ambulance during 1977, indicating to which hospitals they were taken.
  3. Whether the ambulance is being used to transfer patients from the Frankston hospital to the Wonthaggi hospital ; if so, why.
  4. What was the cost of the service in the last financial year, and what is the estimated cost for this financial year.
438. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Cowes Elderly Citizens Club—
1. Whether the Minister has yet received a deputation from the Shire of Phillip Island as requested by the Shire ; if so, when, and with what result.
  2. What plans exist for the upgrading of the inadequate facilities at the Club and when it is expected that funds will be made available for this purpose.
440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. When it was determined to establish the school.
  4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
  5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year ; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.
441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational ; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.
442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis ; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.
445. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many residents of the City of Broadmeadows were out-patients at the Royal Children's Hospital in each month from 1st February, 1975 to 31st January, 1978 inclusive.
446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what results.
449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—
1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
  2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
  3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
  4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
  5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
  6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.



451. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What are the academic qualifications of the General Manager of the Grain Elevators Board.
  2. Whether the position was publicly advertised ; if so, in which newspapers and on what dates.
  3. What is the annual salary of the General Manager and when the last increase in the salary was granted, indicating the extent of the increase.
454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
  2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
  3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.
457. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What proposals have been made to the Government to establish a casino in Victoria, indicating—(a) who has made such approaches ; and (b) what sites have been suggested.
  2. Whether the Government is still considering the establishment of casinos in Victoria ; if so, when it is envisaged a decision will be finalized.
458. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether it is feasible for the 6.55 a.m. train from Geelong to Melbourne to terminate at Flinders-street station.
460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—
1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
  2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
  3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.
461. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What action the Housing Commission intends taking to meet the demand for two bedroom housing in the Latrobe Valley.
  2. How many applicants are waiting to purchase Commission houses at Churchill, and what is the approximate waiting time for such applicants.
  3. What are the details of the Commission building programme for the Towns of Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill, respectively.
- (Notices received on 16th March, 1978)
462. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been a substantial increase in expenditure on entertainment in recent months by the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board ; if so, whether the increase in expenditure is relevant to the interests of grain growers.
  2. What total amount has been expended on entertainment since the present Chairman's appointment to that position.
  3. What amount was expended on entertainment by the previous Chairman of the Board in each of the two years prior to his retirement.
  4. What are the names of persons entertained by the Board since the appointment of the present Chairman.
466. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have had their salary arrangements altered as a result of the Government's decision to cease collecting fees for the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association.
467. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education at which schools strikes have been held in 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, indicating the respective dates.
468. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have been absent without leave under the terms of the *Public Service Act* 1974 as a result of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association this year.
470. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established—(a) school councils consisting of equal numbers of parents, teachers and students ; (b) school councils without any teacher representatives other than the principal ; and (c) school councils with student representation other than in equal numbers with teachers and parents.

471. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister will provide the Member for Ascot Vale with a list of all property holdings that are occupied by the Victoria Police Force and any lease arrangements that have been undertaken by the Force to provide necessary Police facilities.

473. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 27 answered on 14th March, 1978, whether the examination of the three brands of snake bite kits included an evaluation of their usefulness and effectiveness ; if so, what was the conclusion of the inspecting officers in each case.

474. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the status of intersections are altered where traffic stop signs have been damaged or removed by accident or by acts of vandalism ; if so, what precautions are taken by the appropriate traffic authorities to alert motorists using such intersections and what urgent action is taken to restore such signs.

(Notices received on 21st March, 1978)

476. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. Whether the Minister is aware of the concern of interstate road hauliers at the Victorian speed limit of 40 m.p.h. imposed on interstate transport vehicles.
2. If he will ascertain and advise what are the speed limits in all other States.
3. Whether the Government will review the speed limit to conform with other States.
4. Whether the Minister will review the present penalties which can result in a truck operator being fined by the court for exceeding the speed limit and then ultimately losing his licence, whereas car drivers may only be liable for on the spot fines.

477. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. Whether the permit procedure for organizations wishing to play Bingo has been proved to be adequate.
2. How many applications have been granted to date.
3. Whether the Police Force has indicated any concern at Bingo being played on licensed premises since the introduction of the legislation.
4. Whether the Minister is aware of any abuse of the system to date.

478. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what policy has been developed by the Teachers Tribunal in respect of proposals put to it regarding multi-cultural education.

479. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. How many classes have enrolments greater than 31 in State primary schools.
2. Whether, in view of the 600 fully trained teachers, who were assisted by Education Department scholarships, and who are still unemployed, he will authorize the employment of sufficient of these teachers to reduce all classes to 31 students.

482. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Brunswick the first and any subsequent reports of investigations into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, and whether the Minister will lay the relevant file on the table of the Library.

483. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health are participating in the current review of hostel accommodation for aged persons currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security ; if so—(a) on what basis ; (b) which officers are involved ; and (c) whether the State has put a submission to the Commonwealth on this subject and, in that event, whether a copy of the submission will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

484. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme" ; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

486. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special health screening services for refugees—

1. When the Victorian Government put a case to the Commonwealth Government for urgent financial assistance, specifying the amount sought and for what services.
2. Whether the Commonwealth has provided such funds ; if so, how much, on what basis, and when.

488. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Melton, Werribee and Laverton police stations respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983 inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is of Melton, Werribee and Laverton, respectively.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are in unmarked cars.
492. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the 32 children involved in the migrant programme at North Williamstown primary school and the 132 children not included in the programme, whether he will ensure that a migrant education teacher will be appointed to the school as a matter of urgency, to replace the teacher transferred at the end of 1977.
496. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present strength of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in all ranks.
  2. What is the—(a) establishment ; and (b) actual strength of each platoon at each station, indicating the number of officers and firefighters, respectively.
  3. How many officers and firefighters respectively the Brigade is below minimum level.
  4. Whether it is intended to bring the manning up to the minimum level of officers and firefighters as required ; if so, when.
  5. When the necessary number of officers will be promoted to increase officer strength to the required minimum.
  6. When the necessary number of firefighters will be employed to increase the strength to the required minimum.
  7. Whether any delays in the promotion of officers and the employment of firefighters will leave Melbourne with a fire service operating under the required minimum.
  8. Whether the deflation of staff will have an effect on the efficiency of the Brigade and the morale of the existing staff.
  9. How many times during the past twelve months it has been necessary to transfer officers and firefighters to make up strength either from shift to shift or station to station, indicating from which and to what station staff was transferred and why.
  10. Whether the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board intends employing sufficient staff to enable it to operate above the minimum manning.
  11. What was the cost to the Board, including all penalties, to operate relieving staff and stand-by staff during the past twelve months.
497. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the officers of the Preston City Council have provided details of—(a) the number of building allotments in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park primary school ; and (b) a vehicular and pedestrian link from the Lockton-avenue estate through Barrow-street to the school site ; if so, what are the details, including the—(i) number of lots ; (ii) number of existing houses ; (iii) cost of road construction ; (iv) cost of water reticulation services ; (v) cost of sewerage services ; (vi) cost of electrical reticulation ; (vii) type of bridge construction and road works associated with the Barrow-street link ; and (viii) any other relevant information.
498. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether, in view of the discrepancy between the answer given to a question without notice relating to the provision of natural gas for electricity generation asked on 8th March, 1978 and the statement on the same matter under oath by the Assistant General Manager of the State Electricity Commission to the Public Works Committee on the same day which is reported on page 233 of the transcript on the Emergency Gas Turbine Inquiry, he will examine and advise the reason for these discrepancies.
  2. Whether, in view of his opinion that the Committee's work is important and that priority should be given to the Inquiry, he will ensure that representatives of Government Departments and Instrumentalities give complete and factual answers to Committees of Inquiry, particularly in the light of the statement of the Assistant General Manager of the Commission that he was not allowed to divulge information about gas pricing when so questioned ; if not, whether it is the Government's policy to so restrain public officers.
499. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the size of the present staff room at Ruthven primary school.
  2. What was the staff level of this school at the time of construction and what is the present level of staffing.
  3. Whether it is proposed to provide additional staff room accommodation ; if so, when and how.

503. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the increase in beds available in each of the geriatric hospitals located within the metropolitan area over each of the past three years.
504. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. How many building blocks in the area controlled by the Westernport Regional Planning Authority have been found unsuitable for building development, indicating who is now responsible for payment of rates on these blocks.
  2. What future use will be made of these blocks, indicating whether the present owners are to be compensated by the Authority.
506. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he is aware that the recent increase in superannuation pensions has denied many elderly pensioners the fringe benefits they previously received ; if so, whether the Government has any plans to assist those pensioners affected and, in that event, what plans.
507. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. How many municipalities in the Metropolitan area levy a residential use rate.
  2. When the residential use rate was introduced and for what purpose.
  3. Whether a municipality has the right to adjust the residential use rate to counteract rises in valuations or other circumstances ; if so, by what method.
  4. In what year the City of Coburg adopted a residential use rate and what rate was agreed on.
  5. Whether the City of Coburg has ever made any adjustment to its residential use rate ; if so, in what years and what rate was accepted in each case.
  6. How many ratepayers in the City other than pensioners are receiving rate assistance, indicating the type of rate assistance being extended.
  7. How many pensioners in the City benefit from the State rate remission system.
508. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many children attending primary schools in each of the past three years within the City of Coburg have been found to be infected with head lice.
  2. What method is used to treat the infection.
  3. Whether the Minister will consider attaching trained staff to those schools in which head lice is of regular occurrence ; if not, why.

*(Notices received on 22nd March, 1978)*

512. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What has caused the delay in purchasing land for Seaford Park primary school, indicating—  
(a) when negotiations began ; (b) whether action was taken to compulsorily acquire the land and, if so, when ; and (c) whether negotiations, including valuations, have been completed ; if so, when.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the building of the school, indicating—  
(a) when it is expected to complete the project ; and (b) when the school is expected to be opened.
514. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what was the growth in sales of gas in each of the past five years, indicating the projected growth in each case and the areas where the growth in consumption has occurred.
515. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister intends introducing legislation which will provide a form of insurance covering deficient title caused by a vehicle being sold whilst under lien to a finance institution ; if so, when.
516. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What is the number of registered professional fishermen in Victoria.
  2. How many professional fishing licences have been issued in each of the past ten years.
  3. Whether the total number of licensed fishermen has varied over the past ten years.
  4. What amounts have been allocated in the State Budget for the control of fishing in each of the past ten years.
  5. How many inspectors of ocean fishing there are, indicating whether the number has increased during the past ten years.
  6. How many prosecutions have been launched for undersized—(a) scallops ; and (b) fish, during each of the past five years.
  7. What production figures are available for dredging scallops in each of the past ten years.

517. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association in each of the years from 1970 to 1977 inclusive—
1. Which schools experienced such strikes.
  2. On which dates the strikes were held.
  3. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  4. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
518. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in which subject areas in the secondary and technical divisions, respectively, there are currently—(a) unemployed teachers ; and (b) employment vacancies, indicating the numbers involved in each case.
519. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many registered teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) primary ; (b) secondary ; and (c) technical divisions.
  2. How many appropriately qualified primary teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) migrant ; (b) music ; (c) physical education ; (d) library ; and (e) art/craft categories.
520. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held during 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association—
1. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  2. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
521. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary, and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established school councils with—(a) one ; (b) two ; (c) three ; (d) four ; (e) five ; and (f) more than five teacher representatives.
522. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what amounts were allocated in the 1977-78 Budget to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division for the purpose of purchasing land, indicating—(a) how much has been spent to date ; (b) what departments undertake land purchases for the Division ; and (c) what steps will be taken to ensure that the allocation will be fully spent.
527. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of payments to the Preston City Council for pensioner rate concessions, whether the Council has received the amounts claimed ; if not, why.
528. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, in respect of the ten point plan for decentralization implemented by the Department of State Development in September, 1972—
1. What number of industries have taken advantage of the Governments incentives, indicating how many of these industries have built new factories or major extensions since that date.
  2. Which industries have built new factories or major extensions since September, 1972, indicating the factory name, main product, location and number of employees in each case.
529. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department was involved in any way with a contract for the building of an Arts Centre at Wangaratta during 1976-77.
  2. Who were the tenderers and what was the amount tendered by each tenderer.
  3. Who were the signatories to the main building contract and when the contract was signed with the successful tenderers, indicating the name of the successful tenderer.
  4. Why competitive tenders were called.
  5. On what grounds the decision was made to award the contract to the successful tenderer.
  6. What was the date scheduled for the completion of the contract and the actual date of completion.
  7. Whether the original contract was recently cancelled.
  8. Who was the architect appointed to supervise construction of the contract.
530. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department is investigating the confinement leave provision relating to female teachers within the teaching service.
  2. Whether abolition of confinement leave could allow for the employment of all unemployed teachers in the Primary Division.
  3. Whether continuation of the present trend in the ratio of female primary teachers to male primary teachers will result in a large percentage of primary schools being staffed completely by female teachers in future.
  4. Whether the Government has any control over the intake of students at State Colleges of Victoria to ensure a greater percentage of male teachers at the colleges.
  5. Whether the Government will be taking action to correct the imbalance between the number of male and female teachers.

532. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in cases where a motor vehicle has been seriously damaged by accident and the insurance company has permitted repairs to be carried out by the "cut and shut" method in order to save an overall pay out, whether the Minister would take the initiative to see that the onus of responsibility for a roadworthiness test should be accepted by the respective insurance company and not the insured.

533. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—

1. In view of the recent announcement that Commonwealth funds will be made available to the Victorian Government for school dental service, what proposals have been made to provide a Dental Therapy Clinic for the Coburg/Fawkner area.
2. What schools within the electoral district of Coburg have dental facilities.
3. Whether the Department of Health has any plans to provide additional dental services to schools within the electorate ; if so, what plans.
4. What percentage of children within the electorate require dental treatment.
5. Whether the Department employs any officers to visit schools to advise them on the problems of tooth decay ; if not, why.

535. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health.

1. How many municipalities in the metropolitan area engage a handyman service to assist elderly, handicapped, or low income residents.
2. What is the man-power strength of this service and from what source funds are made available to meet the cost by the respective municipalities.
3. What Government funds are made available to municipalities to assist them with this type of work assistance project.

537. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—

1. Whether he is aware that many cricket clubs are being deprived of playing on turf wickets because the local municipalities consider they are too costly.
2. Whether he is aware that the Coburg City Council is contemplating the closing down of turf wickets which have been operating for the past 45 years in Coburg.
3. Whether he will make inquiries into the possibility of financial assistance to retain the natural advantage of turf wickets in Coburg ; if not, why.

538. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—

1. What is the detailed energy policy for conservation of resources and how it is being applied.
2. Whether he endorses the findings of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977, indicating any areas of disagreement.

539. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What is the median age of teachers in each of the three divisions of the teaching service.
2. Whether the Minister will give consideration to the provision of a by-pass procedure to allow experience of older teachers to be taken into account to ease the problem of qualification-linked salary barriers, at least within the assistant class salary range.

*(Notices received on 4th April, 1978)*

542. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What rail concessions are available in Victoria to deserted wives, supporting mothers, old aged pensioners, invalid pensioners, war widows and civilian widows, respectively.
2. What rail concessions are available to the children of persons who receive rail concessions.
3. What plans the Government has to extend rail concessions to children of social security and repatriation pensioners.

543. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—

1. What action the Government proposes taking to preserve Clarendon Terrace, Clarendon-street, East Melbourne from demolition.
2. Who is the present owner of the building.
3. When the structure was built.
4. What are the dimensions of the site.
5. What is the estimated cost of restoration.

544. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What is the proposed date of closure of the Wonthaggi-Nyora railway line.
2. Whether tenders closed on 14th September, 1977 for the provision of an alternative bus service.
3. How many signatures on petitions against the closure have been received by the Minister or the Premier.
4. What representations have been received from local Members of Parliament about the proposed closure.

545. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to the Ministerial Statement on the Hume Freeway, Wallan to Broadford, made to the House on 7th September, 1977, whether he will provide—(a) specific details of how the cost plus 15 per cent profit formula for Galli Brothers Constructions Pty. Ltd. was determined ; (b) copies of the formal deeds of variation of the three Hume Freeway contracts of 30th October, 1974 ; (c) details of the dispute between the Board and the major contractor over the freeway contracts ; and (d) the name of the engineer or engineers who were responsible for supervising the relevant sections of the freeway.
546. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway, how many Country Roads Board staff and Galli Bros. Constructions Pty. Ltd. staff, respectively, were employed in supervisory roles, giving names, qualifications and length of service in each case.
547. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway whether he will lay on the table of the Library—(a) the specifications ; and (b) the schedule of rates with original tender prices quoted for the contracts for sections A and B, respectively, of the freeway.
548. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport further to the Ministerial Statement of 7th September, 1977 on the Hume Freeway with respect to the substitution of basalt for siltstone in layers 2 and 3 of the pavements in the Wallan to Broadford section—(a) who requested the change ; (b) who authorized the change ; (c) what were the technical reasons for the change ; (d) whether he will lay on the table of the Library the technical reports which were used to justify the change ; (e) what were the tender rates for the supply of siltstone and basalt, respectively ; (f) what was the difference in the total amounts earned by Galli Bros. Constructions Pty. Ltd. and Apex Quarries Ltd. due to the substitution of basalt for siltstone in layers 2 and 3 of the pavement ; (g) whether the contract provides for basalt to be brought from Wollert ; (h) whether East Kilmore was mentioned in the contracts as the site for extracting basalt ; and (i) what Government assistance Apex Quarries Ltd. received in setting up the East Kilmore quarry.
549. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether he will lay on the table of the Library the Minutes of site meetings between the Country Roads Board and the contractors during the construction of the Wallan to Broadford section of the Hume Freeway.
550. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with reference to the prosecution of Mr. Kenneth Lewis of Hamilton and Mr. James Burow of Peshurst for having on 28th July, 1976 moved a house divided into two sections between Peshurst and Hamilton, contrary to section 33 of the *Motor Car Act 1958*—
1. Whether the maximum width of the house at base, after the front room had been cut off, was 7.010 metres.
  2. Whether approval for the removal and transport of the house from Peshurst to Hamilton was given by the—(a) Hamilton City Council ; (b) Shire of Minhamite ; (c) State Electricity Commission ; (d) Police ; (e) Transport Regulation Board ; (f) Telecom Australia.
  3. Whether Permit No. 18721 on 9th December, 1975 enabled the removal and transport of a house 7.93 metres wide, and was a church 8.534 metres wide transported from Mortlake to Tower Hill.
  4. Whether permits for wide loads refused to Mr. Burow have been granted to other operators.
  5. Who refused Mr. Burow's application for the removal of Mr Lewis' house, and when.
  6. Whether Mr. Lewis had discussions with Mr. Liddell and Mr. Moncrieff of the Country Roads Board in Melbourne about his application ; if so, whether he received sympathetic consideration and was advised to apply again.
  7. Whether the Board brought a barrister from Melbourne to prosecute Messrs. Lewis and Burow ; if so, whom.
  8. What was the total cost of the prosecution.
  9. What was the amount of the fines and costs imposed for each offence on—(a) Mr. Lewis ; and (b) Mr. Burow.
551. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What representations he has received from—(a) local government bodies ; (b) organizations ; and (c) individuals, about the maintenance and preservation of the Hamilton to East Natimuk via Balmoral and Noradjuha railway line.
  2. What is the length of the rail line.
  3. What have been the maintenance costs in each year from 1974 to 1977 and in this year to date.
552. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of each of the freight centres in Victoria—
1. What was the date of commencement in each case and what are the projected dates of opening for each future centre.
  2. In the case of each centre, how many zones have been created, indicating generally the areas in each zone.
  3. In respect of each zone—(a) who were the successful road transport contractors ; (b) who made the decision to appoint such contractors ; and (c) what rates were set.

553. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to his statement on the West Gate Bridge on 7th September, 1977—
1. As the stated reasons for the delays in construction amounted to 152 working weeks, what are the reasons for the additional delays which will result in completion of the project eight years behind schedule.
  2. What proportion of the daily cost of delays of \$35,000 is attributable to interest charges.
554. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2609 answered on 4th October, 1977—
1. What were the reasons for the Government adopting the report on the "outer ring" freeway.
  2. Who evaluated the plan and how.
  3. What is the—(a) expected cost ; and (b) estimated date of completion of the outer ring freeway.
  4. Whether it is expected that the outer ring freeway will increase or depress motor vehicle usage.
555. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Country Roads Board's proposed Banksia-street-Bell-street link—
1. What are the projected traffic numbers, expressed in thousands of vehicles each day, it is estimated will be using the proposed route for each year from 1978 to 1997 inclusive.
  2. What is the proposed width of the link.
  3. What area would be taken up by the link, indicating the present uses of each part of that area.
556. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many traffic accidents involving pedestrians, motor cars, motor cycles, bicycles, motor trucks, and motor buses, respectively, have taken place at the intersection of Mitcham and Springfield-roads, Nunawading in each year since 1955.
  2. How many persons have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured in traffic accidents at the intersection in each year since 1955.
  3. Whether any requests have been made to the Government or to the Road Safety and Traffic Authority or to any Minister for traffic control lights to be erected at the intersection ; if so, by whom, to whom, and on what date each such request was made.
  4. Whether it is proposed to construct traffic control lights at the intersection ; if so—(a) when such traffic control lights or signals will be constructed ; and (b) what priority number has been allocated to that intersection.
  5. Whether any—(a) traffic flow studies ; (b) pedestrian activity studies ; and (c) studies as to the need for access to or egress from adjoining properties have been carried out at the intersection ; if so, by whom, when each such study was carried out, and what facts were ascertained from each study.
557. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What toothpastes currently offered for sale in Victoria contain chloroform as an ingredient, indicating in the case of each brand the percentage of chloroform.
  2. For what purpose chloroform is used in an ingredient.
  3. Whether chloroform is carcinogenic.
  4. What action he will take to investigate the possible risks of using chloroform in toothpastes and, if there is a degree of danger, to so advise the public.
558. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Railway Workshops at Newport, Bendigo and Ballarat South, respectively—
1. What is the programme for steel construction for the next five years at each workshop.
  2. Whether each workshop will remain as an important maintenance centre for rolling stock.
  3. What is the planned programme at each workshop, for the car and wagon shop, turnery and blacksmiths shop and coppersmiths shop.
  4. Under the present policy of no staff replacement at workshops, how long it will be before falling staff levels makes the workshops uneconomic.
  5. How much Victorian Railways work is done by outside industry, indicating what type of work and whether the Department always has the opportunity to tender for such work.
  6. How the Department relates costs to tender when tendering for jobs.



559. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with regard to the Country Roads Board construction projects—
1. What is a "Lump Sum—Schedule of Rates" contract.
  2. Who determines contract variations in such contracts.
  3. How many of such contracts were negotiated in each calendar year from 1973 to 1977 and in this year to date.
  4. In how many cases variations in such contracts operated to the—(a) financial advantage of the Board ; or (b) financial advantage of the contractors.
  5. What five "Lump Sum—Schedule of Rates" contracts in the period led to the greatest financial variation against the Board, indicating the reasons for the variations of quantity estimates in each case.
560. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with respect to commuters who travel to and from work on all or most working days by public transport in the Melbourne Transportation District, what is the average daily number of commuters, indicating what proportion are—(a) white collar workers ; and (b) blue collar workers.
561. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what Asian languages are being taught in State primary, secondary or technical schools, respectively, indicating in each case, the name of the school, the language taught, the levels at which such languages are taught, and the numbers of pupils and staff involved.
562. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain and inform whether chloroform was banned in the United States in April, 1976 as an ingredient in toothpaste, cough medicines and other drugs and whether the Commonwealth Government Laboratories tested toothpastes available in Australia and found that 10 of 38 brands contained chloroform.
  2. What cough medicines and other proprietary remedies currently available contain chloroform as an ingredient.
563. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education to what extent the allocation of personnel resources in the Curriculum Services Unit and the Educational Resources Unit, respectively, reflect the priorities of the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions and teachers in the schools.
565. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. What steps are being taken to provide additional aid to the Children's Protection Society in view of estimates by the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that as many as 13,500 Australian children may be deliberately injured every year.
  2. What action is anticipated to ensure—(a) mandatory notification by doctors, and other health professionals and teachers of suspected cases of child bashing ; (b) preventative programmes ; (c) referral centres ; and (d) additional social workers for the Children's Protection Society.
566. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has received requests from a number of municipalities in Victoria for the introduction of legislation making compulsory the wearing of hard hats or safety helmets by persons riding horses ; if so, whether he has considered the matter, and what action is contemplated.
567. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will indicate whether, as a matter of principle, specifications for the police helicopter or helicopters will be drawn in such a way that—(a) emphasis will be placed on the true operational role of the desired aircraft ; and (b) most manufacturers of helicopters will be able to tender.
570. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what avenues for training and/or retraining to each skilled trade or industry sector are available to—(a) unskilled ; and (b) semi-skilled workers over the age of 24 years.
571. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will take action as a matter of urgency to require the Department of Labour and Industry and the Education Department to implement programmes of English language teaching in industry in consultation with employer and trade union organizations.
572. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether a national committee has been set up on health statistics ; if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee, who are the members of the committee, when it was set up and on how many occasions it has met.
  2. What progress has been made with the collection of national health statistics.

573. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many persons are currently in the Heatherton Sanatorium with tuberculosis, specifying the number who are refugees and the country of origin.
  2. How many persons, specifying country of origin, are being treated for tuberculosis in other State Government institutions or public hospitals.
574. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what total amount so far has been allocated and expended, respectively, and how many applications so far—(a) have been received ; (b) have been approved ; (c) have been rejected ; and (d) are waiting assessment, in respect of— (i) the scheme announced on 26th February, 1978, under which young couples buying their first home block were to be required to find 25 per centum only of the price in cash and were to be able to re-pay the rest at 10 per centum interest over ten years ; (ii) the scheme announced on 13th December, 1977, under which \$100 million from private lending sources was to be channelled into co-operative building societies for loans to home buyers at 8.5 per centum interest ; (iii) the scheme announced on 29th December, 1977, under which \$25 million from the State Savings Bank of Victoria and five private banks was to be channelled into 49 co-operative housing societies for first mortgage loans of up to \$25,000 to home buyers at 9.25 per centum interest and second mortgage loans of up to \$5,000 at 10 per centum interest ; and (iv) the scheme announced on 13th March, 1978, under which the price of a block of land was to be reduced by \$3,000 and the price of a home-land package was to be reduced by \$5,000.
575. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether a report has been prepared by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board on the St. Nicholas Hospital, Carlton ; if so, when the report was completed and whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
576. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of courses for the training of teachers for pre-schools—
1. Which courses are currently recognized by the Department of Health, specifying the number of students enrolled in the course and the first year intake in 1978.
  2. Whether the Department in recommending the employment of pre-school teachers ranks graduates of courses in different categories ; if so, on what basis.
  3. How many scholarships are awarded by the Department to students undertaking such courses, specifying at which institutions such scholarships are granted and whether scholarships are available for early childhood education students at either Coburg or Frankston.
  4. In view of the Department's own report and the report prepared for the Council of the Institute of Early Childhood Development at Kew, whether a submission was made to the State College of Victoria concerning the need for restraint in the student intake ; if not, why.
577. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the kitchen at the Kingston Centre—
1. When the first stage was commenced and completed.
  2. When it was announced that \$3 million would be made available for the completion of the kitchen.
  3. Whether any tenders have yet been let for further stages of the kitchen ; if not, why.
  4. What is the proposed completion date of stage two and when it is expected that work will commence and be completed on stage three.
  5. Whether the steel frame work of the first stage now requires retreating because of rust and other problems ; if so, why.
578. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will lay on the table of the Library the file relating to complaints concerning Dr. C. Officer of Seymour.
579. **MR. HANN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What is the current Government policy in respect to the issue of new dairy licences.
  2. How many new licences have been issued in the past twelve months giving details of the date of issue, name and address of the applicant, and the reason for the licence being issued.
  3. How many applications have been made for new licences in the past twelve months.
  4. Whether any dairy farmers have been advised by any officer of the Department of Agriculture that they may be able to obtain a new licence after the 30th June, 1978 ; if so, what are the names of the applicants and the officers who gave the advice.
  5. Whether any dairy farmers have been given permission to build dairies and/or supply milk to manufacturers using another dairy farmer's licence.
580. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what progress has been achieved on those matters relating to dredging at the mouth of the Patterson River raised by the deputation on 18th March, 1977, indicating—(a) the schemes proposed ; (b) the solutions suggested ; (c) whether any further report had been submitted by the contractor, indicating feasibility and costs ; (d) what are the results of discussions on this matter with the Environment Protection Authority ; and (e) when it is expected to conclude these matters.

581. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what land has been purchased by the Urban Land Council since 1st January, 1976, indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location ; (b) title particulars ; (c) the area ; (d) what price was paid ; (e) what development works had been carried out prior to purchase ; (f) what development works have been carried out since purchase, by whom, and at what cost ; and (g) what development works remain to be carried out prior to resale and what is the estimated costs of such work.
583. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in each of the past twelve months, what were the monthly readings for mercury and lead at the following points within the Geelong Water Catchment :—(a) Pettavel outlet in the Barwon Supply ; and (b) Moorabool Supply—Lovely Banks Outlet, indicating—(i) the acceptable standard for levels of mercury and lead ; (ii) for how long these levels have been occurring ; and (iii) whether the public health Authorities have been informed and, if so, what action such Authorities have taken.
584. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. If he will ascertain and inform whether Japanese import authorities have banned fluorescent compounds in any wrapping or packaging paper used in contact applications as a means of optical lightening agent to make the paper look whiter ; if so, what are the reasons for the ban.
  2. Whether fluorescent type paper is used for packaging of foodstuffs, including seafoods in Victoria ; if so, whether the use of the paper has been subject to investigation and in that event, what are the results of these investigations.
585. MR. TREWIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with respect to the Wallan section of the Hume Freeway—
1. From what source funds will be made available to meet the cost of—(a) the visit of the expert from England to advise on future work on the pavement area ; and (b) the reforming and sealing of the Freeway.
  2. Whether such moneys will be obtained from—(a) taxpayers of Victoria ; (b) the Country Roads Board ; (c) national highway funds ; or (d) the contractors originally involved in building the Freeway.
586. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the promise made by Mr. A. Hird, Assistant Director-General of Education (Personnel) in the *News Exchange* of 24th February, 1978 guaranteeing that official staffing establishments for all schools would be maintained throughout the year will be kept ; if not, why.
587. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many professional officers of the Country Fire Authority have been transferred and how much money has been spent on transfer expenses in each of the past two years.
  2. What allowance is available to a professional officer to transfer his family.
  3. If he will ascertain and advise what is the average cost to the officer and his family of such transfers.
  4. Whether consideration is being given to establishing an Appeals Tribunal ; if so, with what powers and with what constitution.
588. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation which metropolitan municipalities have been allocated grants from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for the 1977-78 financial year, indicating the project for which each grant was given.
589. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the report of the Advisory Committee into the Future Operations and Funding of Community Education Centres has been finalized ; if so, what guidelines for this project are contained in the Report.
590. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there has been any increase in the \$30 maintenance allocation via the direct grant scheme for portable class-rooms.
591. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many applications for positions in the Education Department were received from non-bonded teachers for the current school year, indicating how many of these applicants have been employed to date.
592. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the estimated cost of damage incurred in the bush fires found to be the fault of the State Electricity Commission.
  2. Whether the Commission is liable for compensation for the damage incurred ; if so, what will be the method of payment.
593. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, in view of Section 4 of the *Bail Act* 1977 whereby persons charged with an indictable offence involving use or threatened use of firearms may not be granted bail unless the accused can show cause why detention in custody is not justified and further where bail is so granted the court is to commit its reasons to writing, how many persons accused of attempted armed robbery of a company and actual robbery of a bank in this year to date have been released on bail and what were the reasons recorded by the court for the granting of bail in each such case.

594. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. On what date a portion of the public car park of the Victorian Railways in Latrobe-terrace, Geelong was reserved solely for railway employees.
  2. What the reason was for the decision and how many public car spaces were so reserved.
  3. Whether the public was notified of the decision ; if not, why.
  4. How many persons have been charged and fined for illegally parking in these spaces, indicating the penalties in each case.
  5. What is the size and height of the " no parking " signs over each such space.
  6. Why these parking spaces are not fenced off from the public spaces.
  7. Whether Wilbur-Smith and Associates in recent years carried out an investigation into the car parking facilities at the Geelong railway station ; if so, what were the findings and recommendations.

595. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing if he will lay on the table of the Library the reports and records of interviews by former Chief Inspector McDowell, and Chief Inspector Baker, pertaining to the Housing Commission purchases at Pakenham, Sunbury and Melton which were called for by the Minister of Housing prior to and during the recent inquiry into land purchases by the Housing Commission.

596. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of psychiatric services provided at or by Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital, Beechworth—
1. When the early treatment centre was ready for occupancy.
  2. When Treasury and Public Service Board approval, respectively, was—(a) sought ; and (b) given, for staff, specifying for which positions.
  3. How many staff have been appointed, specifying the dates of appointment.
  4. When it is expected that—(a) all staff will be appointed ; and (b) patients will be admitted.
  5. How many community mental health nurses are—(a) employed ; and (b) about to be employed.
  6. How many vehicles are available for the nurses, specifying when requests were made for additional vehicles and the result of those requests.

*(Notices received on 5th April, 1978)*

597. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether he has considered the full potential of Weights and Measures Unions as consumer protection bodies.
  2. Which of the following criteria are considered to be most important when judging the efficacy of Weights and Measures Unions—(a) cost per capita within the areas under the jurisdiction of the Unions ; (b) amount of revenue collected ; (c) number of prosecutions ; and (d) inspection of packaging.
  3. Whether he has investigated means of providing incentives to municipalities to ensure that Weights and Measures Unions give chief priority to consumer protection rather than revenue collection.
598. MR. WOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many—(a) Acco 1710B small town tankers ; (b) fully enclosed crew cab pumpers ; and (c) open backed crew cab pumpers, are to be issued to Fire Brigades in region 18 of the Country Fire Authority.
  2. To which brigades these tankers will be issued, indicating the proposed date of delivery in each case.
599. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will give an assurance that no arrangement has been entered into by the Department of Minerals and Energy and Daylesford Nominees Pty. Ltd. to allow the extraction of mineral spa water from Government bores or springs on Crown land under the direct control of the Department of Crown Lands and Survey.
600. MR. AUSTIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What progress the Government has made to get insurance companies to divert funds to assist the housing industry.
  2. Whether there is a proposal whereby the Government will subsidize interest rates to attract up to \$100 million from the funds of insurance companies to assist the housing industry ; if so, whether the offer is still open ; if not, what other steps the Government will take to arrest the decline in home building in Victoria.
601. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. Whether local Department of Crown Lands and Survey officers can fill vacancies caused by retirement ; if so, why these vacancies are not advertised.
  2. What appointments have been made to the department's staff at Dimboola in the past twelve months, stating—(a) the number of applicants for each vacancy ; and (b) the name and qualification of each appointee.

602. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether land has been purchased by the Government in the vicinity of Hann's Inlet, Crib Point ; if so, in respect of each purchase—(a) what amount of land was involved ; (b) what price was paid ; (c) who was the vendor ; (d) what was the date of purchase ; and (e) what was the reason for the purchase.
603. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation since the commencement of issuing licences for waste discharge from industry to the air—
1. How many breaches of licence conditions have been detected, indicating in respect of both the Environment Protection Authority and its delegated agencies, the name of the company and the seriousness of the breach.
  2. How many prosecutions have proceeded, indicating whether they have been successful and, if so, the name of the company prosecuted and the fine imposed.
605. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many personnel are engaged in the investigations being conducted into the affairs of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operative, indicating the expertise of each person.
  2. Whether he has set a date of completion of the inquiry ; if so, what date.
606. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, whether river red gums in the Casterton area are infested with beetles ; if so—(a) whether trees are being killed ; (b) what steps have been taken to eliminate the problem, indicating with what results ; and (c) whether less birds are migrating to the area.
608. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he can give an assurance that no new leases have been issued recently to Daylesford Nominees Pty. Ltd., to occupy Crown Land in the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs district, for the purpose of extracting mineral spa water.
609. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Chief Secretary's Office is currently considering the introduction of legislation in relation to the cost incurred by sporting clubs in paying for workers compensation premiums ; if so, whether he can inform the House when legislation will be introduced into Parliament to allow for relief similar to that proposed in New South Wales and South Australia.
610. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board has purchased ticket machines manufactured for the "Crisp" system ; if so, what was the cost of the machines and whether they can be used for any other purpose.
611. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what has been the total amount of financial guarantees given by the Government under the *Co-operation Act* 1958 in the past five financial years, including estimates for 1977-78, and what is the current total guarantee commitment by the Government.
612. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of the Public Relations Department of the State Electricity Commission—
1. How many staff are presently employed and what was the staff level in each of the past five years.
  2. How many journalists, photographers, cinematic and camera crews, respectively, are employed.
  3. What has been the budget in each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the purpose of this department.
613. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will provide all relevant information covering arrangements regarding the superannuation rights for School Council employed personnel.
614. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. In each of the past 15 years how many people have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, in road accidents in Victoria.
  2. Whether age categories are available in respect of the killed and injured ; if so, what are the details.
615. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. How many abattoirs are presently operating within 50 miles of the Melbourne G.P.O., indicating where they are located and who is the operator in each instance.
  2. Which of these abattoirs have—(a) export licences ; and (b) approval to supply processed meat to Queensland for the local trade.
  3. Whether any of these works are operating at standards which are below those being enforced by the Victorian Meat and Abattoir Inspection Authority in country abattoirs.
  4. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all files from the Authority in respect of the abattoirs referred to above.

(Notices received on 6th April, 1978)

616. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he has received reports of a new method of chicken processing introduced into Australia by Allied Mills Industries Pty. Ltd., New South Wales, which will eliminate certain bacteria counts for periods when the bird is under normal refrigeration ; if so—(a) whether the system has proved successful ; and (b) whether the method will be introduced into Victoria under State Government supervision as a means of assisting the health standards of the poultry processing industry and take-away food industry.
617. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization has further developed a meat tenderising process of electrical stimulation to improve the tenderness of meat carcasses by preventing muscle shortening immediately after the slaughter of the animal.
  2. Whether the process, as practised in certain countries, has proved successful and is acceptable by overseas marketing authorities ; if so, whether the State Government will consider negotiating through the Australian Agricultural Council and/or other Commonwealth authorities for the use of the process at national level as a means of assisting the Australian export meat trade.
618. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, within recent years, the National Health and Research Council has undertaken a microbiological survey of certain foods, particularly ready-to-eat take-away foods such as chicken or rissoles, with a view to detecting salmonella organisms ; if so, whether the survey produced comprehensive data on micro-organisms in certain types of food and, in that event, what is the nature of the reports from the Council and has the Minister received reports from Victorian health inspectors dealing with possible contamination of take-away foods.
619. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain whether attempts have been made overseas to dispense with or limit the use of saccharin as a sweetener on the grounds that it is a health hazard.
  2. Whether the Department of Health has received any notice of concern ; if so, what action has been taken to thoroughly investigate allegations and publicize the results of those investigations.
620. **MR. EVANS (Gippsland East)** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. On what date the Hospitals and Charities Commission received an application from an organization known as the Orbost and District Centre for the Aged and Disabled Society for a copy of a draft constitution for an organization seeking registration as a charitable organization.
  2. Whether such a draft has been forwarded ; if not, why.
  3. Whether the Minister will arrange for an adviser from the Commission to visit Orbost in the immediate future to meet members of this organization.
621. **MR. JASPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the proposed construction and completion dates of the swimming pool at the Police Academy.
  2. Whether tenders have been called for the construction ; if so, how many tenders have been received.
  3. What is the estimated total cost of the project.
623. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the presentation of apprenticeship awards at the conclusion of apprenticeship week in each of the past five years—(a) how many awards have been presented ; (b) whether refreshments were available for apprentices, their families, and other participants ; if so—(i) whether the food trades school was involved in catering arrangements ; and (ii) what has been the cost on each occasion ; and (c) what was the nature of refreshment provided on each occasion, and what provisions are being made for this year.
624. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Adult Migrant Education Branch of the Education Department—
1. What is the function of the panel of eight advisory teachers who conduct visitations to the continuation centres.
  2. What are the names of the members of the panel.
  3. What are their—(a) general teaching qualifications ; (b) qualifications to teach English as a second or foreign language ; and (c) length of teaching experience in teaching English as a second or foreign language.
  4. How many visitations were conducted in the years 1976 and 1977 and how many visitations have been conducted so far in 1978.
  5. At which centres the visitations were made.
  6. What has been the purpose of each individual visitation.

625. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what in-service projects are planned for migrant services and community education for this year, indicating for which specific group or groups each in-service programme is intended.
626. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates Huntingdale High School drew attention to the inadequacy of its library facilities or made application for the construction of a new library, and what was the response in each case.
  2. Whether approval has been given for the construction of a new library ; if so, when construction is likely to commence.
627. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students from schools in the electoral district of Mitcham are—(a) receiving ; and (b) waiting for treatment at an Education Department Speech Therapy Clinic, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, who have waited—(i) up to 6 months ; (ii) 6 to 12 months ; (iii) 12 to 18 months ; (iv) 18 to 24 months ; and (v) more than 24 months.
  2. On what date each school—(a) was last screened for children who need speech therapy ; and (b) will receive its next screening.
628. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means recommendation 13 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the attention of the Australian Schools Commission.
629. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means the attention of the Teachers Tribunal was drawn to recommendation 12 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education.
630. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date the decision was taken to reject recommendation 31 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, indicating who made the decision and why.
631. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means recommendation 26 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the attention of the Commonwealth Government, following the assumption of full financial responsibility for tertiary education, including State Colleges, by that Government on 1st January, 1974.
634. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education further to his answer to question No. 214 on 14th March, 1978, on what date and by what means recommendation 24 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the tertiary teacher training institutions of Victoria.
635. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in respect of recommendation 34 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education, which requests for forms of assistance mentioned in the answer to question No. 206 on 14th March, 1978, were made pursuant to the recommendation.
636. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he has received any representations to amend the *Environment Protection Act 1970* to include economic considerations as grounds of appeal and to change prosecution clauses and regulations ; if so, by whom, and what decision he made in each case.
637. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What action he has taken to ensure that there are appropriate mechanisms for the registration and appointment of community language teachers as supernumerary staff in schools with high ethnic enrolments.
  2. Whether he has any plans to allow registration and appointment of persons qualified to teach community languages in State Government schools ; if so, when these changes will be implemented and how many extra positions will be made available.
638. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the extent of community group representation on the Community Education Committee.
639. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he has invited the Ministers for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Youth, Sport and Recreation to appoint a representative from each of their Departments to the Community Education Committee ; if so, whether he intends to do so, and, if not, why.
  2. Why there is no Education Department Migrant Services representation on the Community Education Committee.
640. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to District Inspectors of primary schools in each Education Department Region and the Melbourne metropolitan area—
1. What is the name of the Inspector in each District.
  2. What is the address of the office of each Inspector.

641. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. When the Committee was appointed to report to him on the development of Neighbourhood Learning Centres.
2. Who are the members of the Committee.
3. Whether the Committee has reported yet ; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the report to the Member for Footscray.
4. What funds have been made available this financial year to assist such centres and how this allocation has been spent.

642. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education why students undertaking the Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) Course at the State College of Victoria, Coburg and Frankston are not eligible for Departmental studentships, although diplomates are eligible for appointment to Victorian primary schools.

643. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current position in respect of the provision of Commonwealth libraries and science rooms to schools in the Gippsland area.

644. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What action he intends taking to diminish the uncertainty felt by staff and students of various Colleges since the release of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Post-Secondary Education.
2. Whether he can give assurances that no action will be taken in respect of closure of courses and facilities until the Post-Secondary Education Commission, recommended in the Report, is established.
3. Whether the Commission will be headed by a Chairman with experience in the College system and an understanding of its purposes.
4. How long the Commission will have to examine in detail the ramifications of various proposals.
5. What was the basis of selection of institutions to be visited by the Committee of Inquiry.
6. Why the Committee of Inquiry made far-reaching recommendations in respect of various institutions without having visited such institutions.
7. Whether the Commission will visit all institutions involved before making decisions about their future.

645. MR. COLEMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether the Department of Agriculture is conducting tests on Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works cattle to ascertain the incidence of beef measles.
2. When these tests will be concluded.
3. Whether there is a similar test being conducted on cattle other than Board of Works cattle ; if so, whether interim results are available.

646. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer which departments have—(a) over-spent ; and (b) under-spent their Budget allocations in each of the past five financial years, and what was the—(i) amount ; and (ii) percentage of the discrepancy in each case.

647. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the State Electricity Commission in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.

648. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the Victorian Railways in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.

649. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the nature of each major development project to be carried out by the State Electricity Commission over the next five financial years, and in each case what is—(a) the estimated cost ; and (b) the proposed source of funds.

650. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

1. In respect of the period June, 1976 to June 1977, and for the six months to December, 1977 for Victoria, what was—(a) the total number of migrants ; (b) the total number and percentage of family reunions ; (c) the total number and percentage in the occupationally eligible category, indicating in each case their occupation ; (d) the total number and percentage of special cases, indicating in each case the professional or trade category, if any, and the name of the sponsoring employer ; and (e) the total number and percentage of refugees and the countries of origin.
2. What is the number and percentage of the occupationally eligible migrants who have had their trade qualifications recognized by the local trade committees in Victoria for the period June, 1976 to June, 1977 and for the six month period to December, 1977.
3. How many and what percentage of those migrants in Victoria whose trade qualifications have been recognized are currently employed in—(a) their occupational category ; and (b) in an unskilled or semi-skilled category, and how many are unemployed.



651. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. How many and what percentage of migrants who arrived in Victoria in the 18-month period to December 1977 inclusive, are presently un-employed.
  2. How many of these migrants are from non-English speaking countries.
652. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what avenues are available to unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled migrant workers over the age of 24 years for training or re-training in the needed skilled trades.
653. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What is the required minimum for cash balances in the current financial year and what was the required minimum in each of the preceding five years.
  2. What was the formula used to determine the required minimum in each case.

*(Notices received on 11th April, 1978)*

654. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What freehold properties are held by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, indicating which properties are—(a) occupied by the Department ; (b) leased or rented to other Authorities ; and (c) unoccupied and not leased.
  2. What are the terms of leases granted to other Authorities.
655. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. On what date the levy of five per cent from the sale of taxi licences was introduced.
  2. Who made the decision to increase the percentage.
  3. Where the amounts received are allocated and for what use.
656. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many apprenticeships have been provided in Geelong in each of the past five years.
657. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Forest Hill, Doncaster and Ringwood—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What staff is presently employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.
658. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was the number and percentage of persons killed in each year who were—(a) pedestrians ; (b) passengers ; (c) drivers ; (d) motorcycle riders ; (e) bicycle riders ; (f) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (g) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (h) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (i) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
659. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of railway stations in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill, what—(a) criminal offences ; (b) episodes of vandalism ; and (c) offences against Railway regulations, have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
660. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill in each of the past five years.
  2. What plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which the spaces are expected to become available.
661. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of railway stations in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill, for what period each day, each station is unattended.

662. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Nunawading, Doncaster and Doncaster East police stations, respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983, inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is in these districts.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are conducted in unmarked cars.
663. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in view of the recent spate of burglaries and other vandalism at the Ballarat North Technical School, the Education Department will give consideration to authorizing the building of a caretaker's cottage at this school.
664. MR. REMINGTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many accidents involving horse riders whose injuries were considered to have been increased through not wearing helmets were recorded in 1977.
  2. What is the incidence of rider fatalities arising from horse-riding accidents.
665. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the Mitcham area and in the municipalities of Ringwood, and Doncaster and Templestowe, respectively—(a) left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate ; and (b) sat for and passed this examination.
666. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what average number of Mitcham—Melbourne passengers have travelled on morning peak hour trains on week days in each year since 1973, and in this year to date.
667. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the Maroondah Police District, whether there has been an increase or decrease in the incidence of major criminal offences in the past five years, indicating the type of offence and the ratio of apprehension and conviction in relation to the number of offences.
668. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning how many building blocks are to be released for sale by the Urban Land Council during the current financial year, indicating the locations of the estates in which the blocks will be sold.
669. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education— :
1. Which schools for the deaf now have the wireless link system installed and what has been the result of the experiment with this system.
  2. What facilities are available within the electoral district of Coburg for children who are affected by deafness.
670. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, further to question No. 1934 answered on 5th April, 1977 whether the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation has concluded its investigation ; if so, what were its recommendations.
671. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What were the—(a) names ; and (b) positions of the Country Roads Board engineers who advised the present Minister of Special Education that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas, and what was the—(i) date ; and (ii) form of their advice.
  2. Whether this advice was circulated in the form of a letter on ministerial letterhead ; if so, what was—(a) the date of the letter ; (b) the number of copies distributed ; (c) the basis of selection of recipients ; (d) the official status, if any, shown for the signatory ; and (e) the mode of distribution.
  3. What costs, including stationery, were met for the letter, and what was the Budget appropriation drawn upon in each case.
672. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What stage has been reached with the urban renewal proposal for the Shire of Yackandandah.
  2. How and when the proposal will be implemented.
  3. Whether he will arrange for the file concerning the above matter to be laid on the table of the Library.
673. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what are the current guidelines used by the Housing Commission in determining whether to build homes of brick veneer, timber, asbestos or cement on country estates.

674. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many day-training centres for mentally retarded children have become Education Department Special Developmental Schools at the request of their committees since the proclamation of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* on 11th December, 1973, and what is the location in each case.
  2. How many special developmental schools have been established by the department over the same period, and what is the location in each case.
  3. What is the location of the nearest special school or special developmental school to—(a) Mildura ; (b) Orbost ; (c) Portland ; (d) Robinvale ; and (e) Cowes, and what is the distance which must be travelled by children in each case from each particular town.
  4. What means are used by the department to meet the special needs of handicapped children eligible for special education in these and other remote areas, who are unable to attend a special school or a special developmental school.
675. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many children are eligible for public sector education under the terms of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are currently—(i) enrolled at government schools ; (ii) enrolled at non-government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. What means, if any, the Education Department uses to advise parents of the right of handicapped children to be educated by the State.
676. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Government still proposes to introduce legislation which would authorize municipal councils to pay their members an allowance for out-of-pocket expenses ; if so, when this legislation will be introduced.
677. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will investigate the powers conferred by the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* to ascertain whether amendments to the Act and/or regulations are necessary to protect fishing grounds from debris and other material left by oil and gas development.
678. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, whether arrangements have been made between the Australian Atomic Energy Commission and the State Electricity Commission for the licensing and regulation of a nuclear power station ; if so, what arrangements and when they were completed or are expected to be completed.
679. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he is aware of a Monash University study which concluded—(a) that the Victorian Government should legislate to restrict the use of heavy vehicles to improve fuel economy and emission levels ; and (b) that emission controls should be made twice as effective by 1990 ; if so, what action is proposed on each of these conclusions.
680. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What funds have been made available to buy back land in environmentally sensitive areas for conservation purposes in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and area of each purchase.
  2. What funds are expected to be available for the purpose in the next twelve months.
681. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether any pesticides available over the counter in Victoria have been placed under strict control in the United States of America ; if so—(a) how many products on sale here have restrictions placed on their use, sale and storage in that country, naming the products in each case, and the percentage concentration of the pesticide ; and (b) whether for health and environment reasons the Government is investigating the need to license operators.
682. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the latest traffic count taken on the Hume-highway in the electoral district of Broadmeadows and in Bell-street, both east and west of Sydney-road, in the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. Whether there are any plans in hand for the widening of Bell-street within the electoral districts of Coburg and Essendon ; if so, at what locations.
683. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, further to question No. 536 answered on 11th April, 1978—
1. Whether the Minister will convey to the Member for Coburg information relating to the plan and design of the proposed retarding basin on the Merri Creek.
  2. Whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has ever paid compensation to land holders along the course of the Merri Creek due to flooding ; if so, on what dates, at what cost, and to whom.
684. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the provision of such facilities did not proceed.

685. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of State Electricity Commission activities—
1. Whether existing or prospective customers have indicated a major growth in demand for electricity ; if so, what are the details of the expected growth and the anticipated new customers.
  2. How many personnel are specifically employed by the Commission to develop energy conservation priorities, giving in each case a breakdown of each officer's responsibilities in this area, and listing the actual conservation projects, if any, being undertaken.
  3. Whether the Commission allocated any part of its advertising budget to energy conservation advertisements in the 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 financial years ; if so, how many advertisements have been published, indicating—(a) in which media outlet ; (b) at what cost ; (c) the name of the publication in each case ; (d) the date of publication ; and (e) a brief summary or copy of each advertisement.
  4. What are the growth forecasts in—(a) domestic transactions ; (b) commercial transactions ; (c) industrial transactions ; (d) public lighting ; (e) bulk sales ; and (f) other Commission activities for each of the next ten years.
686. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the newly formed Traffic Operations Group Region No. 5, based at Sale—
1. What is the extent of the region covered by this group.
  2. How many officers are attached to the group, indicating their ranks and duties.
  3. What is the gazetted and actual strength of the group.
  4. How many vehicles are attached to the group, indicating their type.
  5. Whether there are no typists or clerical assistants attached to the group.
  6. What average time is taken each month by officers engaged on highway patrol in high powered pursuit vehicles in performing typing or clerical duties, indicating whether their pursuit vehicles are lying idle whilst they carry out such duties.
  7. Whether it is the Government's intention and the wish of the Police Force to fully utilize pursuit vehicles and their drivers ; if so, whether the group will be given typists or clerical assistants to allow its men and vehicles to spend more time on highway patrols.
687. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether public servants on superannuation get regular statements of payments ; if so, how often ; if not, why.
688. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What action the Minister is taking to ensure that people who have their hearing impaired are adequately provided for by hospital benefits.
  2. What attempts are being made to include hearing aids amongst those items on which a full refund is available.
  3. Whether the Minister is aware that Geelong Hospital Benefits Association (which is not a branch of Hospital Benefits Association Victoria) has a pilot scheme in operation whereby they grant a refund of \$100 on hearing aids.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any other benefit scheme which includes a refund for hearing aids.
689. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, concerning the recent tour of phytophthora infected forest areas in the Yarram district by the Native Forests Action Council—(a) whether a technical assistant with the Forests Commission was sent to Yarram to join the tour and, if so, why the local officer was not used ; and (b) whether any report was submitted by the officer and, if so, whether the Minister will lay a copy on the table of the Library.
690. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the Education Department has any day-time facilities for further education of handicapped children other than those at Montague and Bendigo ; if so, where, and what is the number of places available at each establishment.
691. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many deaf-blind children of school age there are in Victoria, and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are—(i) enrolled in Government schools ; (ii) enrolled in non-Government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. Whether it is the policy of the Government to provide education for deaf-blind children in separate schools ; if so, what is the number of places—(a) available ; and (b) planned, indicating the years in which planned places are to become available.
  3. Why it has been necessary for groups concerned with the education of deaf-blind children to organize the current " Silent Night " appeal.
  4. What are the precise aims of the appeal, given the Government's obligations to provide education for deaf-blind children under the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973*.
  5. Whether the appeal is being conducted after full consultation with and approval by the Education Department.

692. MR. COLEMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What are the hours of staffing of the Glen Waverley, Mount Waverley, Glen Iris, Kooyong and Heyington railway stations, respectively.
  2. How many passengers alight daily at each of these stations.
  3. Whether there are plans to install automatic ticket vending machines at any of these stations.
693. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What regulations are in force to provide for the adequate sound-proofing of music rooms in Victorian schools.
  2. What steps will be taken to provide for adequate sound-proofing of music rooms at Mitcham high school.
694. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what proposals are currently under consideration to broaden the powers and responsibilities of principals in Victorian primary schools.
695. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether it is the usual practice of the Social Welfare Department to refuse to help persons who have visited the Melbourne office, rather than a regional office which is zoned as being their area.
  2. Why a resident of Diamond Creek must go to the Preston office of the Department when requiring help or advice, when Preston is an inconvenient suburb to travel to and from by public transport and the city office is more accessible.
696. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether the trains on the Hurstbridge line are continually left in a filthy and battered condition.
  2. Whether the trains are cleaned daily ; if so, where the trains are cleaned, and at what time of the day ; if not, why.
697. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Whether any student attending a high or technical school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit.
  2. Whether any student attending a special school or special developmental school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit ; if so, what is the reason for this difference.
  3. Whether parents of handicapped children are advised of their right to assessment of the handicapped child by a Special Education Authority.
  4. How many handicapped children were assessed by a Special Education Authority in 1974 and each subsequent year for which information is available, and in each case what was the number of children whose parents were advised that they should—(a) leave; and (b) continue school as a result of the assessment.
  5. How many children fifteen years of age and over were enrolled at special schools or special developmental schools in each of the five most recent years for which information is available, and in each year, what was the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who left school.

*(Notices received on 12th April, 1978)*

698. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What are the eligibility criteria for craft funding, indicating—(a) how many applicants have been funded to date under this scheme ; (b) how many are currently craft funded ; and (c) how many are still with the same employer as at the time of introduction of craft funding.
  2. Whether employers are employing craft trainees ; if so, how many are currently employed in—(a) the skilled trades ; and (b) an unskilled trade.
  3. How many employees are presently unemployed.
699. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry complies with International Labour Organization safety standards ; if so—(a) what are the details of the safety standards ; (b) how these standards are enforced ; (c) how many staff are specifically appointed to monitor safety standards ; and (d) whether any of the Departmental inspectors are multi-lingual and, if so, in which community languages they are fluent.
700. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each education region in Victoria—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated in the 1976-77 financial year.
  2. What was the amount of unexpended funds in the 1976-77 financial year.
  3. What was the breakdown of total amounts of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance.
  4. What amounts were unexpended in each of the general categories, indicating the reasons for the failure to expend such funds.
  5. Whether unexpended funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  6. Whether any region expended more than the sum of money allocated.

701. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Which departments, authorities or semi-government bodies presently have the power to acquire real property.
  2. Which of these bodies acquire real property—(a) through the Victorian Public Offices Corporation ; and (b) in their own name.
  3. What are the circumstances in which acquisition may take place and what authority or consent must be obtained, indicating what procedures must be followed, in each case where these bodies have power to acquire land.
702. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing how many persons employed by the Housing Commission are qualified as—(a) architects ; and (b) planners, indicating the range of qualifications held by the planners.
703. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission has purchased any farms or other land in each of the past five years ; if so, in each case what was the—(a) name of the vendor ; (b) area and location of the land ; (c) date of purchase, purchase price, and source of funds ; (d) details of vendor sale or sales ; and (e) authority under which the purchase was made.
704. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to question No. 1211 answered on 3rd May, 1977 and the statement that research projects directly funded by the Victorian Government in 1976–77 will require the expenditure of approximately \$700,000—(a) what projects were included ; and (b) what amount was set aside for each project.
705. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the proposed legislation to legalize chiropractors, what steps have been taken or are proposed to amend the definition of “ medical service ” in the *Workers Compensation Act* 1958 to ensure that workers seeking the services of chiropractors for relief from back pain are not required to do so at their own expense in cases where workers compensation liability exists.
706. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the case put to the Honorable the Chief Secretary by representatives of 42 fire fighters for inclusion in the current superannuation scheme has been referred to him for consideration ; if so—(a) when ; and (b) with what result.
707. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated to the Preston region in the 1976–77 financial year, indicating the breakdown of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance and the amount unexpended in each category.
  2. Why some funds were not expended in the Preston region and whether the funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  3. Whether the funds were re-directed in any way and used for another purpose ; if so, what purpose.
  4. What assurances exist to ensure that there will be no under-expenditure in the region in 1977–78.
708. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands when a lease was issued to the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Club, indicating—(a) the period of the lease ; (b) the area of land involved ; and (c) the yearly rental.
709. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Police Department has carried out a major review of police strength and services in the Latrobe Valley in the past 12 months ; if so—(a) what changes are planned as a result of that review ; and (b) whether, in view of the rapid development of Yallourn North, there are plans to establish a full-time Police Station at Yallourn North ; if not, when a review will be carried out.
710. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether in May, 1974, the Glenroy West Primary school was recommended for staff administration improvements and provision of art facilities by the operation upgrade task force ; if so, when these improvements will take place.
  2. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library the file and memoranda relating to this matter.
711. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether rents paid by pensioners for Housing Commission accommodation are to be increased following the next half-yearly pension increase.
712. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether land in Churchill-avenue and Aberdeen-street, Newtown was given to the Housing Commission in 1943 by the Newtown City Council on condition that houses constructed there by the Commission should not be sold.
  2. How many houses built by the Commission on this land have been sold.
713. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Public Service Board expects to finalize its consideration of a claim made by the Victorian Public Service Association in November, 1977 in respect of clerical staff employed in Victorian schools.

714. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether there are any regulations which apply to the safe storage and security of poisonous chemicals ; if so, which regulations, and whether the various premises occupied by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey throughout Victoria comply with such regulations.
715. **MR. GINIFER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is planned to admit students to the Movelles primary school.
716. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many officers are available to the Teacher Housing Authority to supervise and control all maintenance on the Authority's homes.
  2. What is the location of each officer, the area he has to cover, and the number of homes for which he is responsible.
  3. What finance was provided in the past three financial years for maintenance of houses under the control of the Authority.
717. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What contracts were cancelled in the northern region in the past financial year which resulted in \$2.11 million of the region's allocation for capital works being unspent.
  2. What contracts were cancelled in other regions during the past financial year, giving the name of the region, the details of the contracts, and the amount of capital funds left unspent in each case.
718. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether the Government proposes using Housing Commission high rise units to provide accommodation for university students ; if so, how many units and where they are located.
  2. Whether the Commission holds high rise units for emergency accommodation ; if so, how many units and where they are located.
  3. What is the current waiting period for flat accommodation in the suburbs and how many applicants for accommodation are on the Commissions' waiting list.

*(Notices received on 13th April, 1978)*

- \*719. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare in respect of women's refuges or half-way houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. Whether the State has purchased or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.
  3. Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities ; if so, what facilities, indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis and for which service.
- \*720. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many architects have professional fees owing in connection with hospital design services for periods in excess of 30 days, indicating—(a) the average ; and (b) the maximum periods for which payments are being withheld.
- \*721. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs in respect of the professional complaints mentioned in Appendix "C" of the Report of the Director of Consumer Affairs for the year ended 30th June, 1977—
1. How many of the complaints in each category were justified in the view of the Ministry and what action was taken.
  2. Whether any of the complaints were referred to the relevant State Registration Board ; if so, with what result.
- \*722. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 116 given on 6th April, 1978, concerning the use of rapeseed oil in foodstuffs—
1. When the Department of Health received the report from the National Health and Medical Research Council.
  2. When a decision is expected by the Food Standards Committee.
  3. Whether the Department is aware of products which contain a higher percentage of erucic acid than recommended by the Council ; if so, what products.
- \*723. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health whether he has received a request concerning the need to provide School Dental Services in the Winchelsea area ; if so—
- (a) when those requests were received ;
  - (b) from whom they were received ;
  - and (c) what action is proposed to provide dental services to children in the Winchelsea area.

- \*724. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of small-pox injections for children—
1. Whether the World Health Organization, the National Health and Medical Research Council, and medical advisers in the Department of Health, respectively, no longer recommend such injections.
  2. Why the Department of Health is still either encouraging or directing infant welfare sisters and similar persons to give small-pox injections.
- \*725. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of evaluations of the Knox Early Childhood Development Project—
1. Apart from the initial evaluation report already published by the Department of Health, what other evaluation of the project has been carried out, indicating when and by whom.
  2. Whether any other reports have been prepared ; if so, by whom, when they were delivered to the relevant sections of the Department, and when it is expected that the reports will be released.
- \*726. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, further to question No. 119 answered on 4th April, 1978—
1. What is the Creative School Holiday Club, who are its office bearers, where it is situated, and what are the details of the \$2,000 grant given to it.
  2. Who are the office bearers of the Hawksburn Primary School Community Centre and on what grounds it was given \$750 to purchase a piano.
  3. On what basis the Hawthorn Australia Day Committee received \$300 for the organizing of the Australia Day celebrations, and why Hawthorn was chosen for this special grant.
- \*727. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 29 answered on 4th April, 1978 concerning the need to control the sale and advertisement of therapeutic devices, when it is intended that Government action will be taken to carry into effect the recommendations of Dr. B. P. McCloskey, submitted to the Commission of Public Health on 6th April, 1971.
- \*728. MR. PLOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Lilydale-Healesville railway line—
1. Whether representatives of the Railways Department approached the gangers employed on this line suggesting that they should seek alternative employment.
  2. Whether representatives of the Department have sought information from a Healesville bus operator as to the viability of a passenger bus service to replace the present passenger rail service.
  3. Whether, in view of the decision made to continue the rail service following a Government appointed investigation by Mr. J. O'Donnell, he will advise—(a) whether the Victorian Railways Board intends to withdraw services on this line ; (b) whether a clear and unequivocal statement regarding the future service on this line can be made by the Board so that any doubts in the minds of railway employees associated with this line may be removed ; (c) whether he will ensure that Members of Parliament for the area are kept fully informed on any proposals or considerations regarding the future of this line ; and (d) whether consideration is being given to the withdrawal of services on this line and, if so, whether a clear statement of alternative passenger and freight services will be made for the information of patrons of this line.
- \*729. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the proposed work programme to eliminate the hazard created by the Tottenham Railway gates.
  2. What contracts have been let to date, indicating the nature of each contract.
  3. When it is expected that the railway gates will be removed and Ashley-street opened to continuous through traffic.
- \*730. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Which schools in the electoral district of Sunshine have been visited by medical and dental units during the past two years for the purposes of checking sight, hearing and teeth, respectively, of pupils, indicating the major areas of problems highlighted by the checks.
  2. Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend school medical services ; if so, how.



- \*731. MR. MCKELLAR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of each of the past five financial years, and in this financial year to date—
1. What countries were visited by the Victorian grower member representatives on the Australian Wheat Board on behalf of that Board and what was the destination in each case.
  2. What was the purpose of each visit.
  3. What staff members of the Board accompanied either of these members on each visit.
  4. What was the total cost of each visit.
  5. What was the individual cost in respect of each grower member.
  6. Whether any other persons were included in these visits at Board expense ; if so—(a) what are their names and addresses ; (b) what was their expertise ; and (c) what was the individual cost of each of their visits.
- \*732. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware of the special problems faced by schools in the inner suburbs.
  2. Whether one of the central recommendations of the task force investigating the needs of schools in the inner suburban areas was that classes in inner suburban schools should have no more than 20 students ; if so—(a) what action has been taken to implement this recommendation ; (b) why staffing in inner suburban schools has never been close to the level recommended ; and (c) why, over the past few weeks, the Education Department has been performing exactly the opposite function to that recommended by the task force, in that it has set arbitrary guidelines in respect of staff ceiling which take no account of the particular problems faced by inner suburban schools.
  3. Whether he will consider returning transferred staff to Gold-street, Abbotsford, Highett-street and Richmond primary schools.
- \*733. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. In respect of the School Medical Service during 1977 (a) how many children were examined ; (b) in respect of the routine initial medical examination, how many children were—(i) examined ; and (ii) not examined ; (c) what specialist examinations were conducted ; and (d) how many schools were not visited by—(i) medical officers, (ii) nursing staff ; and (iii) medical officers and nursing staff.
  2. What was the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at 31st March, 1978.

J. H. CAMPBELL,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES (JOINT)—Mr. Amos, Mr. Cathie, Mr. Evans (*Gippsland East*), Mr. McClure, and Mr. Plowman.

HOUSE (JOINT)—Mr. Speaker (*ex officio*), Mr. Crellin, the Hon. R. C. Dunstan, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Evans (*Gippsland East*), and Mr. Fordham.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. McInnes, Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Skeggs.

MEAT INDUSTRY (JOINT)—Mr. Fogarty, Mr. Ginifer, Mr. McKellar, Mr. Suggett, and Mr. Trewin.

PRINTING—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ebery, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hann, Mr. Roper, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wilton.

PRIVILEGES—The Hon. V. J. Doube, Mr. Evans (*Gippsland East*), Mr. McCabe, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Roper, Mr. Suggett, and Mr. Templeton.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. Crabb, The Hon. V. J. Doube, Mr. Hann, Mr. Mackinnon, Mrs. Patrick, Mr. Reese, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Trezise.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT)—Mr. Billing, Mr. Burgin, Mr. Culpin, Mr. McArthur, and Mr. Mutton.

STANDING ORDERS—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fordham, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Reese, Mr. Ross-Edwards, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Wilkes.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—Mr. Ebery, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Evans (*Ballarat North*), Mr. McInnes, Mr. Skeggs, Mr. Smith (*South Barwon*), and Mr. Wilton.

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 15

WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. HAYES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Town and Country Planning Act 1961 ' and for other purposes* ".
- \*2. MR. BALFOUR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' State Electricity Commission Act 1958 ', and the ' Electric Light and Power Act 1958 ', and for other purposes* ".
- \*3. MR. THOMPSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Melbourne University Act 1958 ' and for other purposes.* "
- \*4. MR. BORTHWICK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to provide for the Exchange of certain Crown land in the Parish of Granya and certain land in the Parish of Bungil East, and for other purposes* ".
- \*5. MR. RAFFERTY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend the ' Ministry of Transport Act 1958 ' in relation to the Co-ordination of Fixed Route Passenger Services in the Melbourne Metropolitan Area and the Provision of Fixed Route Omnibus Services, and for other purposes* ".
- \*6. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " *A Bill to amend Section 82 of the ' Country Fire Authority Act 1958 '.* "

#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. STAMPS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*2. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. CRIMES (HIJACKINGS AND OTHER OFFENCES) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
- \*4. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
5. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
6. MOTOR CAR (FEES AND PENALTIES) BILL—Second reading.
- \*7. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
8. STATE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this Bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment—That all the words after " That " be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the words " this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted in order to allow the State Savings Bank Commissioners to offer full trading bank facilities to all customers."
9. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL (GUARANTEE) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. VEGETATION AND VINE DISEASES (PARASITES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
14. PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND SUPERANNUATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
15. BUILDING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
16. SUPPLY (1978-79, No. 1) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
17. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
18. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
19. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

## GENERAL BUSINESS

## Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. WILTON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be enacted to establish Residential Tenancy Boards for the purposes of disseminating information concerning rental practices, arbitrating and deciding upon disputes between landlords and tenants, holding and investing in trust on behalf of tenants moneys deposited as security deposits demanded by landlords, and generally regulating relationships between landlords and tenants.
- \*3. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House expresses its extreme concern at the proliferation of illegal drugs in Victoria, and calls on both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, every Member of the Victorian community and all law enforcement agencies to use every means, resource and endeavour available to—(a) educate the public about the deleterious effects of the use of illegal drugs of addiction ; (b) control the distribution of these drugs ; (c) prevent the unfortunate citizens who are the victims of drugs from receiving supplies ; (d) encourage drug addicted persons to receive treatment ; and (e) resolve that young Victorians resist experimentation with all drugs ; and therefore prevent forever the rampant spread of harmful, illegal drugs in Victoria.
4. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes ".
5. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " A Bill to amend Section 925 of the ' Local Government Act 1958 ' with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public ".
6. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " A Bill to amend Section 10 of the ' Public Records Act 1973 ' with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public ".
7. MR. HANN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes ".

## THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. SANDRINGHAM LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PROBATE DUTY (APPLICATION) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PROMOTION OF DECENTRALIZATION) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. TEACHING SERVICE (MIGRANT INSTRUCTORS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## TUESDAY, 25TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Order of the Day

1. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. STATE DEVELOPMENT DECENTRALIZATION AND TOURISM BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. MELBOURNE UNDERGROUND RAIL LOOP (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## TUESDAY, 2ND MAY

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 18th April, 1978)

- \*734. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. Whether his attention has been drawn to successful British programmes for teaching English as a second language at the place of employment during working hours.
  3. Whether he will convene a conference of employer, employee and other interested groups with a view to establishing how comparable programmes can best be introduced in Victoria.
- \*735. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry on what dates submissions have been made to the Commonwealth Government urging—(a) the retention of Commonwealth Employment Service unemployment statistics ; and (b) the publication of monthly statistics detailing the countries of origin of people who are unemployed.
- \*736. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry publishes information in various languages on—(a) industrial safety ; (b) workers' compensation ; and (c) entitlement to light duties ; if so, what languages, and whether such information specifies that employees have a right of access to appropriate authorities without prejudice to their employment where their entitlements are not met.
- \*737. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what funds have been—(a) allocated ; and (b) requested for the introduction of the teaching in industry of English as a second language.
- \*738. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in the past two years to date, what levels of lead emissions from motor cars have been recorded in Melbourne, indicating—(a) the points where tests were taken ; (b) how these readings compare with air quality levels in Europe and California ; (c) the amount of lead additives currently allowed in petrol ; and (d) the year when the standard will become more stringent, indicating the level of the proposed standard.
- \*739. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether an economic evaluation of an alternative scheme to herbicides used for ragwort control in the Albert River Valley has been prepared ; if so—(a) when it was submitted ; (b) what were the conclusions of the study ; and (c) what decision was made.
- \*740. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether any research has been undertaken on the breakdown products of current herbicides, especially in lakes and streams.
  2. Whether any research has been undertaken into the rate of dilution in streams adjacent to sprayed areas, and whether the Department of Health or any other department takes regular samples of water, testing specifically for dioxin ; if so, with what results.
- \*741. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what has been the cost in each of the past three years of annual ragwort and blackberry control, indicating the cost and amounts, respectively, of herbicides used, the amounts charged to landholders, and the estimated labour costs of the programme.
- \*742. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation if he will lay on the table of the library the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Protection Authority on 21st March, 1978.
- \*743. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What principles are laid down in the Pesticides Review Committee Code of practice for large scale applications of 24D and 245T.
  2. What checks of dioxin levels are taken and how regularly.
  3. What checks are taken concerning the display, storage, transport and use of plenoxy herbicides.
- \*744. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands, in respect of the Land Conservation Council report on the Mallee Study Area, how many farmers hold leases in the Pine Plains area, stating in each case—(a) their name ; (b) the period of the lease ; (c) the rental ; (d) the size of the area ; and (e) the value per acre.
- \*745. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. Whether he is aware of the statement by the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs in "The Age" newspaper of 2nd March, 1978, attributing 40 per cent of industrial accidents to communication problems.
  2. What action he proposes taking to minimize industrial accident risk to workers in industry, indicating how much money has been allocated for this purpose.

- \*746. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry has an advertising budget ; if so—(a) how much has been spent on the provision of multi-lingual information to workers in industry ; and (b) what was the total advertising budget for the 1976–77 financial year, and what amount has been allocated for 1977–78.
- \*747. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether, as part of the State Government policy to support increased skilled migration to Australia, he has sought assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs that there will be at least—(a) an increase in the number of technical advisors in all countries from which Australia derives its migrant intake ; (b) adequate facilities for the teaching of English to all non-English speaking new arrivals ; (c) a multi-lingual orientation programme for all migrants on arrival ; (d) in conjunction with the relevant departments, provision for English language tuition in industry ; (e) job placement/matching services specifically for newly arrived migrants ; and (f) provision for the appointment of community language teachers on a super-numerary basis to all Government schools on request.
  2. Whether, if no such assurances have been given, he will withdraw his support for an increase in the national migrant intake until the Commonwealth Minister is able to give these assurances.
- \*748. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many crimes were reported to the Coburg, Pascoe Vale and Fawkner police stations, respectively, during 1977.
- \*749. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether he is aware of the considerable controversy existing between the Department of Agriculture and health inspectors arising out of the dual system of registration and supervision of numerous establishments in Victoria where meat for human consumption is processed ; if so, whether he has considered the matter and with what result.
  2. Whether the Department instituted court proceedings against Sylvan Smallgoods Pty. Ltd., in February this year for non-payment of inspection fees ; if so, what was the result of this action.
- \*750. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has obtained the necessary approvals required to realign the section of Boundary-road, Merlynston between Merlyn-street and Sydney-road ; if so, when it is anticipated funds will be available to carry out the realignment.
- \*751. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many known cases of rape have been recorded by police in—(a) Victoria ; and (b) the electoral district of Coburg in each of the past five years.
- \*752. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When it is anticipated work will commence on the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Boundary-road and Sussex-street, North Coburg, listed for construction this financial year.
  2. When the traffic signals recently constructed at the intersection of Sussex-street and O'Heas-street, Coburg will become operative.
- \*753. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many driving convictions were recorded in the metropolitan area in 1975, 1976 and 1977 against persons having a blood alcohol content exceeding .05 per cent.
  2. How many persons were proceeded against for this offence in the Brunswick, Coburg and Broadmeadows courts during those years.
  3. How many licences were cancelled and drivers disqualified during those years in the metropolitan area, indicating the figures for Brunswick, Coburg and Broadmeadows, respectively.
- \*754. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2377 given on 20th September, 1977, how many vehicles have been tested for noise and emissions since that date, indicating—(a) the number above the legal limit ; (b) the number of in-service vehicles and new vehicles, respectively, and the number of engineers and technical officers appointed for each ; and (c) the number of prosecutions launched for each.
- \*755. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of the original and final contract price, respectively, between Control Data Australia Pty. Ltd. and the Totalizator Agency Board what was the price for—(a) hardware ; and (b) software.
- \*756. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the value of hardware delivered by Control Data Australia Pty. Ltd. to the Totalizator Agency Board at the point of contract termination, indicating how much, if any, of this hardware the Board intends to retain.

- \*757. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether any arrangements have been made by the Motor Registration Branch for the production of drivers licence examination papers in the Arabic and Turkish languages ; if so, when such papers can be expected to be available.
- \*758. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what sums of money were paid by the Victorian Railways Board to taxi firms in each of the past three years and what are the details concerning these payments.
- \*759. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the sale of analgesics in supermarkets, whether the attention of the Minister and the Department of Health has been drawn to either campaigns advertising cut price analgesics, or the sale of analgesics at special prices ; if so, what action has been taken in relation to this matter, particularly in view of the National Health and Medical Research Council's report on the sale of analgesics.
- \*760. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospital Development programme—
1. Which works were carried out during the 1976-77 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  2. What works are being undertaken in the 1977-78 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. Whether discussions have occurred in respect of the 1978-79 financial year ; if so, when ; if not, why.
- \*761. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of grants from the Youth Fund in the 1977-78 financial year—
1. Whether there was a delay in the assessment and notification of applications from youth groups ; if so, why and what was the time of the delay.
  2. On what basis officers determine grants to individual groups, indicating whether by visit or by discussion with people involved in the youth group and particularly the Youth Group Programme.
  3. How many grants made in the 1976-77 financial year and in 1977-78 to date, are from—  
(a) \$1 to \$50 ; (b) \$51 to \$100 ; (c) \$101 to \$200 ; (d) \$201 to \$500 ; (e) \$501 to \$1,000 ; (f) \$1,001 to \$2,000 ; and (g) \$2,001 and over.
  4. When it is expected that application made before 1st May, 1978 for the 1978-79 financial year will be processed and applicants notified.
- \*762. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer further to the question without notice asked on Thursday, 12th April, concerning family supportive grants through the Social Welfare Department—
1. What funds were made available in the 1976-77 financial year and what funds were originally made available for the 1977-78 financial year.
  2. How much additional funding has so far been made available to the Department and how much further additional money will now be made available.
- \*763. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school—
1. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick concerning proposed buildings works at the school dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977.
  2. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 2841 asked on 15th November, 1977.
  3. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 87 placed on the Notice Paper on the first day of the current Sessional period.
  4. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick of 23rd December, 1977 concerning the need for works at the school, which so far has not been acknowledged.
  5. When he will be able to reply to the remarks made by the Member for Brunswick during the adjournment debate of 9th March, 1978 concerning the school.
- \*764. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Which Government Departments, industry groups, employer organizations, employee organizations, ethnic community groups, and voluntary welfare agencies, respectively, were consulted and/or invited to participate in the development of the State Government submission on the national immigration intake.
  2. Whether he will provide a copy of the submission to the leader of the Opposition.
  3. What was the basis of his suggestion in the State submission to the Federal Government on the future immigration intake that " South America may be an important recruitment area because of successful settlement of migrants from those countries ", as reported in *The Age* newspaper on 2nd March, 1978.
  4. How many Spanish language publications have been published by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, but not the Community Services Centre, since January, 1977, indicating—(a) the substance of each publication ; and (b) how these publications are distributed to newly-arrived Spanish speaking migrants.



- \*765. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport regarding the amount of \$24,041,489 shown as "management and operating expenses" on page 49 of the 1977 annual report of the Country Roads Board—
1. How much is related to each category of road.
  2. How much is related to specific major projects.
  3. Whether part of this amount is allocated to specific projects in arriving at the declared cost.
- \*766. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. How much of the software to be supplied by Control Data Australia Pty. Ltd. had been developed and tested at the point of contract termination by the Totalizator Agency Board.
  2. How many man-years of effort had been expended by Control Data Australia Pty. Ltd. on software development since commencement of the contract.
  3. How much effort had been expended by the Board on software development at the point of contract termination and at what cost.
  4. How much of the software effort by the Board is capable of being salvaged for use in an alternative new system.
- \*767. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. How much software development in man-years was to be undertaken by the Totalizator Agency Board on the Crisp system.
  2. How much effort in man-years the Board was to provide in ancillary areas related to Crisp.
  3. What was the estimated cost of the Board's software involvement and its involvement in ancillary activities.
  4. Whether the Board was to be involved in developing any of the operating systems to be used on the machine supplied ; if so, what percentage of the total operating system the Board was to develop.
- \*768. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply ; how many houses in the electoral district of Knox are—(a) presently serviced by mains sewer ; and (b) expected to be serviced at the end of each of the next ten years, indicating in each case, what percentage of all homes in Knox is represented by these figures.
- \*769. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many Housing Commission homes there are in Marysville.
  2. Whether any of these homes are let to a local employer who sub-lets them to his employees.
- \*770. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many pupils attend each primary, secondary and technical school, respectively, in the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. Whether any of the schools have exceeded their maximum student intake ; if so, which schools.
  3. What is the percentage of migrant students attending each of these schools and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
  4. How many pupils attend the Moomba Park primary school, Fawcner technical school and Moreland high school, respectively, what is the percentage of migrant students attending each school, and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
- \*771. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of the "Crisp" computer contract entered into by the Totalizator Agency Board—
1. What percentage of the software to be provided by Control Data Australia Pty. Ltd. existed at the signing of the contract.
  2. What was the company's estimate of the effort required, in man-years, to develop the remaining software and how long the company estimated it would take to develop this software.
  3. What percentage of the existing software—(a) consisted of the proposed computer's operating system ; and (b) was specifically for the betting system.
  4. Whether any of the operating system was still to be developed during the period of the contract.
- \*772. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what was the purpose of the original joint study between Control Data Australia Pty. Ltd. and the Totalizator Agency Board, and what actual work was undertaken.
- \*773. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many schools in each of the past five years have been provided with covered walkways between class-rooms, and between classrooms toilets, indicating in how many cases the cost was—(a) borne entirely by the Education Department ; and (b) subsidized by the Department on a \$1 for \$1 basis, subject to a maximum of \$5,000.

\*774. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—

1. Whether there are any Housing Commission homes in Healesville other than those reserved for army personnel or aborigines.
2. How many Healesville residents are on the waiting list for Commission homes in the area.
3. What actions have been taken to ensure that all persons on such lists still currently require such homes.

\*775. MR. CATHIE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, with respect to the agreement pursuant to the *Forests (Pulpwood Agreement) Act 1959*—

1. What is the—(a) minimum annual supply of pulpwood, excluding sawmill wastes, guaranteed under the Act ; and (b) actual annual volume of pulpwood taken.
2. Whether the minimum annual entitlement has been taken during any calendar year ; if so, which years.

\*776. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. Whether he circulated, in the form of a letter on ministerial letterhead, advice that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas ; if so, what was—(a) the date of the letter ; (b) the number of copies distributed ; (c) the basis of selection of recipients ; (d) the official status, if any, shown for the signatory ; and (e) the mode of distribution.
2. What costs, including stationery, were met for the letter, and what Budget appropriation was drawn upon in each case.

J. H. CAMPBELL,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER,  
Speaker

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

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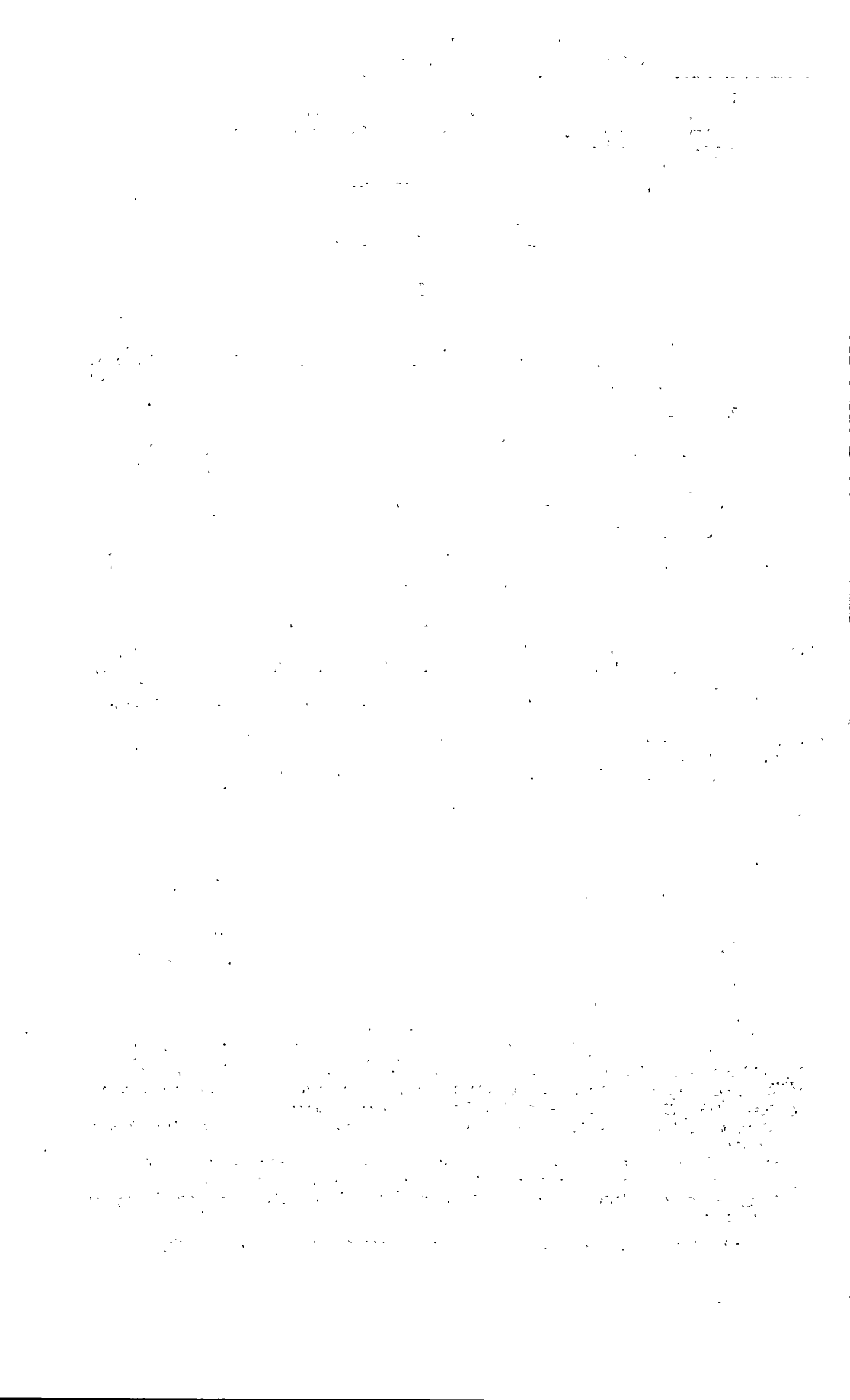
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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 16

THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1978

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS: To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. WILTON: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be enacted to establish Residential Tenancy Boards for the purposes of disseminating information concerning rental practices, arbitrating and deciding upon disputes between landlords and tenants, holding and investing in trust on behalf of tenants moneys deposited as security deposits demanded by landlords, and generally regulating relationships between landlords and tenants.
3. MR. WILKES: To move, That this House expresses its extreme concern at the proliferation of illegal drugs in Victoria, and calls on both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, every Member of the Victorian community and all law enforcement agencies to use every means, resource and endeavour available to—(a) educate the public about the deleterious effects of the use of illegal drugs of addiction; (b) control the distribution of these drugs; (c) prevent the unfortunate citizens who are the victims of drugs from receiving supplies; (d) encourage drug addicted persons to receive treatment; and (e) resolve that young Victorians resist experimentation with all drugs; and therefore prevent forever the rampant spread of harmful, illegal drugs in Victoria.
- \*4. MR. WILTON: To move, That this House takes note of the Statement of Mr. Speaker relating to procedures to be adopted for raising matters of privilege.
5. MR. CATHIE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes".
- \*6. MR. EDMUNDS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend Section 925 of the 'Local Government Act 1958' with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public".
7. MR. EDMUNDS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend Section 10 of the 'Public Records Act 1973' with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public".
8. MR. HANN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes".

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. MACLELLAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to make Provision for the Determination of the Terms and Conditions of Employment or Appointment of and the Salaries or Rates of Remuneration of certain Medical Practitioners and certain other Persons, to establish a Hospitals Remuneration Tribunal, to amend the 'Health Commission Act 1977' and for other purposes".
- \*2. MR. MACLELLAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Labour and Industry Act 1958' and for other purposes".
- \*3. MR. BORTHWICK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Victoria Conservation Trust Act 1972', to amend the 'Local Government Act 1958', and for other purposes".
- \*4. MR. HAMER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Superannuation Act 1958' in relation to the Classifications of Contributors and for other purposes".
- \*5. MR. DIXON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Racing Act 1958'".
- \*6. MR. DUNSTAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Pounds Act 1958' and for other purposes".
- \*7. MR. SMITH (Warrnambool): To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Egg Industry Stabilization Act 1973' and for other purposes".
- \*8. MR. DIXON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to make provision with respect to Circumstances in which Employers will not be liable to pay Compensation under the 'Workers Compensation Act 1958' to Persons who are Contestants in Sporting or Athletic Activities, and for other purposes".

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

**Orders of the Day**

1. STAMPS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*2. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*3. GRANYA (LAND EXCHANGE) BILL—Second reading.
- \*4. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (ADMINISTRATION AND RATES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*5. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading.
- \*6. COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading.
- \*7. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (PASSENGER SERVICES) BILL—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY (1978-79, No. 1) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*9. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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20. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
21. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
22. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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**TUESDAY, 25TH APRIL****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Order of the Day**

1. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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**WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the Day**

1. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. STATE DEVELOPMENT DECENTRALIZATION AND TOURISM BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. CRIMES (HIJACKINGS AND OTHER OFFENCES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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**THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the Day**

1. RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. MELBOURNE UNDERGROUND RAIL LOOP (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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**TUESDAY, 2ND MAY****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the Day**

1. NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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**WEDNESDAY, 3RD MAY****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Order of the Day**

1. MOTOR CAR (FEES AND PENALTIES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 19th April, 1978)

- \*777. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he will lay on the table of the Library the files and all relevant correspondence and documents concerning the Environment Protection Authority and Lake Colangulac and the decision by the Minister.
- \*778. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What explosive chemicals were spilled in a smash near Wandong.
  2. Whether there was a fear that nearby drains and a local water supply could be contaminated ; if so, what action was taken.
  3. How far containers were spread around the scene of the accident.
  4. What Government personnel attended the accident, indicating from which Departments.
  5. What action is being taken to tighten controls on the use, transport and storage of dangerous chemicals.
- \*779. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What legislation or regulations relating to the protection of the environment have been rescinded since the introduction of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.
  2. Whether any regulations pertaining to matters under the control of the Environment Protection Authority have been amended ; if so—(a) which regulations ; and (b) whether the Authority was consulted about any such alterations.
  3. Whether any existing legislation and/or regulations require repeal in order to allow the Authority to carry out its responsibilities.
- \*780. MR. BIRRELL : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise the actual or estimated number of psychosurgery treatments carried out annually in private medical practice.
- \*781. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the original 1977–78 financial allocations to the Geelong area of the Country Roads Board has been reduced or is planned to be reduced ; if so—(a) why, and by what amount ; and (b) whether the number of Board employees will be reduced in the Geelong district in the present calendar year.
- \*782. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether the Premier's Department has issued directions to all Government Departments and Instrumentalities in respect of leave requirements of officers and employees who are members of the Country Fire Authority and who wish to respond to Authority fire calls ; if so, whether guidelines had been previously laid down and, in that event, when ; if not, whether the Government will advise all State Departments and Instrumentalities to allow officers and employees who are members of the Authority to respond to fire calls without loss of pay.
- \*783. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether he is aware of the grave threat facing Victorian dairy farmers and butter producers as a result of the margarine price war operating in Australia since the middle of February this year.
  2. Whether the price war has reached such intensity that butter's share of the spreads market is now approximately 30 per cent nationally, with the remainder of the market being captured by margarine.
  3. Whether he is aware that this price-war was initiated by the Melbourne firm Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. through its control of the listed company Marrickville Holdings Ltd. which produces the "Miracle" margarine brand.
  4. Whether, as Victorian dairymen have most to lose from this price war, the Government will intervene to prevent Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. interests causing greater harm to dairy producers of this State.
- \*784. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in relation to the properties being acquired by the Country Roads Board in Alexandra-parade in Collingwood and Fitzroy—
1. Why the provisions of the *Lands Compensation Act 1958* are not being followed, particularly in respect of the payment of a solatium to compensate for the forced relocation ;
  2. Why compensation is not being paid to business people forced to move because of the freeway, particularly the shopkeeper on the corner of Gold-street ;
  3. Whether social workers with trained interpreters are being used by the Board to communicate with and deal with the problems of the people who live in Alexandra-parade.
- \*785. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether the extraordinary by-election advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 19th April, 1978, inserted by the Town Clerk of the City of Richmond, is in accordance with established custom in that the date of the resignation of the retiring Councillor, John Tyacke, is not stated.
  2. Whether the election date of 13th May, 1978 is within the time limit specified in the *Local Government Act 1958* ; if not, why a date "out of time" has been advertised.

\*786. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What action has been taken to encourage Country Fire Authority Regional Officers to make regular reports to Authority headquarters, as required by Section 44 of the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* ; as recommended on Pages 98 and 188 of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
2. What action is being taken to encourage all Authority Regional Officers to make regular inspections of their areas, as recommended on Pages 98 and 188 of the above Report.
3. What action has been taken to encourage all Authority Regional Advisory Committees to have regular meetings, as recommended on pages 89 to 90 and 189 of the Report.

\*787. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What action has been taken to enlarge the Country Fire Authority Regional Advisory Committees to include representatives of the State Electricity Commission and the Country Roads Board, as suggested on pages 95, 188, 193 and 198 of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
2. Whether the State Electricity Commission and Country Roads Board representatives on the Authority Regional Advisory Committees will be required to make regular reports in respect of the activities of their instrumentalities, as recommended on pages 193 and 198 of the above report.

\*788. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What action has been taken to encourage all Country Fire Authority Regional Advisory Committees to take steps to produce overall fire prevention plans, as recommended on pages 95 and 189 of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
2. Whether the Government has considered provision of financial incentives to encourage municipalities to produce fire prevention plans.
3. Whether the Government intends taking action to ensure appropriate fire prevention activity in the winter of 1978, in order to prevent similar disastrous loss of lives, homes and properties caused by bush and grass fires in previous years.

\*789. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What action has been taken to give Country Fire Authority Regional Officers voting rights on Local Advisory Committees, as suggested on pages 95 and 188 of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
2. What action has been taken to encourage suggestions for improvements in fire prevention and suppression from brigades which have a unique understanding of the difficulties and dangers of their own localities.
3. What action has been taken to examine the whole intra-regional structure of the Authority, as recommended on pages 96 and 187 of the above Report.

\*790. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether he has received submissions from the Shire of Gisborne concerning—(a) a planning scheme for Macedon ; and (b) a request for finance to help solve the compensation problems in the Macedon and Mount Macedon area ; if so, when a decision on these matters will be made.

\*791. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what submissions have been made concerning the Campey-road, subdivision, north of the Macedon township, indicating—(a) the nature of the submissions ; (b) the current position ; and (c) what action is proposed.

\*792. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he is now in a position to answer the question which appeared as No. 1978 and was asked at the beginning of the last sessional period, namely—

1. Whether he is aware that the Government's consultants, Kinnaird Hill de Rohan and Young Pty. Ltd. of the Battelle Memorial Institute, who were engaged for the preparation of the Green Paper on Energy, issued an explanatory paper under their name which gave an introduction and objectives of the study.
2. Whether he is aware that this paper was made available to those parties who indicated that they wished to present a submission to the Ministry of Fuel and Power for consideration by the above-mentioned consultants in relation to the then second part of a White Paper.
3. Why the objectives of study were changed, indicating—(a) why the scope of the study as defined in the consultants paper as part 11a Development Alternatives, 11b Policy Considerations, and 11c Policy Options was not the same as that reported on by the Minister as Part 2 of the study on page 3 of the Green Paper.
4. Why the status of the White Paper was changed to that of a Green Paper.
5. What was the total cost of the study, indicating the total amount paid to the consultants.
6. What was the original time table for completion of Part 2 of the study and why it was not adhered to.
7. Whether, in view of the fact that interested parties who presented submissions to the study did so on the understanding that they were contributing to a White Paper, which in its preparation has a scope of study broader than that reported on by the Minister on page 3 of the Green Paper, those parties were subsequently advised that the status of the study was to be changed from a White Paper to a Green Paper ; if not, why.
8. Whether the Ministry failed to advise, consult or seek verbal support for the submissions made by those interested parties ; if so, why.

- \*793. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, after the publication by the *Age* of an "Insight" article on the Housing Commission's Sunbury purchase in 1974, a policy inquiry was ordered to investigate the sale ; if so, whether there is a report of the inquiry and, in that event, whether he will lay the report on the table of the Library.
- \*794. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what investigations have been made into—(a) the State's coal, oil and gas reserves, respectively, to determine the relative cost of mining various deposits ; (b) how many power stations, oil from coal plants, Lurgi plants, industrial combines and refineries, respectively, could be supported by these deposits ; (c) the likely practical limits of recovery with current technology ; (d) the ultimate limits of recovery at which a net positive production of energy would no longer be possible (at whatever the cost) ; and (e) the availability of water for the power stations, &c. mentioned above and the likely environmental effects in the general area of the deposit if developed for such purposes.
- \*795. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of part two of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977—
1. Whether this part represents the Government's energy policy.
  2. Why the huge coal requirements of the two coal liquefaction plants mentioned in this part do not appear in the part one projections of primary energy requirements.
  3. How the natural gas supply shortfalls expected in the 1990's are likely to be met.
  4. What contingencies there are to provide motor spirit during interruption or reduction of supplies of Middle East oil before the first proposed coal liquefaction plant is in operation.
  5. Whether it has been claimed that the large value of the projected motor spirit consumption in the 1990's really reflects our likely needs ; if so, whether this implies the complete dismantling of our public transport system.
  6. Whether the continued increase in industrial fuel consumption is likely to lead to still more automation and fewer jobs for unskilled and semi-skilled workers.
  7. When nuclear power is likely to become competitive with electricity produced from Victorian brown coal.
  8. Why the relative costs of nuclear and brown coal generation changed radically between the hearings of the Public Works Committee during the Loy Yang Coal Reserves Inquiry in 1974 and the presentation of the Committee's report to Parliament in 1976.
  9. How long Victoria's brown coal reserves are expected to last assuming all oil and gas requirements have to be produced from brown coal from 1990 and the consumption of oil and gas continues to rise as projected in the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.
- \*796. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in how many instances in each of the past three years the State Savings Bank refused to honour the cheque of a depositor because it would have overdrawn the account by less than (a) \$10 ; (b) \$20 ; and (c) \$50.
- \*797. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the annual cost of auditing the accounts of technical and high school councils.
- \*798. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What is the total amount of—(a) loans ; and (b) guarantees to Primary Produce Marketing Boards, under the *Co-operation Act 1958*.
  2. Which Boards have been given loans and/or guarantees, indicating the amounts involved in each case.
- \*799. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he is aware of any pending farm sales where the contract of sale is subject to a new dairy licence being issued ; if so, whether he will make full details available and indicate whether a licence is to be issued.
- \*800. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what interest has been earned from the Swine Compensation Fund in each of the past five years and for what purpose the interest has been used.
- \*801. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 2787 given on 26th October, 1977 concerning the Tramway-road, rail crossing at Morwell—
1. In view of the diversion of the Midland-highway and the installation of a new rail siding near this crossing, whether the Country Roads Board, the Railways Department, or the Road Safety and Traffic Authority have considered the probability of increased traffic using this crossing since traffic counts were last taken in early 1975.
  2. Whether he will arrange traffic counts to be taken to ascertain—(a) the number of school buses using the crossing ; (b) the number of trains using the crossing, including those being shunted into and out of the rail siding ; (c) the total number of vehicles using the crossing in a mid-week 24 hour period ; and (d) whether increased usage of this crossing should give the crossing a higher priority so that warning lights can be installed before 1978-79 ; if not, why.



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18. STATE DEVELOPMENT DECENTRALIZATION AND TOURISM BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
19. LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
20. RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
21. MELBOURNE UNDERGROUND RAIL LOOP (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
22. NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
23. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
24. ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
25. CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
26. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
27. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
28. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*29. VICTORIA CONSERVATION TRUST BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*30. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*31. RACING (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
32. COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
33. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (PASSENGER SERVICES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
34. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
35. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (ADMINISTRATION AND RATES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
36. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
37. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
38. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
39. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
40. CRIMES (HIJACKINGS AND OTHER OFFENCES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
41. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
42. MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
43. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

## GENERAL BUSINESS

## Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House expresses its extreme concern at the proliferation of illegal drugs in Victoria, and calls on both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, every Member of the Victorian community and all law enforcement agencies to use every means, resource and endeavour available to—(a) educate the public about the deleterious effects of the use of illegal drugs of addiction ; (b) control the distribution of these drugs ; (c) prevent the unfortunate citizens who are the victims of drugs from receiving supplies ; (d) encourage drug addicted persons to receive treatment ; and (e) resolve that young Victorians resist experimentation with all drugs ; and therefore prevent forever the rampant spread of harmful, illegal drugs in Victoria.
3. MR. WILTON : To move, That this House takes note of the Statement of Mr. Speaker relating to procedures to be adopted for raising matters of privilege.
- \*4. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all liability to pay gift duty in respect of gifts made on or after 1st July, 1978, should be abolished and that such gifts be not taken into consideration for the purpose of assessing gift duty or determining a rate of gift duty with respect to gifts made before that date.
5. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes* ”.
6. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 925 of the ‘ Local Government Act 1958 ’ with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public* ”.
7. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 10 of the ‘ Public Records Act 1973 ’ with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public* ”.
8. MR. HANN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes* ”.

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 WEDNESDAY, 3RD MAY

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. MOTOR CAR (FEES AND PENALTIES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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 THURSDAY, 4TH MAY

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

- \*1. HOSPITALS REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*2. EGG INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. STAMPS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 7th March, 1978)

2. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster, respectively, what are—  
(a) the names of the private hospitals and number of beds in each hospital ; (b) the names of the nursing homes and number of beds in each home ; (c) the names of the special accommodation houses and number of beds in each house ; and (d) the number of patients awaiting admittance into each institution.
  
4. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments by residents and patients in State subsidised or controlled nursing homes in geriatric hospitals—
  1. What amount is at present charged against the pension of residents and all patients, specifying the increases which have occurred in each of the past three years and the sum left to the person for personal expenditure, in each case.
  2. Whether proposals are before the Minister to vary the present contribution ; if so—(a) what proposals ; and (b) whether a decision has been made and, if so, what decision.
  3. What income was derived in each State subsidised institution from the collection of such pension moneys.
  
5. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of waiting lists for hospitals for the aged—
  1. What was the waiting list for each hospital as at—(a) 30th April, 1976 ; (b) 30th August, 1977 ; and (c) 31st January, 1978, indicating the category of urgency in each case.
  2. What projects are under way or proposed to reduce the waiting list, indicating the dates of commencement and completion of construction in each case.
  
8. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Development Programme, which hospital works were discussed and agreed on for funding during 1976-77 by the Joint Hospital Works Advisory Committee, specifying which works were subsequently funded by—(a) the Commonwealth Government ; (b) the State Government ; or (c) by both Governments.
  
12. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of section 31.1 of the Hospitals Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, and since question No. 1639 answered on 22nd March, 1977—
  1. Whether any recognised hospitals have applied to the Minister for the exemption of “ superior accommodation ” ; if so, which hospitals and how many beds are involved in each case.
  2. Which hospitals have received the approval of the Minister to charge higher daily bed charges on account of superior accommodation, specifying the date on which exemption was given, the number of beds, and the daily rate permitted.
  3. Whether the Minister has refused any application for exemption ; if so, from which hospital and why.
  4. Whether any hospitals are charging more than the charge set out in paragraph (b) of clause 28.2 without approval from the Victorian Minister of Health ; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed.
  
14. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of genetic engineering—
  1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.
  
15. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
  
25. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
  1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.

26. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portarlington and District Community Health Centre—
1. What proposals have been made by the Centre for capital works, when these were first made and what is the estimated cost.
  2. Whether any funds have been made available ; if so, when, and for what building works.
  3. When it is expected that State funds will become available for the proposed building.
  4. Which centres are above Portarlington on the priority list.
28. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hately Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced ; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hately Hostel ; and (b) other similar hostels.
32. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of surgical operations to the brain—
1. Whether any such operations have been carried out under the auspices of the Mental Health Authority, specifying in each of the past five years the number of cases classified as unsuccessful.
  2. Whether officers of the Authority have examined a draft Bill prepared by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights relating to such surgery ; if so, what recommendations have been made to the Minister ; if not, whether it will be examined and a report prepared.
33. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers ; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.
37. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at— (a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and (d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
38. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
41. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
43. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State Government contribution to expenses for immunization campaigns carried out in conjunction with municipalities outside the metropolitan area—
1. What claims for expenses are met by the Department of Health, specifying the date on which the amounts were set and the Government's contribution to those expenses.
  2. Whether the Minister will review the scale of contributions by the Department with a view to bringing them into line with current costs ; if so, what will be the new rate of expense reimbursement.

46. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital—
1. What was the Budget allocation for 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively.
  2. Whether the Hospitals and Charities Commission has agreed to fund all or part of the hospital's deficit for 1976-77 ; if so, to what extent.
  3. Why the hospital received below average grants in May and June of 1977.
  4. What funds have been made available to the hospital in each of the past five years for capital works, and what proposals for improvements are presently before the Commission, indicating when it is expected these will be agreed to.
47. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Caulfield Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of cuts which have had to be made in services at the hospital ; if so, which cuts.
  2. Whether he is also aware that one of the cuts made is the cessation of the only evening activity organized for patients, namely, a regular film evening.
53. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.
56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4.6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.
60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
61. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 2991 answered on 15th November, 1977—
1. Whether any doctors who did not pay their registration fee were subsequently registered ; if so, how many.
  2. How many doctors failing to pay the registration fee were subsequently dropped from the list.
64. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
66. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each—(a) teaching hospital ; (b) non-teaching hospital with more than 200 beds ; and (c) base hospital, what were the numbers on waiting lists for public or standard patients and private patients, respectively, as at 30th June, 1975, 30th June, 1976, 30th June, 1977 and 30th October, 1977.
67. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
68. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.

69. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public; (b) charitable; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services; (ii) outpatients' services; (iii) midwifery; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria; (b) Melbourne; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
76. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the Dental Centres at Footscray and North Fitzroy, which schools receive services from each of these centres, specifying the last year at which a full service was carried out.
77. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
79. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name; (b) address; (c) current enrolment; (d) current waiting list; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
87. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
88. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
89. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
92. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
97. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
103. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, in respect of each friendly society and benefit association medical service and/or hospital benefit fund in Victoria for 1976-77, the Minister will supply the Member for Brunswick with details as soon as they are available as to—(a) the income of each body, specifying the amount received by way of contribution, interest, and Commonwealth Benefit subsidies; (b) the expenditure of each body, specifying the amount expended on medical benefits, hospital benefits, management, and Commonwealth Government benefits; (c) the total of each fund as at 30th June, 1976; and (d) the number of contributors to each fund at the beginning and end, respectively, of the 1976-77 financial year.

105. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.
108. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) the Moorabbin hospital; and (b) the Oakleigh District Community hospital, what is the average waiting period for—(i) standard ward patients with Medibank levy cover ; and (ii) intermediate patients, in each category of hospital service.
109. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
110. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
113. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of studies which suggest that two pesticides, chlordane and heptachlor, are carcinogens.
  2. Whether the two pesticides are used in products on sale in Victoria ; if so, in which products and for what purpose.
  3. Whether the Government proposes any action to restrict the use of these pesticides.
115. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
118. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.
121. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.



122. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.
131. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
132. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
134. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.
135. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—(a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.
136. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
  2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.
137. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
  2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.
138. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. On what dates the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment produced background papers.
  2. What was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the names of the persons and groups who received copies in each case.
139. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.
141. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
  2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary on 29th April, 1978.
  3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
  4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.

142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—
1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively, have been successful.
  2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
  3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
  4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
  5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.
143. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier what are the dates on which the Victorian Government has held consultations concerning the White Paper on Manufacturing Industry— (a) within its own structure ; (b) with employer groups ; (c) with consumer groups ; and (d) with trade unions, specifying in each case—(i) the subject ; (ii) the substance of the outcome ; and (iii) the names of the participants.
144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.
150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.
152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.
158. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area ; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type ; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
161. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether a survey was undertaken by the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory in 1975 regarding the design and function of 69.1.900 building type schools ; if so—(a) whether a report has been prepared ; and (b) whether he will supply the results to interested Members.
162. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why teachers are not allowed to take leave without pay or to be seconded to the position of Community Education Officer in schools.
  2. Whether the departmental policy on this matter was determined prior to consultation with the Community Education Committee and what is the view of the Committee on this issue.
163. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office ; (b) converted shelter-shed ; (c) assembly hall cloak room ; (d) condemned ex-army hut ; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
164. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school ; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.

165. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to Highvale primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. What was the expected maximum enrolment when the present permanent buildings at the school were constructed.
  3. How many portable class-rooms are at the school.
  4. When the proposed new primary school at Weedon-drive will be able to take students from Highvale.
166. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.
167. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties ; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
168. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
169. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
171. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.
172. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
173. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966–67 to 1976–77 inclusive.
183. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
184. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
186. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.

189. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.
190. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.
192. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
193. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.
194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.

202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980.
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.
204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
210. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
216. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for the construction of the planned new wing at Healesville high school.
217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.
219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.
225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.

226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
237. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.

248. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
249. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
251. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
253. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
255. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
256. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.
257. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.
258. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.
259. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—
1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
  2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
  3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
  4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
  5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
  6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
  7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
  8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
  9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.

260. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to Watsonia Heights primary school—
1. What progress has been made in respect of siteworks to rectify areas defined as dangerous in a report prepared by the Public Works Department in July, 1977.
  2. What progress the Public Works Department has made in provision of an estimate for the staff administration area.
271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
283. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
287. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, what moneys allocated to the Victoria Police Force for expenditure on capital works for the current financial year has yet to be spent, indicating what works have yet to be started and/or completed.
289. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.



293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
  2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
  3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
  4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.
295. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many persons have been killed as a result of car accidents on Victorian roads in the past twelve months, and in each of the years from 1968 to date.
  2. How many persons have been killed on Victorian roads since road accident statistics have been recorded.
  3. How many persons in each of the years on record have been—(a) under 25 years of age; and (b) under 20 years of age, indicating how many persons in each category have been involved in serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
  4. What statistics are available providing the cost to the community of road accidents in each of the years on record.
304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds; if so—(a) when such payments ceased; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.
311. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.
312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians; (ii) passengers; (iii) drivers; (iv) motor cycle riders; (v) bicycle riders; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.
325. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977–78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments ; (b) specific purpose grants ; and (c) revenue grants.
  2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
  3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977–78 ; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices ; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax ; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources ; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.
334. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget ; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975–76, 1976–77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
  3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised ; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
335. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.
336. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977–78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
341. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2096 given on 4th May, 1977—
1. Whether the working paper has been completed and when it will be published.
  2. What are the main proposals submitted by each of the four Local Government Regional Refuse Disposal Groups.
  3. What consultation has taken place with local government bodies to assist development of the legislative framework.
  4. Whether the objective of introducing legislation this session will be achieved ; if not, why.
  5. Whether a decision has been made concerning the matters referred to in parts three and four of the question.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.

351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
352. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Government will announce a decision on the proposed extension of the South-eastern Freeway so that uncertainty will be removed from the minds of people whose properties may be affected, particularly people who wish to sell but are unable to do so because their properties are now virtually frozen.
354. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.
356. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
360. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.

*(Notices received on 9th March, 1978)*

366. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
  2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
  3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
  4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.
367. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What measures have been taken to extend the present intruder alarm system at Hurstbridge high school to include the—(a) art and craft centre ; and (b) video-equipment storage areas.
  2. Whether he is aware that the school presently employs a commercial security firm to minimize the risk of burglary and/or arson.
376. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
  2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
  3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.
377. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.
379. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.

380. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
  2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.
381. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T contain dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
  2. Whether 24D contains impurities which mask the analysis of dioxin ; if so, what is the published scientific evidence.
  3. Whether any serious systematic sample checking is made of each batch of these chemicals ; if so—(a) who conducts these checks ; and (b) what laboratories are used ; if not, why.
  4. Whether there is such a thing as a known minimum dosage of cancer-causing chemicals below which exposure is safe.
383. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
  2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.
386. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
  2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
  3. Why the work has not been performed.
  4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.
- (Notices received on 14th March, 1978)*
389. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works how many State-owned buildings over 25 metres in height are without automatic fire sprinkler systems.
391. MR. KENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
  2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.
394. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.
396. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of pedestrian overpasses—
1. What Authorities submit applications for such overpasses across grade school crossings and heavily trafficked roads.
  2. Which Authority decides priorities, indicating the factors taken into account.
  3. How these crossings are funded, indicating who contributes to the fund.
  4. How much money has been allocated for overpasses in each of the past three financial years.
  5. What is the current priority list for crossings indicating the number expected to be built in this financial year, the number built in each of the past two financial years, and the average cost per overpass in each year.
  6. Whether any application for an overpass has been submitted by the City of Chelsea ; if so, when.
400. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.
401. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.

409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
  2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
  3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.
411. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the re-alignment of the roadway for the proposed F.2 Freeway in relation to the building project of Kodak (Australasia) Pty. Ltd., has affected any additional properties within the City of Coburg ; if so, what are the locations of the properties affected.
412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
  2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
  3. In how many of these claims submitted to the insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
  4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.
414. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Premier with reference to the property, Nyermilang at Lakes Entrance—
1. On what date the Government purchased the property.
  2. Which Department at present administers the property.
  3. What is the area of the property.
  4. What price was paid, for what purpose it was purchased, and from whom it was purchased.
  5. For what purposes it has been used since the property was acquired.
  6. What improvements have been carried out, indicating at what cost.
  7. Whether the public have access to the property and, if not, to whom access is available.
415. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.
420. MR. McINNES : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—
1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976-77 and 1977-78.
  2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977-78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.
424. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the chemical currently being used for the fluoridation of Melbourne's water supply is of a chemically pure standard.
  2. Whether, as the World Health Organisation resolution recommends the introduction of fluoridation only where the fluoride intake from water and other sources for the given population is below the optimum levels, the Minister could supply references to research carried out by the Commission of Public Health which demonstrated the necessity for adding fluoride to the public water supplies.
  3. What levels of total fluoride intake were determined by the research carried out by the Commission, indicating whether these levels could be classified as fluoride intake from—(a) environmental pollution ; (b) existing drinking water ; and (c) average dietary patterns.
- (Notices received on 15th March, 1978)
426. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many Filipino nursing staff are employed in hospitals in Victoria.
  2. What are the terms of contract entered into by Filipino staff.
  3. What were the reasons for bringing Filipino staff into Victorian hospitals.

429. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What percentage of domestic fuel and power demand is for water heating.
  2. What is the contribution of solar energy to domestic hot water where heating is provided by—  
(a) gas ; and (b) electricity, indicating whether direct solar water heaters using a thermosyphon or solar pre-heaters were used, and how these results compare with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's figures at Clayton, which show a potential 65 per cent. saving from solar energy in Victoria.
  3. In respect of which solar units off peak rates are—(a) given ; and (b) not given.
430. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, whether an inquiry is being undertaken by the Law Department or any other body into the costs associated with the sale and purchase of land ; if so—(a) who are the persons conducting the inquiry, and what are the terms of reference ; and (b) when it is expected that a report will be made.
432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia ; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
  3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
  4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.
434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
  2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash ; (ii) land ; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
  3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.
435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
  2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
  3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services ; if so, at what level.
  4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.
436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated regulations—
1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project ; and (b) a community project.
  2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
  3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  4. Whether application forms for grants are available ; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant ; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
  6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.
437. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance service which services the Mornington peninsula—
1. Whether it is intended that the service will continue ; if so, on what basis.
  2. How many persons were assisted by the ambulance during 1977, indicating to which hospitals they were taken.
  3. Whether the ambulance is being used to transfer patients from the Frankston hospital to the Wonthaggi hospital ; if so, why.
  4. What was the cost of the service in the last financial year, and what is the estimated cost for this financial year.

438. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Cowes Elderly Citizens Club—
1. Whether the Minister has yet received a deputation from the Shire of Phillip Island as requested by the Shire ; if so, when, and with what result.
  2. What plans exist for the upgrading of the inadequate facilities at the Club and when it is expected that funds will be made available for this purpose.
440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. When it was determined to establish the school.
  4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
  5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year ; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.
441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational ; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.
442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis ; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.
445. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many residents of the City of Broadmeadows were out-patients at the Royal Children's Hospital in each month from 1st February, 1975 to 31st January, 1978 inclusive.
446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what results.
449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—
1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
  2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
  3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
  4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
  5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
  6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.
454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
  2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
  3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.

457. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What proposals have been made to the Government to establish a casino in Victoria, indicating—(a) who has made such approaches ; and (b) what sites have been suggested.
2. Whether the Government is still considering the establishment of casinos in Victoria ; if so, when it is envisaged a decision will be finalized.

460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—

1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.

461. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—

1. What action the Housing Commission intends taking to meet the demand for two bedroom housing in the Latrobe Valley.
2. How many applicants are waiting to purchase Commission houses at Churchill, and what is the approximate waiting time for such applicants.
3. What are the details of the Commission building programme for the Towns of Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill, respectively.

(Notices received on 16th March, 1978)

462. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether there has been a substantial increase in expenditure on entertainment in recent months by the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board ; if so, whether the increase in expenditure is relevant to the interests of grain growers.
2. What total amount has been expended on entertainment since the present Chairman's appointment to that position.
3. What amount was expended on entertainment by the previous Chairman of the Board in each of the two years prior to his retirement.
4. What are the names of persons entertained by the Board since the appointment of the present Chairman.

466. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have had their salary arrangements altered as a result of the Government's decision to cease collecting fees for the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association.

467. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education at which schools strikes have been held in 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, indicating the respective dates.

468. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have been absent without leave under the terms of the *Public Service Act* 1974 as a result of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association this year.

470. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established—(a) school councils consisting of equal numbers of parents, teachers and students ; (b) school councils without any teacher representatives other than the principal ; and (c) school councils with student representation other than in equal numbers with teachers and parents.

473. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 27 answered on 14th March, 1978, whether the examination of the three brands of snake bite kits included an evaluation of their usefulness and effectiveness ; if so, what was the conclusion of the inspecting officers in each case.

(Notices received on 21st March, 1978)

476. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. Whether the Minister is aware of the concern of interstate road hauliers at the Victorian speed limit of 40 m.p.h. imposed on interstate transport vehicles.
2. If he will ascertain and advise what are the speed limits in all other States.
3. Whether the Government will review the speed limit to conform with other States.
4. Whether the Minister will review the present penalties which can result in a truck operator being fined by the court for exceeding the speed limit and then ultimately losing his licence, whereas car drivers may only be liable for on the spot fines.



477. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the permit procedure for organizations wishing to play Bingo has been proved to be adequate.
  2. How many applications have been granted to date.
  3. Whether the Police Force has indicated any concern at Bingo being played on licensed premises since the introduction of the legislation.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any abuse of the system to date.
478. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what policy has been developed by the Teachers Tribunal in respect of proposals put to it regarding multi-cultural education.
479. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many classes have enrolments greater than 31 in State primary schools.
  2. Whether, in view of the 600 fully trained teachers, who were assisted by Education Department scholarships, and who are still unemployed, he will authorize the employment of sufficient of these teachers to reduce all classes to 31 students.
482. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Brunswick the first and any subsequent reports of investigations into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, and whether the Minister will lay the relevant file on the table of the Library.
483. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health are participating in the current review of hostel accommodation for aged persons currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security ; if so—(a) on what basis ; (b) which officers are involved ; and (c) whether the State has put a submission to the Commonwealth on this subject and, in that event, whether a copy of the submission will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
484. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme" ; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
486. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of special health screening services for refugees—
1. When the Victorian Government put a case to the Commonwealth Government for urgent financial assistance, specifying the amount sought and for what services.
  2. Whether the Commonwealth has provided such funds ; if so, how much, on what basis, and when.
488. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Melton, Werribee and Laverton police stations respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983 inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is of Melton, Werribee and Laverton, respectively.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are in unmarked cars.
492. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the 32 children involved in the migrant programme at North Williamstown primary school and the 132 children not included in the programme, whether he will ensure that a migrant education teacher will be appointed to the school as a matter of urgency, to replace the teacher transferred at the end of 1977.

496. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What is the present strength of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in all ranks.
  2. What is the—(a) establishment ; and (b) actual strength of each platoon at each station, indicating the number of officers and firefighters, respectively.
  3. How many officers and firefighters respectively the Brigade is below minimum level.
  4. Whether it is intended to bring the manning up to the minimum level of officers and firefighters as required ; if so, when.
  5. When the necessary number of officers will be promoted to increase officer strength to the required minimum.
  6. When the necessary number of firefighters will be employed to increase the strength to the required minimum.
  7. Whether any delays in the promotion of officers and the employment of firefighters will leave Melbourne with a fire service operating under the required minimum.
  8. Whether the deflation of staff will have an effect on the efficiency of the Brigade and the morale of the existing staff.
  9. How many times during the past twelve months it has been necessary to transfer officers and firefighters to make up strength either from shift to shift or station to station, indicating from which and to what station staff was transferred and why.
  10. Whether the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board intends employing sufficient staff to enable it to operate above the minimum manning.
  11. What was the cost to the Board, including all penalties, to operate relieving staff and stand-by staff during the past twelve months.
497. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the officers of the Preston City Council have provided details of—(a) the number of building allotments in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park primary school ; and (b) a vehicular and pedestrian link from the Lockton-avenue estate through Barrow-street to the school site ; if so, what are the details, including the—(i) number of lots ; (ii) number of existing houses ; (iii) cost of road construction ; (iv) cost of water reticulation services ; (v) cost of sewerage services ; (vi) cost of electrical reticulation ; (vii) type of bridge construction and road works associated with the Barrow-street link ; and (viii) any other relevant information.
499. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the size of the present staff room at Ruthven primary school.
  2. What was the staff level of this school at the time of construction and what is the present level of staffing.
  3. Whether it is proposed to provide additional staff room accommodation ; if so, when and how.
503. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the increase in beds available in each of the geriatric hospitals located within the metropolitan area over each of the past three years.
504. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. How many building blocks in the area controlled by the Westernport Regional Planning Authority have been found unsuitable for building development, indicating who is now responsible for payment of rates on these blocks.
  2. What future use will be made of these blocks, indicating whether the present owners are to be compensated by the Authority.
507. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. How many municipalities in the Metropolitan area levy a residential use rate.
  2. When the residential use rate was introduced and for what purpose.
  3. Whether a municipality has the right to adjust the residential use rate to counteract rises in valuations or other circumstances ; if so, by what method.
  4. In what year the City of Coburg adopted a residential use rate and what rate was agreed on.
  5. Whether the City of Coburg has ever made any adjustment to its residential use rate ; if so, in what years and what rate was accepted in each case.
  6. How many ratepayers in the City other than pensioners are receiving rate assistance, indicating the type of rate assistance being extended.
  7. How many pensioners in the City benefit from the State rate remission system.
508. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many children attending primary schools in each of the past three years within the City of Coburg have been found to be infected with head lice.
  2. What method is used to treat the infection.
  3. Whether the Minister will consider attaching trained staff to those schools in which head lice is of regular occurrence ; if not, why.

(Notices received on 22nd March, 1978)

512. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What has caused the delay in purchasing land for Seaford Park primary school, indicating—  
(a) when negotiations began ; (b) whether action was taken to compulsorily acquire the land and, if so, when ; and (c) whether negotiations, including valuations, have been completed ; if so, when.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the building of the school, indicating—  
(a) when it is expected to complete the project ; and (b) when the school is expected to be opened.
514. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what was the growth in sales of gas in each of the past five years, indicating the projected growth in each case and the areas where the growth in consumption has occurred.
515. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister intends introducing legislation which will provide a form of insurance covering deficient title caused by a vehicle being sold whilst under lien to a finance institution ; if so, when.
516. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What is the number of registered professional fishermen in Victoria.
  2. How many professional fishing licences have been issued in each of the past ten years.
  3. Whether the total number of licensed fishermen has varied over the past ten years.
  4. What amounts have been allocated in the State Budget for the control of fishing in each of the past ten years.
  5. How many inspectors of ocean fishing there are, indicating whether the number has increased during the past ten years.
  6. How many prosecutions have been launched for undersized—(a) scallops ; and (b) fish, during each of the past five years.
  7. What production figures are available for dredging scallops in each of the past ten years.
517. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association in each of the years from 1970 to 1977 inclusive—
1. Which schools experienced such strikes.
  2. On which dates the strikes were held.
  3. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  4. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
518. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in which subject areas in the secondary and technical divisions, respectively, there are currently—(a) unemployed teachers ; and (b) employment vacancies, indicating the numbers involved in each case.
519. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many registered teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) primary ; (b) secondary ; and (c) technical divisions.
  2. How many appropriately qualified primary teachers are currently unemployed in the—  
(a) migrant ; (b) music ; (c) physical education ; (d) library ; and (e) art/craft categories.
520. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held during 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association—
1. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  2. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
521. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary, and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established school councils with—(a) one ; (b) two ; (c) three ; (d) four ; (e) five ; and (f) more than five teacher representatives.
522. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what amounts were allocated in the 1977-78 Budget to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division for the purpose of purchasing land, indicating—(a) how much has been spent to date ; (b) what departments undertake land purchases for the Division ; and (c) what steps will be taken to ensure that the allocation will be fully spent.
527. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of payments to the Preston City Council for pensioner rate concessions, whether the Council has received the amounts claimed ; if not, why.

528. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, in respect of the ten point plan for decentralization implemented by the Department of State Development in September, 1972—
1. What number of industries have taken advantage of the Governments incentives, indicating how many of these industries have built new factories or major extensions since that date.
  2. Which industries have built new factories or major extensions since September, 1972, indicating the factory name, main product, location and number of employees in each case.
529. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department was involved in any way with a contract for the building of an Arts Centre at Wangaratta during 1976-77.
  2. Who were the tenderers and what was the amount tendered by each tenderer.
  3. Who were the signatories to the main building contract and when the contract was signed with the successful tenderers, indicating the name of the successful tenderer.
  4. Why competitive tenders were called.
  5. On what grounds the decision was made to award the contract to the successful tenderer.
  6. What was the date scheduled for the completion of the contract and the actual date of completion.
  7. Whether the original contract was recently cancelled.
  8. Who was the architect appointed to supervise construction of the contract.
530. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department is investigating the confinement leave provision relating to female teachers within the teaching service.
  2. Whether abolition of confinement leave could allow for the employment of all unemployed teachers in the Primary Division.
  3. Whether continuation of the present trend in the ratio of female primary teachers to male primary teachers will result in a large percentage of primary schools being staffed completely by female teachers in future.
  4. Whether the Government has any control over the intake of students at State Colleges of Victoria to ensure a greater percentage of male teachers at the colleges.
  5. Whether the Government will be taking action to correct the imbalance between the number of male and female teachers.
532. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in cases where a motor vehicle has been seriously damaged by accident and the insurance company has permitted repairs to be carried out by the "cut and shut" method in order to save an overall pay out, whether the Minister would take the initiative to see that the onus of responsibility for a roadworthiness test should be accepted by the respective insurance company and not the insured.
535. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health.
1. How many municipalities in the metropolitan area engage a handyman service to assist elderly, handicapped, or low income residents.
  2. What is the man-power strength of this service and from what source funds are made available to meet the cost by the respective municipalities.
  3. What Government funds are made available to municipalities to assist them with this type of work assistance project.
538. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the detailed energy policy for conservation of resources and how it is being applied.
  2. Whether he endorses the findings of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977, indicating any areas of disagreement.
539. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the median age of teachers in each of the three divisions of the teaching service.
  2. Whether the Minister will give consideration to the provision of a by-pass procedure to allow experience of older teachers to be taken into account to ease the problem of qualification-linked salary barriers, at least within the assistant class salary range.
- (Notices received on 4th April, 1978)*
543. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. What action the Government proposes taking to preserve Clarendon Terrace, Clarendon-street, East Melbourne from demolition.
  2. Who is the present owner of the building.
  3. When the structure was built.
  4. What are the dimensions of the site.
  5. What is the estimated cost of restoration.

552. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of each of the freight centres in Victoria—
1. What was the date of commencement in each case and what are the projected dates of opening for each future centre.
  2. In the case of each centre, how many zones have been created, indicating generally the areas in each zone.
  3. In respect of each zone—(a) who were the successful road transport contractors ; (b) who made the decision to appoint such contractors ; and (c) what rates were set.
553. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to his statement on the West Gate Bridge on 7th September, 1977—
1. As the stated reasons for the delays in construction amounted to 152 working weeks, what are the reasons for the additional delays which will result in completion of the project eight years behind schedule.
  2. What proportion of the daily cost of delays of \$35,000 is attributable to interest charges.
554. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2609 answered on 4th October, 1977—
1. What were the reasons for the Government adopting the report on the “ outer ring ” freeway.
  2. Who evaluated the plan and how.
  3. What is the—(a) expected cost ; and (b) estimated date of completion of the outer ring freeway.
  4. Whether it is expected that the outer ring freeway will increase or depress motor vehicle usage.
556. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many traffic accidents involving pedestrians, motor cars, motor cycles, bicycles, motor trucks, and motor buses, respectively, have taken place at the intersection of Mitcham and Springfield-roads, Nunawading in each year since 1955.
  2. How many persons have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured in traffic accidents at the intersection in each year since 1955.
  3. Whether any requests have been made to the Government or to the Road Safety and Traffic Authority or to any Minister for traffic control lights to be erected at the intersection ; if so, by whom, to whom, and on what date each such request was made.
  4. Whether it is proposed to construct traffic control lights at the intersection ; if so—(a) when such traffic control lights or signals will be constructed ; and (b) what priority number has been allocated to that intersection.
  5. Whether any—(a) traffic flow studies ; (b) pedestrian activity studies ; and (c) studies as to the need for access to or egress from adjoining properties have been carried out at the intersection ; if so, by whom, when each such study was carried out, and what facts were ascertained from each study.
557. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What toothpastes currently offered for sale in Victoria contain chloroform as an ingredient, indicating in the case of each brand the percentage of chloroform.
  2. For what purpose chloroform is used in an ingredient.
  3. Whether chloroform is carcinogenic.
  4. What action he will take to investigate the possible risks of using chloroform in toothpastes and, if there is a degree of danger, to so advise the public.
560. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with respect to commuters who travel to and from work on all or most working days by public transport in the Melbourne Transportation District, what is the average daily number of commuters, indicating what proportion are—(a) white collar workers ; and (b) blue collar workers.
561. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what Asian languages are being taught in State primary, secondary or technical schools, respectively, indicating in each case, the name of the school, the language taught, the levels at which such languages are taught, and the numbers of pupils and staff involved.
562. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain and inform whether chloroform was banned in the United States in April, 1976 as an ingredient in toothpaste, cough medicines and other drugs and whether the Commonwealth Government Laboratories tested toothpastes available in Australia and found that 10 of 38 brands contained chloroform.
  2. What cough medicines and other proprietary remedies currently available contain chloroform as an ingredient.

565. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—

1. What steps are being taken to provide additional aid to the Children's Protection Society in view of estimates by the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that as many as 13,500 Australian children may be deliberately injured every year.
2. What action is anticipated to ensure—(a) mandatory notification by doctors, and other health professionals and teachers of suspected cases of child bashing ; (b) preventative programmes ; (c) referral centres ; and (d) additional social workers for the Children's Protection Society.

566. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has received requests from a number of municipalities in Victoria for the introduction of legislation making compulsory the wearing of hard hats or safety helmets by persons riding horses ; if so, whether he has considered the matter, and what action is contemplated.

570. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what avenues for training and/or retraining to each skilled trade or industry sector are available to—(a) unskilled ; and (b) semi-skilled workers over the age of 24 years.

571. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will take action as a matter of urgency to require the Department of Labour and Industry and the Education Department to implement programmes of English language teaching in industry in consultation with employer and trade union organizations.

572. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether a national committee has been set up on health statistics ; if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee, who are the members of the committee, when it was set up and on how many occasions it has met.
2. What progress has been made with the collection of national health statistics.

574. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what total amount so far has been allocated and expended, respectively, and how many applications so far—(a) have been received ; (b) have been approved ; (c) have been rejected ; and (d) are waiting assessment, in respect of—(i) the scheme announced on 26th February, 1978, under which young couples buying their first home block were to be required to find 25 per centum only of the price in cash and were to be able to re-pay the rest at 10 per centum interest over ten years ; (ii) the scheme announced on 13th December, 1977, under which \$100 million from private lending sources was to be channelled into co-operative building societies for loans to home buyers at 8·5 per centum interest ; (iii) the scheme announced on 29th December, 1977, under which \$25 million from the State Savings Bank of Victoria and five private banks was to be channelled into 49 co-operative housing societies for first mortgage loans of up to \$25,000 to home buyers at 9·25 per centum interest and second mortgage loans of up to \$5,000 at 10 per centum interest ; and (iv) the scheme announced on 13th March, 1978, under which the price of a block of land was to be reduced by \$3,000 and the price of a home-land package was to be reduced by \$5,000.

575. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether a report has been prepared by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board on the St. Nicholas Hospital, Carlton ; if so, when the report was completed and whether a copy will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

576. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of courses for the training of teachers for pre-schools—

1. Which courses are currently recognized by the Department of Health, specifying the number of students enrolled in the course and the first year intake in 1978.
2. Whether the Department in recommending the employment of pre-school teachers ranks graduates of courses in different categories ; if so, on what basis.
3. How many scholarships are awarded by the Department to students undertaking such courses, specifying at which institutions such scholarships are granted and whether scholarships are available for early childhood education students at either Coburg or Frankston.
4. In view of the Department's own report and the report prepared for the Council of the Institute of Early Childhood Development at Kew, whether a submission was made to the State College of Victoria concerning the need for restraint in the student intake ; if not, why.

577. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the kitchen at the Kingston Centre—

1. When the first stage was commenced and completed.
2. When it was announced that \$3 million would be made available for the completion of the kitchen.
3. Whether any tenders have yet been let for further stages of the kitchen ; if not, why.
4. What is the proposed completion date of stage two and when it is expected that work will commence and be completed on stage three.
5. Whether the steel frame work of the first stage now requires retreating because of rust and other problems ; if so, why.

581. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what land has been purchased by the Urban Land Council since 1st January, 1976, indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location ; (b) title particulars ; (c) the area ; (d) what price was paid ; (e) what development works had been carried out prior to purchase ; (f) what development works have been carried out since purchase, by whom, and at what cost ; and (g) what development works remain to be carried out prior to resale and what is the estimated costs of such work.
583. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in each of the past twelve months, what were the monthly readings for mercury and lead at the following points within the Geelong Water Catchment :—(a) Pettavel outlet in the Barwon Supply ; and (b) Moorabool Supply—Lovely Banks Outlet, indicating—(i) the acceptable standard for levels of mercury and lead ; (ii) for how long these levels have been occurring ; and (iii) whether the public health Authorities have been informed and, if so, what action such Authorities have taken.
584. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. If he will ascertain and inform whether Japanese import authorities have banned fluorescent compounds in any wrapping or packaging paper used in contact applications as a means of optical lightening agent to make the paper look whiter ; if so, what are the reasons for the ban.
  2. Whether fluorescent type paper is used for packaging of foodstuffs, including seafoods in Victoria ; if so, whether the use of the paper has been subject to investigation and in that event, what are the results of these investigations.
585. MR. TREWIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with respect to the Wallan section of the Hume Freeway—
1. From what source funds will be made available to meet the cost of—(a) the visit of the expert from England to advise on future work on the pavement area ; and (b) the reforming and sealing of the Freeway.
  2. Whether such moneys will be obtained from—(a) taxpayers of Victoria ; (b) the Country Roads Board ; (c) national highway funds ; or (d) the contractors originally involved in building the Freeway.
587. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many professional officers of the Country Fire Authority have been transferred and how much money has been spent on transfer expenses in each of the past two years.
  2. What allowance is available to a professional officer to transfer his family.
  3. If he will ascertain and advise what is the average cost to the officer and his family of such transfers.
  4. Whether consideration is being given to establishing an Appeals Tribunal ; if so, with what powers and with what constitution.
589. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the report of the Advisory Committee into the Future Operations and Funding of Community Education Centres has been finalized ; if so, what guidelines for this project are contained in the Report.
590. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there has been any increase in the \$30 maintenance allocation via the direct grant scheme for portable class-rooms.
591. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many applications for positions in the Education Department were received from non-bonded teachers for the current school year, indicating how many of these applicants have been employed to date.
592. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the estimated cost of damage incurred in the bush fires found to be the fault of the State Electricity Commission.
  2. Whether the Commission is liable for compensation for the damage incurred ; if so, what will be the method of payment.
593. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, in view of Section 4 of the *Bail Act* 1977 whereby persons charged with an indictable offence involving use or threatened use of firearms may not be granted bail unless the accused can show cause why detention in custody is not justified and further where bail is so granted the court is to commit its reasons to writing, how many persons accused of attempted armed robbery of a company and actual robbery of a bank in this year to date have been released on bail and what were the reasons recorded by the court for the granting of bail in each such case.

594. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. On what date a portion of the public car park of the Victorian Railways in Latrobe-terrace, Geelong was reserved solely for railway employees.
2. What the reason was for the decision and how many public car spaces were so reserved.
3. Whether the public was notified of the decision ; if not, why.
4. How many persons have been charged and fined for illegally parking in these spaces, indicating the penalties in each case.
5. What is the size and height of the “ no parking ” signs over each such space.
6. Why these parking spaces are not fenced off from the public spaces.
7. Whether Wilbur-Smith and Associates in recent years carried out an investigation into the car parking facilities at the Geelong railway station ; if so, what were the findings and recommendations.

595. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing if he will lay on the table of the Library the reports and records of interviews by former Chief Inspector McDowell, and Chief Inspector Baker, pertaining to the Housing Commission purchases at Pakenham, Sunbury and Melton which were called for by the Minister of Housing prior to and during the recent inquiry into land purchases by the Housing Commission.

596. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of psychiatric services provided at or by Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital, Beechworth—

1. When the early treatment centre was ready for occupancy.
2. When Treasury and Public Service Board approval, respectively, was—(a) sought ; and (b) given, for staff, specifying for which positions.
3. How many staff have been appointed, specifying the dates of appointment.
4. When it is expected that—(a) all staff will be appointed ; and (b) patients will be admitted.
5. How many community mental health nurses are—(a) employed ; and (b) about to be employed.
6. How many vehicles are available for the nurses, specifying when requests were made for additional vehicles and the result of those requests.

*(Notices received on 5th April, 1978)*

598. MR. WOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. How many—(a) Acco 1710B small town tankers ; (b) fully enclosed crew cab pumpers ; and (c) open backed crew cab pumpers, are to be issued to Fire Brigades in region 18 of the Country Fire Authority.
2. To which brigades these tankers will be issued, indicating the proposed date of delivery in each case.

600. MR. AUSTIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—

1. What progress the Government has made to get insurance companies to divert funds to assist the housing industry.
2. Whether there is a proposal whereby the Government will subsidize interest rates to attract up to \$100 million from the funds of insurance companies to assist the housing industry ; if so, whether the offer is still open ; if not, what other steps the Government will take to arrest the decline in home building in Victoria.

602. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether land has been purchased by the Government in the vicinity of Hann's Inlet, Crib Point ; if so, in respect of each purchase—(a) what amount of land was involved ; (b) what price was paid ; (c) who was the vendor ; (d) what was the date of purchase ; and (e) what was the reason for the purchase.

603. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation since the commencement of issuing licences for waste discharge from industry to the air—

1. How many breaches of licence conditions have been detected, indicating in respect of both the Environment Protection Authority and its delegated agencies, the name of the company and the seriousness of the breach.
2. How many prosecutions have proceeded, indicating whether they have been successful and, if so, the name of the company prosecuted and the fine imposed.

605. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—

1. How many personnel are engaged in the investigations being conducted into the affairs of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operative, indicating the expertise of each person.
2. Whether he has set a date of completion of the inquiry ; if so, what date.

606. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, whether river red gums in the Casterton area are infested with beetles ; if so—(a) whether trees are being killed ; (b) what steps have been taken to eliminate the problem, indicating with what results ; and (c) whether less birds are migrating to the area.



609. **MR. EVANS (Ballarat North)** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Chief Secretary's Office is currently considering the introduction of legislation in relation to the cost incurred by sporting clubs in paying for workers compensation premiums ; if so, whether he can inform the House when legislation will be introduced into Parliament to allow for relief similar to that proposed in New South Wales and South Australia.
610. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board has purchased ticket machines manufactured for the "Crisp" system ; if so, what was the cost of the machines and whether they can be used for any other purpose.
612. **MR. AMOS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of the Public Relations Department of the State Electricity Commission—
1. How many staff are presently employed and what was the staff level in each of the past five years.
  2. How many journalists, photographers, cinematic and camera crews, respectively, are employed.
  3. What has been the budget in each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the purpose of this department.
613. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will provide all relevant information covering arrangements regarding the superannuation rights for School Council employed personnel.
614. **MR. HANN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. In each of the past 15 years how many people have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, in road accidents in Victoria.
  2. Whether age categories are available in respect of the killed and injured ; if so, what are the details.

*(Notices received on 6th April, 1978)*

618. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, within recent years, the National Health and Research Council has undertaken a microbiological survey of certain foods, particularly ready-to-eat take-away foods such as chicken or rissoles, with a view to detecting salmonella organisms ; if so, whether the survey produced comprehensive data on micro-organisms in certain types of food and, in that event, what is the nature of the reports from the Council and has the Minister received reports from Victorian health inspectors dealing with possible contamination of take-away foods.
619. **MR. FOGARTY** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain whether attempts have been made overseas to dispense with or limit the use of saccharin as a sweetener on the grounds that it is a health hazard.
  2. Whether the Department of Health has received any notice of concern ; if so, what action has been taken to thoroughly investigate allegations and publicize the results of those investigations.
621. **MR. JASPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the proposed construction and completion dates of the swimming pool at the Police Academy.
  2. Whether tenders have been called for the construction ; if so, how many tenders have been received.
  3. What is the estimated total cost of the project.
623. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the presentation of apprenticeship awards at the conclusion of apprenticeship week in each of the past five years—(a) how many awards have been presented ; (b) whether refreshments were available for apprentices, their families, and other participants ; if so—(i) whether the food trades school was involved in catering arrangements ; and (ii) what has been the cost on each occasion ; and (c) what was the nature of refreshment provided on each occasion, and what provisions are being made for this year.
624. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Adult Migrant Education Branch of the Education Department—
1. What is the function of the panel of eight advisory teachers who conduct visitations to the continuation centres.
  2. What are the names of the members of the panel.
  3. What are their—(a) general teaching qualifications ; (b) qualifications to teach English as a second or foreign language ; and (c) length of teaching experience in teaching English as a second or foreign language.
  4. How many visitations were conducted in the years 1976 and 1977 and how many visitations have been conducted so far in 1978.
  5. At which centres the visitations were made.
  6. What has been the purpose of each individual visitation.

625. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what in-service projects are planned for migrant services and community education for this year, indicating for which specific group or groups each in-service programme is intended.
626. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates Huntingdale High School drew attention to the inadequacy of its library facilities or made application for the construction of a new library, and what was the response in each case.
  2. Whether approval has been given for the construction of a new library ; if so, when construction is likely to commence.
631. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means recommendation 26 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the attention of the Commonwealth Government, following the assumption of full financial responsibility for tertiary education, including State Colleges, by that Government on 1st January, 1974.
634. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education further to his answer to question No. 214 on 14th March, 1978, on what date and by what means recommendation 24 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the tertiary teacher training institutions of Victoria.
636. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he has received any representations to amend the *Environment Protection Act 1970* to include economic considerations as grounds of appeal and to change prosecution clauses and regulations ; if so, by whom, and what decision he made in each case.
637. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What action he has taken to ensure that there are appropriate mechanisms for the registration and appointment of community language teachers as supernumerary staff in schools with high ethnic enrolments.
  2. Whether he has any plans to allow registration and appointment of persons qualified to teach community languages in State Government schools ; if so, when these changes will be implemented and how many extra positions will be made available.
638. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the extent of community group representation on the Community Education Committee.
639. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he has invited the Ministers for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Youth, Sport and Recreation to appoint a representative from each of their Departments to the Community Education Committee ; if so, whether he intends to do so, and, if not, why.
  2. Why there is no Education Department Migrant Services representation on the Community Education Committee.
640. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to District Inspectors of primary schools in each Education Department Region and the Melbourne metropolitan area—
1. What is the name of the Inspector in each District.
  2. What is the address of the office of each Inspector.
641. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the Committee was appointed to report to him on the development of Neighbourhood Learning Centres.
  2. Who are the members of the Committee.
  3. Whether the Committee has reported yet ; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the report to the Member for Footscray.
  4. What funds have been made available this financial year to assist such centres and how this allocation has been spent.
642. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education why students undertaking the Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) Course at the State College of Victoria, Coburg and Frankston are not eligible for Departmental studentships, although diplomates are eligible for appointment to Victorian primary schools.
643. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current position in respect of the provision of Commonwealth libraries and science rooms to schools in the Gippsland area.

644. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What action he intends taking to diminish the uncertainty felt by staff and students of various Colleges since the release of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Post-Secondary Education.
  2. Whether he can give assurances that no action will be taken in respect of closure of courses and facilities until the Post-Secondary Education Commission, recommended in the Report, is established.
  3. Whether the Commission will be headed by a Chairman with experience in the College system and an understanding of its purposes.
  4. How long the Commission will have to examine in detail the ramifications of various proposals.
  5. What was the basis of selection of institutions to be visited by the Committee of Inquiry.
  6. Why the Committee of Inquiry made far-reaching recommendations in respect of various institutions without having visited such institutions.
  7. Whether the Commission will visit all institutions involved before making decisions about their future.
646. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer which departments have—(a) over-spent ; and (b) under-spent their Budget allocations in each of the past five financial years, and what was the—(i) amount ; and (ii) percentage of the discrepancy in each case.
647. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the State Electricity Commission in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.
648. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the Victorian Railways in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.
649. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the nature of each major development project to be carried out by the State Electricity Commission over the next five financial years, and in each case what is—(a) the estimated cost ; and (b) the proposed source of funds.
650. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. In respect of the period June, 1976 to June 1977, and for the six months to December, 1977 for Victoria, what was—(a) the total number of migrants ; (b) the total number and percentage of family reunions ; (c) the total number and percentage in the occupationally eligible category, indicating in each case their occupation ; (d) the total number and percentage of special cases, indicating in each case the professional or trade category, if any, and the name of the sponsoring employer ; and (e) the total number and percentage of refugees and the countries of origin.
  2. What is the number and percentage of the occupationally eligible migrants who have had their trade qualifications recognized by the local trade committees in Victoria for the period June, 1976 to June, 1977 and for the six month period to December, 1977.
  3. How many and what percentage of those migrants in Victoria whose trade qualifications have been recognized are currently employed in—(a) their occupational category ; and (b) in an unskilled or semi-skilled category, and how many are unemployed.
651. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. How many and what percentage of migrants who arrived in Victoria in the 18-month period to December 1977 inclusive, are presently un-employed.
  2. How many of these migrants are from non-English speaking countries.
652. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what avenues are available to unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled migrant workers over the age of 24 years for training or re-training in the needed skilled trades.
653. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What is the required minimum for cash balances in the current financial year and what was the required minimum in each of the preceding five years.
  2. What was the formula used to determine the required minimum in each case.
- (Notices received on 11th April, 1978)
656. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many apprenticeships have been provided in Geelong in each of the past five years.

657. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Forest Hill, Doncaster and Ringwood—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What staff is presently employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.
658. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was the number and percentage of persons killed in each year who were—(a) pedestrians ; (b) passengers ; (c) drivers ; (d) motorcycle riders ; (e) bicycle riders ; (f) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (g) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (h) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (i) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
659. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of railway stations in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill, what—(a) criminal offences ; (b) episodes of vandalism ; and (c) offences against Railway regulations, have been recorded at each station in each of the past five years for which information is available, indicating whether the station was attended at the time.
660. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What number of car parking spaces has been made available by the Railways Department at each station in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill in each of the past five years.
  2. What plans there are for the provision of additional parking spaces in each case, indicating the year in which the spaces are expected to become available.
661. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of railway stations in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Ringwood and Forest Hill, for what period each day, each station is unattended.
662. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Nunawading, Doncaster and Doncaster East police stations, respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983, inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is in these districts.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are conducted in unmarked cars.
663. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in view of the recent spate of burglaries and other vandalism at the Ballarat North Technical School, the Education Department will give consideration to authorizing the building of a caretaker's cottage at this school.
664. MR. REMINGTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many accidents involving horse riders whose injuries were considered to have been increased through not wearing helmets were recorded in 1977.
  2. What is the incidence of rider fatalities arising from horse-riding accidents.
665. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the Mitcham area and in the municipalities of Ringwood, and Doncaster and Templestowe, respectively—(a) left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate ; and (b) sat for and passed this examination.

666. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what average number of Mitcham-Melbourne passengers have travelled on morning peak hour trains on week days in each year since 1973, and in this year to date.
667. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the Maroondah Police District, whether there has been an increase or decrease in the incidence of major criminal offences in the past five years, indicating the type of offence and the ratio of apprehension and conviction in relation to the number of offences.
668. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning how many building blocks are to be released for sale by the Urban Land Council during the current financial year, indicating the locations of the estates in which the blocks will be sold.
669. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Which schools for the deaf now have the wireless link system installed and what has been the result of the experiment with this system.
  2. What facilities are available within the electoral district of Coburg for children who are affected by deafness.
670. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, further to question No. 1934 answered on 5th April, 1977 whether the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation has concluded its investigation ; if so, what were its recommendations.
671. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what were the—(a) names ; and (b) positions of the Country Roads Board engineers who advised the present Minister of Special Education that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas, and what was the—(i) date ; and (ii) form of their advice.
672. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What stage has been reached with the urban renewal proposal for the Shire of Yackandandah.
  2. How and when the proposal will be implemented.
  3. Whether he will arrange for the file concerning the above matter to be laid on the table of the Library.
673. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what are the current guidelines used by the Housing Commission in determining whether to build homes of brick veneer, timber, asbestos or cement on country estates.
674. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many day-training centres for mentally retarded children have become Education Department Special Developmental Schools at the request of their committees since the proclamation of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* on 11th December, 1973, and what is the location in each case.
  2. How many special developmental schools have been established by the department over the same period, and what is the location in each case.
  3. What is the location of the nearest special school or special developmental school to—(a) Mildura ; (b) Orbost ; (c) Portland ; (d) Robinvale ; and (e) Cowes, and what is the distance which must be travelled by children in each case from each particular town.
  4. What means are used by the department to meet the special needs of handicapped children eligible for special education in these and other remote areas, who are unable to attend a special school or a special developmental school.
675. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many children are eligible for public sector education under the terms of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are currently—(i) enrolled at government schools ; (ii) enrolled at non-government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. What means, if any, the Education Department uses to advise parents of the right of handicapped children to be educated by the State.
676. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Government still proposes to introduce legislation which would authorize municipal councils to pay their members an allowance for out-of-pocket expenses ; if so, when this legislation will be introduced.
677. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will investigate the powers conferred by the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* to ascertain whether amendments to the Act and/or regulations are necessary to protect fishing grounds from debris and other material left by oil and gas development.
678. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, whether arrangements have been made between the Australian Atomic Energy Commission and the State Electricity Commission for the licensing and regulation of a nuclear power station ; if so, what arrangements and when they were completed or are expected to be completed.

679. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he is aware of a Monash University study which concluded—(a) that the Victorian Government should legislate to restrict the use of heavy vehicles to improve fuel economy and emission levels ; and (b) that emission controls should be made twice as effective by 1990 ; if so, what action is proposed on each of these conclusions.
680. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What funds have been made available to buy back land in environmentally sensitive areas for conservation purposes in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and area of each purchase.
  2. What funds are expected to be available for the purpose in the next twelve months.
681. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether any pesticides available over the counter in Victoria have been placed under strict control in the United States of America ; if so—(a) how many products on sale here have restrictions placed on their use, sale and storage in that country, naming the products in each case, and the percentage concentration of the pesticide ; and (b) whether for health and environment reasons the Government is investigating the need to license operators.
682. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the latest traffic count taken on the Hume-highway in the electoral district of Broadmeadows and in Bell-street, both east and west of Sydney-road, in the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. Whether there are any plans in hand for the widening of Bell-street within the electoral districts of Coburg and Essendon ; if so, at what locations.
684. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether a request was made in 1973-74 by the Geelong Harbor Trust for the provision of additional grain storage facilities ; if so—(a) whether endorsement of such a request was given by the Grain Elevators Board ; and (b) why the provision of such facilities did not proceed.
685. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of State Electricity Commission activities—
1. Whether existing or prospective customers have indicated a major growth in demand for electricity ; if so, what are the details of the expected growth and the anticipated new customers.
  2. How many personnel are specifically employed by the Commission to develop energy conservation priorities, giving in each case a breakdown of each officer's responsibilities in this area, and listing the actual conservation projects, if any, being undertaken.
  3. Whether the Commission allocated any part of its advertising budget to energy conservation advertisements in the 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 financial years ; if so, how many advertisements have been published, indicating—(a) in which media outlet ; (b) at what cost ; (c) the name of the publication in each case ; (d) the date of publication ; and (e) a brief summary or copy of each advertisement.
  4. What are the growth forecasts in—(a) domestic transactions ; (b) commercial transactions ; (c) industrial transactions ; (d) public lighting ; (e) bulk sales ; and (f) other Commission activities for each of the next ten years.
686. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the newly formed Traffic Operations Group Region No. 5, based at Sale—
1. What is the extent of the region covered by this group.
  2. How many officers are attached to the group, indicating their ranks and duties.
  3. What is the gazetted and actual strength of the group.
  4. How many vehicles are attached to the group, indicating their type.
  5. Whether there are no typists or clerical assistants attached to the group.
  6. What average time is taken each month by officers engaged on highway patrol in high powered pursuit vehicles in performing typing or clerical duties, indicating whether their pursuit vehicles are lying idle whilst they carry out such duties.
  7. Whether it is the Government's intention and the wish of the Police Force to fully utilize pursuit vehicles and their drivers ; if so, whether the group will be given typists or clerical assistants to allow its men and vehicles to spend more time on highway patrols.
687. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether public servants on superannuation get regular statements of payments ; if so, how often ; if not, why.
689. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, concerning the recent tour of phytophthora infected forest areas in the Yarram district by the Native Forests Action Council—(a) whether a technical assistant with the Forests Commission was sent to Yarram to join the tour and, if so, why the local officer was not used ; and (b) whether any report was submitted by the officer and, if so, whether the Minister will lay a copy on the table of the Library.

690. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the Education Department has any day-time facilities for further education of handicapped children other than those at Montague and Bendigo ; if so, where, and what is the number of places available at each establishment.
691. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many deaf-blind children of school age there are in Victoria, and what is the—  
(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are—(i) enrolled in Government schools ; (ii) enrolled in non-Government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. Whether it is the policy of the Government to provide education for deaf-blind children in separate schools ; if so, what is the number of places—(a) available ; and (b) planned, indicating the years in which planned places are to become available.
  3. Why it has been necessary for groups concerned with the education of deaf-blind children to organize the current " Silent Night " appeal.
  4. What are the precise aims of the appeal, given the Government's obligations to provide education for deaf-blind children under the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973*.
  5. Whether the appeal is being conducted after full consultation with and approval by the Education Department.
693. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What regulations are in force to provide for the adequate sound-proofing of music rooms in Victorian schools.
  2. What steps will be taken to provide for adequate sound-proofing of music rooms at Mitcham high school.
694. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what proposals are currently under consideration to broaden the powers and responsibilities of principals in Victorian primary schools.
695. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether it is the usual practice of the Social Welfare Department to refuse to help persons who have visited the Melbourne office, rather than a regional office which is zoned as being their area.
  2. Why a resident of Diamond Creek must go to the Preston office of the Department when requiring help or advice, when Preston is an inconvenient suburb to travel to and from by public transport and the city office is more accessible.
696. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether the trains on the Hurstbridge line are continually left in a filthy and battered condition.
  2. Whether the trains are cleaned daily ; if so, where the trains are cleaned, and at what time of the day ; if not, why.
697. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Whether any student attending a high or technical school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit.
  2. Whether any student attending a special school or special developmental school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit ; if so, what is the reason for this difference.
  3. Whether parents of handicapped children are advised of their right to assessment of the handicapped child by a Special Education Authority.
  4. How many handicapped children were assessed by a Special Education Authority in 1974 and each subsequent year for which information is available, and in each case what was the number of children whose parents were advised that they should—(a) leave ; and (b) continue school as a result of the assessment.
  5. How many children fifteen years of age and over were enrolled at special schools or special developmental schools in each of the five most recent years for which information is available, and in each year, what was the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who left school.

(Notices received on 12th April, 1978)

698. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What are the eligibility criteria for craft funding, indicating—(a) how many applicants have been funded to date under this scheme ; (b) how many are currently craft funded ; and (c) how many are still with the same employer as at the time of introduction of craft funding.
  2. Whether employers are employing craft trainees ; if so, how many are currently employed in—(a) the skilled trades ; and (b) an unskilled trade.
  3. How many employees are presently unemployed.

699. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry complies with International Labour Organization safety standards ; if so—(a) what are the details of the safety standards ; (b) how these standards are enforced ; (c) how many staff are specifically appointed to monitor safety standards ; and (d) whether any of the Departmental inspectors are multi-lingual and, if so, in which community languages they are fluent.
700. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each education region in Victoria—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated in the 1976-77 financial year.
  2. What was the amount of unexpended funds in the 1976-77 financial year.
  3. What was the breakdown of total amounts of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance.
  4. What amounts were unexpended in each of the general categories, indicating the reasons for the failure to expend such funds.
  5. Whether unexpended funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  6. Whether any region expended more than the sum of money allocated.
701. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Which departments, authorities or semi-government bodies presently have the power to acquire real property.
  2. Which of these bodies acquire real property—(a) through the Victorian Public Offices Corporation ; and (b) in their own name.
  3. What are the circumstances in which acquisition may take place and what authority or consent must be obtained, indicating what procedures must be followed, in each case where these bodies have power to acquire land.
702. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing how many persons employed by the Housing Commission are qualified as—(a) architects ; and (b) planners, indicating the range of qualifications held by the planners.
704. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to question No. 1211 answered on 3rd May, 1977 and the statement that research projects directly funded by the Victorian Government in 1976-77 will require the expenditure of approximately \$700,000—(a) what projects were included ; and (b) what amount was set aside for each project.
705. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the proposed legislation to legalize chiropractors, what steps have been taken or are proposed to amend the definition of " medical service " in the *Workers Compensation Act* 1958 to ensure that workers seeking the services of chiropractors for relief from back pain are not required to do so at their own expense in cases where workers compensation liability exists.
706. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the case put to the Honorable the Chief Secretary by representatives of 42 fire fighters for inclusion in the current superannuation scheme has been referred to him for consideration ; if so—(a) when ; and (b) with what result.
707. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated to the Preston region in the 1976-77 financial year, indicating the breakdown of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance and the amount unexpended in each category.
  2. Why some funds were not expended in the Preston region and whether the funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  3. Whether the funds were re-directed in any way and used for another purpose ; if so, what purpose.
  4. What assurances exist to ensure that there will be no under-expenditure in the region in 1977-78.
709. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Police Department has carried out a major review of police strength and services in the Latrobe Valley in the past 12 months ; if so—(a) what changes are planned as a result of that review ; and (b) whether, in view of the rapid development of Yallourn North, there are plans to establish a full-time Police Station at Yallourn North ; if not, when a review will be carried out.
710. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether in May, 1974, the Glenroy West Primary school was recommended for staff administration improvements and provision of art facilities by the operation upgrade task force ; if so, when these improvements will take place.
  2. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library the file and memoranda relating to this matter.
711. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether rents paid by pensioners for Housing Commission accommodation are to be increased following the next half-yearly pension increase.



712. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether land in Churchill-avenue and Aberdeen-street, Newtown was given to the Housing Commission in 1943 by the Newtown City Council on condition that houses constructed there by the Commission should not be sold.
  2. How many houses built by the Commission on this land have been sold.
713. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Premier when the Public Service Board expects to finalize its consideration of a claim made by the Victorian Public Service Association in November, 1977 in respect of clerical staff employed in Victorian schools.
714. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether there are any regulations which apply to the safe storage and security of poisonous chemicals ; if so, which regulations, and whether the various premises occupied by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey throughout Victoria comply with such regulations.
715. **MR. GINIFER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is planned to admit students to the Movelle primary school.
716. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many officers are available to the Teacher Housing Authority to supervise and control all maintenance on the Authority's homes.
  2. What is the location of each officer, the area he has to cover, and the number of homes for which he is responsible.
  3. What finance was provided in the past three financial years for maintenance of houses under the control of the Authority.
717. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What contracts were cancelled in the northern region in the past financial year which resulted in \$2.11 million of the region's allocation for capital works being unspent.
  2. What contracts were cancelled in other regions during the past financial year, giving the name of the region, the details of the contracts, and the amount of capital funds left unspent in each case.
718. **MR. WILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether the Government proposes using Housing Commission high rise units to provide accommodation for university students ; if so, how many units and where they are located.
  2. Whether the Commission holds high rise units for emergency accommodation ; if so, how many units and where they are located.
  3. What is the current waiting period for flat accommodation in the suburbs and how many applicants for accommodation are on the Commissions' waiting list.

*(Notices received on 13th April, 1978)*

719. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare in respect of women's refuges or half-way houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. Whether the State has purchased or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.
  3. Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities ; if so, what facilities, indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis and for which service.
720. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many architects have professional fees owing in connection with hospital design services for periods in excess of 30 days, indicating—(a) the average ; and (b) the maximum periods for which payments are being withheld.
721. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs in respect of the professional complaints mentioned in Appendix "C" of the Report of the Director of Consumer Affairs for the year ended 30th June, 1977—
1. How many of the complaints in each category were justified in the view of the Ministry and what action was taken.
  2. Whether any of the complaints were referred to the relevant State Registration Board ; if so, with what result.

722. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 116 given on 6th April, 1978, concerning the use of rapeseed oil in foodstuffs—
1. When the Department of Health received the report from the National Health and Medical Research Council.
  2. When a decision is expected by the Food Standards Committee.
  3. Whether the Department is aware of products which contain a higher percentage of erucic acid than recommended by the Council ; if so, what products.
723. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health whether he has received a request concerning the need to provide School Dental Services in the Winchelsea area ; if so—  
(a) when those requests were received ; (b) from whom they were received ; and (c) what action is proposed to provide dental services to children in the Winchelsea area.
724. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of small-pox injections for children—
1. Whether the World Health Organization, the National Health and Medical Research Council, and medical advisers in the Department of Health, respectively, no longer recommend such injections.
  2. Why the Department of Health is still either encouraging or directing infant welfare sisters and similar persons to give small-pox injections.
725. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of evaluations of the, KNOX Early Childhood Development Project—
1. Apart from the initial evaluation report already published by the Department of Health, what other evaluation of the project has been carried out, indicating when and by whom.
  2. Whether any other reports have been prepared ; if so, by whom, when they were delivered to the relevant sections of the Department, and when it is expected that the reports will be released.
726. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, further to question No. 119 answered on 4th April, 1978—
1. What is the Creative School Holiday Club, who are its office bearers, where it is situated, and what are the details of the \$2,000 grant given to it.
  2. Who are the office bearers of the Hawksburn Primary School Community Centre and on what grounds it was given \$750 to purchase a piano.
  3. On what basis the Hawthorn Australia Day Committee received \$300 for the organizing of the Australia Day celebrations, and why Hawthorn was chosen for this special grant.
728. MR. PLOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Lilydale-Healesville railway line—
1. Whether representatives of the Railways Department approached the gangers employed on this line suggesting that they should seek alternative employment.
  2. Whether representatives of the Department have sought information from a Healesville bus operator as to the viability of a passenger bus service to replace the present passenger rail service.
  3. Whether, in view of the decision made to continue the rail service following a Government appointed investigation by Mr. J. O'Donnell, he will advise—(a) whether the Victorian Railways Board intends to withdraw services on this line ; (b) whether a clear and unequivocal statement regarding the future service on this line can be made by the Board so that any doubts in the minds of railway employees associated with this line may be removed ; (c) whether he will ensure that Members of Parliament for the area are kept fully informed on any proposals or considerations regarding the future of this line ; and (d) whether consideration is being given to the withdrawal of services on this line and, if so, whether a clear statement of alternative passenger and freight services will be made for the information of patrons of this line.
729. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the proposed work programme to eliminate the hazard created by the Tottenham Railway gates.
  2. What contracts have been let to date, indicating the nature of each contract.
  3. When it is expected that the railway gates will be removed and Ashley-street opened to continuous through traffic.
730. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Which schools in the electoral district of Sunshine have been visited by medical and dental units during the past two years for the purposes of checking sight, hearing and teeth, respectively, of pupils, indicating the major areas of problems highlighted by the checks.
  2. Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend school medical services ; if so, how.

731. MR. MCKELLAR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of each of the past five financial years, and in this financial year to date—

1. What countries were visited by the Victorian grower member representatives on the Australian Wheat Board on behalf of that Board and what was the destination in each case.
2. What was the purpose of each visit.
3. What staff members of the Board accompanied either of these members on each visit.
4. What was the total cost of each visit.
5. What was the individual cost in respect of each grower member.
6. Whether any other persons were included in these visits at Board expense ; if so—(a) what are their names and addresses ; (b) what was their expertise ; and (c) what was the individual cost of each of their visits.

732. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether he is aware of the special problems faced by schools in the inner suburbs.
2. Whether one of the central recommendations of the task force investigating the needs of schools in the inner suburban areas was that classes in inner suburban schools should have no more than 20 students ; if so—(a) what action has been taken to implement this recommendation ; (b) why staffing in inner suburban schools has never been close to the level recommended ; and (c) why, over the past few weeks, the Education Department has been performing exactly the opposite function to that recommended by the task force, in that it has set arbitrary guidelines in respect of staff ceiling which take no account of the particular problems faced by inner suburban schools.
3. Whether he will consider returning transferred staff to Gold-street, Abbotsford, Highett-street and Richmond primary schools.

733. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—

1. In respect of the School Medical Service during 1977—(a) how many children were examined ; (b) in respect of the routine initial medical examination, how many children were—(i) examined ; and (ii) not examined ; (c) what specialist examinations were conducted ; and (d) how many schools were not visited by—(i) medical officers, (ii) nursing staff ; and (iii) medical officers and nursing staff.
2. What was the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at 31st March, 1978.

*(Notices received on 18th April, 1978)*

734. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. Whether his attention has been drawn to successful British programmes for teaching English as a second language at the place of employment during working hours.
2. Whether he will convene a conference of employer, employee and other interested groups with a view to establishing how comparable programmes can best be introduced in Victoria.

735. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry on what dates submissions have been made to the Commonwealth Government urging—(a) the retention of Commonwealth Employment Service unemployment statistics ; and (b) the publication of monthly statistics detailing the countries of origin of people who are unemployed.

736. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry publishes information in various languages on—(a) industrial safety ; (b) workers' compensation ; and (c) entitlement to light duties ; if so, what languages, and whether such information specifies that employees have a right of access to appropriate authorities without prejudice to their employment where their entitlements are not met.

737. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what funds have been—(a) allocated ; and (b) requested for the introduction of the teaching in industry of English as a second language.

738. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in the past two years to date, what levels of lead emissions from motor cars have been recorded in Melbourne, indicating—(a) the points where tests were taken ; (b) how these readings compare with air quality levels in Europe and California ; (c) the amount of lead additives currently allowed in petrol ; and (d) the year when the standard will become more stringent, indicating the level of the proposed standard.

739. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether an economic evaluation of an alternative scheme to herbicides used for ragwort control in the Albert River Valley has been prepared ; if so—(a) when it was submitted ; (b) what were the conclusions of the study ; and (c) what decision was made.

740. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether any research has been undertaken on the breakdown products of current herbicides especially in lakes and streams.
  2. Whether any research has been undertaken into the rate of dilution in streams adjacent to sprayed areas, and whether the Department of Health or any other department takes regular samples of water, testing specifically for dioxin ; if so, with what results.
741. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what has been the cost in each of the past three years of annual ragwort and blackberry control, indicating the cost and amounts respectively, of herbicides used, the amounts charged to landholders, and the estimated labour costs of the programme.
742. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation if he will lay on the table of the Library the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Protection Authority on 21st March, 1978.
743. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What principles are laid down in the Pesticides Review Committee Code of practice for large scale applications of 24D and 245T.
  2. What checks of dioxin levels are taken and how regularly.
  3. What checks are taken concerning the display, storage, transport and use of plenoxy herbicides.
744. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands, in respect of the Land Conservation Council report on the Mallee Study Area, how many farmers hold leases in the Pine Plains area, stating in each case—(a) their name ; (b) the period of the lease ; (c) the rental ; (d) the size of the area ; and (e) the value per acre.
745. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. Whether he is aware of the statement by the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs in "The Age" newspaper of 2nd March, 1978, attributing 40 per cent of industrial accidents to communication problems.
  2. What action he proposes taking to minimize industrial accident risk to workers in industry, indicating how much money has been allocated for this purpose.
746. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry has an advertising budget ; if so—(a) how much has been spent on the provision of multi-lingual information to workers in industry ; and (b) what was the total advertising budget for the 1976-77 financial year, and what amount has been allocated for 1977-78.
747. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Whether, as part of the State Government policy to support increased skilled migration to Australia, he has sought assurances from the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs that there will be at least—(a) an increase in the number of technical advisors in all countries from which Australia derives its migrant intake ; (b) adequate facilities for the teaching of English to all non-English speaking new arrivals ; (c) a multi-lingual orientation programme for all migrants on arrival ; (d) in conjunction with the relevant departments, provision for English language tuition in industry ; (e) job placement/matching services specifically for newly arrived migrants ; and (f) provision for the appointment of community language teachers on a super-numerary basis to all Government schools on request.
  2. Whether, if no such assurances have been given, he will withdraw his support for an increase in the national migrant intake until the Commonwealth Minister is able to give these assurances.
748. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many crimes were reported to the Coburg, Pascoe Vale and Fawkner police stations, respectively, during 1977.
749. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether he is aware of the considerable controversy existing between the Department of Agriculture and health inspectors arising out of the dual system of registration and supervision of numerous establishments in Victoria where meat for human consumption is processed ; if so, whether he has considered the matter and with what result.
  2. Whether the Department instituted court proceedings against Sylvan Smallgoods Pty. Ltd., in February this year for non-payment of inspection fees ; if so, what was the result of this action.

750. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has obtained the necessary approvals required to realign the section of Boundary-road, Merlynston between Merlyn-street and Sydney-road ; if so, when it is anticipated funds will be available to carry out the realignment.
751. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many known cases of rape have been recorded by police in—(a) Victoria ; and (b) the electoral district of Coburg in each of the past five years.
752. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When it is anticipated work will commence on the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Boundary-road and Sussex-street, North Coburg, listed for construction this financial year.
  2. When the traffic signals recently constructed at the intersection of Sussex-street and O'Heas-street, Coburg will become operative.
753. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many driving convictions were recorded in the metropolitan area in 1975, 1976 and 1977 against persons having a blood alcohol content exceeding .05 per cent.
  2. How many persons were proceeded against for this offence in the Brunswick, Coburg and Broadmeadows courts during those years.
  3. How many licences were cancelled and drivers disqualified during those years in the metropolitan area, indicating the figures for Brunswick, Coburg and Broadmeadows, respectively.
754. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2377 given on 20th September, 1977, how many vehicles have been tested for noise and emissions since that date, indicating—(a) the number above the legal limit ; (b) the number of in-service vehicles and new vehicles, respectively, and the number of engineers and technical officers appointed for each ; and (c) the number of prosecutions launched for each.
755. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of the original and final contract price, respectively, between Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and the Totalizator Agency Board what was the price for—(a) hardware ; and (b) software.
756. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the value of hardware delivered by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. to the Totalizator Agency Board at the point of contract termination, indicating how much, if any, of this hardware the Board intends to retain.
757. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether any arrangements have been made by the Motor Registration Branch for the production of drivers licence examination papers in the Arabic and Turkish languages ; if so, when such papers can be expected to be available.
758. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what sums of money were paid by the Victorian Railways Board to taxi firms in each of the past three years and what are the details concerning these payments.
759. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the sale of analgesics in supermarkets, whether the attention of the Minister and the Department of Health has been drawn to either campaigns advertising cut price analgesics, or the sale of analgesics at special prices ; if so, what action has been taken in relation to this matter, particularly in view of the National Health and Medical Research Council's report on the sale of analgesics.
760. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospital Development programme—
1. Which works were carried out during the 1976-77 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  2. What works are being undertaken in the 1977-78 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. Whether discussions have occurred in respect of the 1978-79 financial year ; if so, when ; if not, why.

761. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of grants from the Youth Fund in the 1977-78 financial year—
1. Whether there was a delay in the assessment and notification of applications from youth groups ; if so, why and what was the time of the delay.
  2. On what basis officers determine grants to individual groups, indicating whether by visit or by discussion with people involved in the youth group, and particularly the Youth Group Programme.
  3. How many grants made in the 1976-77 financial year and in 1977-78 to date, are from—  
(a) \$1 to \$50 ; (b) \$51 to \$100 ; (c) \$101 to \$200 ; (d) \$201 to \$500 ; (e) \$501 to \$1,000 ; (f) \$1,001 to \$2,000 ; and (g) \$2,001 and over.
  4. When it is expected that applications made before 1st May, 1978 for the 1978-79 financial year will be processed and applicants notified.
762. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer further to the question without notice asked on Thursday, 13th April, concerning family supportive grants through the Social Welfare Department—
1. What funds were made available in the 1976-77 financial year and what funds were originally made available for the 1977-78 financial year.
  2. How much additional funding has so far been made available to the Department and how much further additional money will now be made available.
763. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school—
1. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick concerning proposed building works at the school dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977.
  2. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 2841 asked on 15th November, 1977.
  3. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 87 placed on the Notice Paper on the first day of the current Sessional period.
  4. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick of 23rd December, 1977 concerning the need for works at the school, which so far has not been acknowledged.
  5. When he will be able to reply to the remarks concerning the school made by the Member for Brunswick during the adjournment debate of 9th March, 1978.
764. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. Which Government Departments, industry groups, employer organizations, employee organizations, ethnic community groups, and voluntary welfare agencies, respectively, were consulted and/or invited to participate in the development of the State Government submission on the national immigration intake.
  2. Whether he will provide a copy of the submission to the leader of the Opposition.
  3. What was the basis of his suggestion in the State submission to the Federal Government on the future immigration intake that "South America may be an important recruitment area because of successful settlement of migrants from those countries", as reported in *The Age* newspaper on 2nd March, 1978.
  4. How many Spanish language publications have been published by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, but not the Community Services Centre, since January, 1977, indicating—(a) the substance of each publication ; and (b) how these publications are distributed to newly-arrived Spanish speaking migrants.
765. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport regarding the amount of \$24,041,489 shown as "management and operating expenses" on page 49 of the 1977 annual report of the Country Roads Board—
1. How much is related to each category of road.
  2. How much is related to specific major projects.
  3. Whether part of this amount is allocated to specific projects in arriving at the declared cost.
766. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. How much of the software to be supplied by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. had been developed and tested at the point of contract termination by the Totalizator Agency Board.
  2. How many man-years of effort had been expended by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. on software development since commencement of the contract.
  3. How much effort had been expended by the Board on software development at the point of contract termination and at what cost.
  4. How much of the software effort by the Board is capable of being salvaged for use in an alternative new system.

767. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. How much software development in man-years was to be undertaken by the Totalizator Agency Board on the "Crisp" system.
  2. How much effort in man-years the Board was to provide in ancilliary areas related to Crisp.
  3. What was the estimated cost of the Board's software involvement and its involvement in ancilliary activities.
  4. Whether the Board was to be involved in developing any of the operating systems to be used on the machine supplied ; if so, what percentage of the total operating system the Board was to develop.
768. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply ; how many houses in the electoral district of Knox are—(a) presently serviced by mains sewer ; and (b) expected to be serviced at the end of each of the next ten years, indicating in each case, what percentage of all homes in Knox is represented by these figures.
769. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many Housing Commission homes there are in Marysville.
  2. Whether any of these homes are let to a local employer who sub-lets them to his employees.
770. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many pupils attend each primary, secondary and technical school, respectively, in the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. Whether any of the schools have exceeded their maximum student intake ; if so, which schools.
  3. What is the percentage of migrant students attending each of these schools and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
  4. How many pupils attend the Moomba Park primary school, Fawkner technical school and Moreland high school, respectively, what is the percentage of migrant students attending each school, and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
771. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of the "Crisp" computer contract entered into by the Totalizator Agency Board—
1. What percentage of the software to be provided by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. existed at the signing of the contract.
  2. What was the company's estimate of the effort required, in man-years, to develop the remaining software and how long the company estimated it would take to develop this software.
  3. What percentage of the existing software—(a) consisted of the proposed computer's operating system ; and (b) was specifically for the betting system.
  4. Whether any of the operating system was still to be developed during the period of the contract.
772. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what was the purpose of the original joint study between Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and the Totalizator Agency Board, and what actual work was undertaken.
773. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many schools in each of the past five years have been provided with covered walkways between class rooms, and between classrooms and toilets, indicating in how many cases the cost was—(a) borne entirely by the Education Department ; and (b) subsidized by the Department on a \$1 for \$1 basis, subject to a maximum of \$5,000.
774. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether there are any Housing Commission homes in Healesville other than those reserved for army personnel or aborigines.
  2. How many Healesville residents are on the waiting list for Commission homes in the area.
  3. What action has been taken to ensure that all persons on such lists still currently require such homes.
775. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, with respect to the agreement pursuant to the *Forests (Pulpwood Agreement) Act 1959*—
1. What is the—(a) minimum annual supply of pulpwood, excluding sawmill wastes, guaranteed under the Act ; and (b) actual annual volume of pulpwood taken.
  2. Whether the minimum annual entitlement has been taken during any calendar year ; if so, which years.

776. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. Whether he circulated, in the form of a letter on ministerial letterhead, advice that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas ; if so, what was—  
(a) the date of the letter ; (b) the number of copies distributed ; (c) the basis of selection of recipients ; (d) the official status, if any, shown for the signatory ; and (e) the mode of distribution.
2. What costs, including stationery, were met for the letter, and what Budget appropriation was drawn upon in each case.

(Notices received on 19th April, 1978)

777. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he will lay on the table of the Library the files and all relevant correspondence and documents concerning the Environment Protection Authority and Lake Colangulac and the decision by the Minister.

778. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—

1. What explosive chemicals were spilled in a smash near Wandong.
2. Whether there was a fear that nearby drains and a local water supply could be contaminated ; if so, what action was taken.
3. How far containers were spread around the scene of the accident.
4. What Government personnel attended the accident, indicating from which Departments.
5. What action is being taken to tighten controls on the use, transport and storage of dangerous chemicals.

779. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—

1. What legislation or regulations relating to the protection of the environment have been rescinded since the introduction of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.
2. Whether any regulations pertaining to matters under the control of the Environment Protection Authority have been amended ; if so—(a) which regulations ; and (b) whether the Authority was consulted about any such alterations.
3. Whether any existing legislation and/or regulations require repeal in order to allow the Authority to carry out its responsibilities.

780. MR. BIRRELL : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise the actual or estimated number of psychosurgery treatments carried out annually in private medical practice.

781. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the original 1977–78 financial allocations to the Geelong area of the Country Roads Board has been reduced or is planned to be reduced ; if so—(a) why, and by what amount ; and (b) whether the number of Board employees will be reduced in the Geelong district in the present calendar year.

782. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether the Premier's Department has issued directions to all Government Departments and Instrumentalities in respect of leave requirements of officers and employees who are members of the Country Fire Authority and who wish to respond to Authority fire calls ; if so, whether guidelines had been previously laid down and, in that event, when ; if not, whether the Government will advise all State Departments and Instrumentalities to allow officers and employees who are members of the Authority to respond to fire calls without loss of pay.

783. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. Whether he is aware of the grave threat facing Victorian dairy farmers and butter producers as a result of the margarine price war operating in Australia since the middle of February this year.
2. Whether the price war has reached such intensity that butter's share of the spreads market is now approximately 30 per cent nationally, with the remainder of the market being captured by margarine.
3. Whether he is aware that this price war was initiated by the Melbourne firm Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. through its control of the listed company Marrickville Holdings Ltd. which produces the "Miracle" margarine brand.
4. Whether, as Victorian dairymen have most to lose from this price war, the Government will intervene to prevent Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. interests causing greater harm to dairy producers of this State.

784. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in relation to the properties being acquired by the Country Roads Board in Alexandra-parade in Collingwood and Fitzroy—

1. Why the provisions of the *Lands Compensation Act 1958* are not being followed, particularly in respect of the payment of a solatium to compensate for the forced relocation.
2. Why compensation is not being paid to business people forced to move because of the freeway, particularly the shopkeeper on the corner of Gold-street.
3. Whether social workers with trained interpreters are being used by the Board to communicate with and deal with the problems of the people who live in Alexandra-parade.



785. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether the extraordinary by-election advertisement in *The Age* newspaper on 19th April, 1978, inserted by the Town Clerk of the City of Richmond, is in accordance with established custom in that the date of the resignation of the retiring Councillor, John Tyacke, is not stated.
  2. Whether the election date of 13th May, 1978 is within the time limit specified in the *Local Government Act 1958* ; if not, why a date "out of time" has been advertised.
786. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to encourage Country Fire Authority Regional Officers to make regular reports to Authority headquarters, as required by section 44 of the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* ; as recommended on pages 98 and 188 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. What action is being taken to encourage all Authority regional officers to make regular inspections of their areas, as recommended on pages 98 and 188 of the above report.
  3. What action has been taken to encourage all Authority Regional Advisory Committees to have regular meetings, as recommended on pages 89 to 90 and 189 of the report.
787. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to enlarge the Country Fire Authority Regional Advisory Committees to include representatives of the State Electricity Commission and the Country Roads Board, as suggested on pages 95, 188, 193 and 198 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. Whether the State Electricity Commission and Country Roads Board representatives on the Authority Regional Advisory Committees will be required to make regular reports in respect of the activities of their instrumentalities, as recommended on pages 193 and 198 of the above report.
788. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to encourage all Country Fire Authority Regional Advisory Committees to take steps to produce overall fire prevention plans, as recommended on pages 95 and 189 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. Whether the Government has considered provision of financial incentives to encourage municipalities to produce fire prevention plans.
  3. Whether the Government intends taking action to ensure appropriate fire prevention activity in the winter of 1978, in order to prevent similar disastrous loss of lives, homes and properties caused by bush and grass fires in previous years.
789. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to give Country Fire Authority Regional Officers voting rights on Local Advisory Committees, as suggested on pages 95 and 188 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. What action has been taken to encourage suggestions for improvements in fire prevention and suppression from brigades which have a unique understanding of the difficulties and dangers of their own localities.
  3. What action has been taken to examine the whole intra-regional structure of the Authority, as recommended on pages 96 and 187 of the above report.
790. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether he has received submissions from the Shire of Gisborne concerning—(a) a planning scheme for Macedon ; and (b) a request for finance to help solve the compensation problems in the Macedon and Mount Macedon area ; if so, when a decision on these matters will be made.
791. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what submissions have been made concerning the Campey-road, subdivision, north of the Macedon township, indicating—(a) the nature of the submissions ; (b) the current position ; and (c) what action is proposed.
792. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he is now in a position to answer the question which appeared as No. 1978 and was asked at the beginning of the last sessional period, namely—
1. Whether he is aware that the Government's consultants, Kinnaird Hill de Rohan and Young Pty. Ltd. of the Battelle Memorial Institute, who were engaged for the preparation of the Green Paper on Energy, issued an explanatory paper under their name which gave an introduction and objectives of the study.

2. Whether he is aware that this paper was made available to those parties who indicated that they wished to present a submission to the then Ministry of Fuel and Power for consideration by the above-mentioned consultants in relation to the then second part of a White Paper.
  3. Why the objectives of study were changed, indicating—(a) why the scope of the study as defined in the consultants paper as part 11a Development Alternatives, 11b Policy Considerations, and 11c Policy Options was not the same as that reported on by the Minister as Part 2 of the study on page 3 of the Green Paper.
  4. Why the status of the White Paper was changed to that of a Green Paper.
  5. What was the total cost of the study, indicating the total amount paid to the consultants.
  6. What was the original time table for completion of Part 2 of the study and why it was not adhered to.
  7. Whether, in view of the fact that interested parties who presented submissions to the study did so on the understanding that they were contributing to a White Paper, which in its preparation has a scope of study broader than that reported on by the Minister on page 3 of the Green Paper, those parties were subsequently advised that the status of the study was to be changed from a White Paper to a Green Paper ; if not, why.
  8. Whether the Ministry failed to advise, consult or seek verbal support for the submissions made by those interested parties ; if so, why.
793. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, after the publication by the *Age* of an "Insight" article on the Housing Commission's Sunbury purchase in 1974, a police inquiry was ordered to investigate the sale ; if so, whether there is a report of the inquiry and, in that event, whether he will lay the report on the table of the Library.
794. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what investigations have been made into—(a) the State's coal, oil and gas reserves, respectively, to determine the relative cost of mining various deposits ; (b) how many power stations, oil from coal plants, Lurgi plants, industrial combines and refineries, respectively, could be supported by these deposits ; (c) the likely practical limits of recovery with current technology ; (d) the ultimate limits of recovery at which a net positive production of energy would no longer be possible (at whatever the cost) ; and (e) the availability of water for the power stations, &c. mentioned above and the likely environmental effects in the general area of the deposit if developed for such purposes.
795. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of part two of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977—
1. Whether this part represents the Government's energy policy.
  2. Why the huge coal requirements of the two coal liquefaction plants mentioned in this part do not appear in the part one projections of primary energy requirements.
  3. How the natural gas supply shortfalls expected in the 1990's are likely to be met.
  4. What contingencies there are to provide motor spirit during interruption or reduction of supplies of Middle East oil before the first proposed coal liquefaction plant is in operation.
  5. Whether it has been claimed that the large value of the projected motor spirit consumption in the 1990's really reflects our likely needs ; if so, whether this implies the complete dismantling of our public transport system.
  6. Whether the continued increase in industrial fuel consumption is likely to lead to still more automation and fewer jobs for unskilled and semi-skilled workers.
  7. When nuclear power is likely to become competitive with electricity produced from Victorian brown coal.
  8. Why the relative costs of nuclear and brown coal generation changed radically between the hearings of the Public Works Committee during the Loy Yang Coal Reserves Inquiry in 1974 and the presentation of the Committee's report to Parliament in 1976.
  9. How long Victoria's brown coal reserves are expected to last assuming all oil and gas requirements have to be produced from brown coal from 1990 and the consumption of oil and gas continues to rise as projected in the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.
796. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in how many instances in each of the past three years the State Savings Bank refused to honour the cheque of a depositor because it would have overdrawn the account by less than—(a) \$10 ; (b) \$20 ; and (c) \$50.
797. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the annual cost of auditing the accounts of technical and high school councils.
798. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What is the total amount of—(a) loans ; and (b) guarantees to Primary Produce Marketing Boards under the *Co-operation Act* 1958.
  2. Which Boards have been given loans and/or guarantees, indicating the amounts involved in each case.

799. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he is aware of any pending farm sales where the contract of sale is subject to a new dairy licence being issued ; if so, whether he will make full details available and indicate whether a licence is to be issued.
800. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what interest has been earned from the Swine Compensation Fund in each of the past five years and for what purpose the interest has been used.
801. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 2787 given on 26th October, 1977 concerning the Tramway-road, rail crossing at Morwell—
1. In view of the diversion of the Midland-highway and the installation of a new rail siding near this crossing, whether the Country Roads Board, the Railways Department, or the Road Safety and Traffic Authority have considered the probability of increased traffic using this crossing since traffic counts were last taken in early 1975.
  2. Whether he will arrange traffic counts to be taken to ascertain—(a) the number of school buses using the crossing ; (b) the number of trains using the crossing, including those being shunted into and out of the rail siding ; (c) the total number of vehicles using the crossing in a mid-week 24-hour period ; and (d) whether increased usage of this crossing should give the crossing a higher priority so that warning lights can be installed before 1978-79 ; if not, why.

*(Notices received on 20th April, 1978)*

- \*802. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizer Agency Board is presently negotiating with firms other than Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. to supply equipment to update the Board's present computer betting service ; if so—(a) how the selection of such firms was made ; and (b) whether it is planned to call for public tenders for such works and, in that event, when.
- \*803. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many rental application families have been provided with Housing Commission accommodation over the past twelve months.
  2. How many of such families are one-parent families.
- \*804. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of a workshop on Early Childhood Development Centres held at the Malvern Town Hall—
1. Whether the organizers of the workshop had submitted a questionnaire to the Department of Health on the subject ; if so, whether this was answered.
  2. Whether the Minister wrote to municipal councils setting out his views on the workshop ; if so, whether a copy of the letter will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*805. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of each existing and proposed Early Childhood Development Centre—
1. What is the current staff establishment, how many of the positions are filled, and whether any expansion of establishments is intended in the current financial year or next financial year.
  2. Whether any municipal council has been asked to provide accommodation and administrative staff, or is in fact providing accommodation or administrative staff ; if so, which councils and what is the estimated expense to those councils.
  3. Whether Early Childhood Development Centres' staff are accountable to the municipal council, or to officers of the Department of Health.
  4. Whether the Department of Health has received requests from municipalities for regular discussions concerning the provision and administration of such centres ; if so, with what result.
- \*806. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister has received a petition from residents of the Shire of Sherbrooke and the surrounding area concerning the use of 245T in the spraying of pesticides throughout the Shire ; if so, what action the Minister proposes to prevent the possibility that danger to humans and to unborn babies might be caused by the use of 245T in a populated area.
- \*807. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, what action he has taken to discourage sportsmen and sportswomen throughout Victoria from lending their names and prestige to the advertising of tobacco products.
- \*808. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government intends to maintain its contribution to tobacco growing research at its present level.
- \*809. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts what applications have been made to the Ministry for the Arts in the past twelve months for special grants, indicating the names of the applicants, the amount sought in each case, and whether the grants were approved.

- \*810. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what circumstances owners of properties abutting State highways are required to contribute to the installation of curbing and channelling along such highways.
- \*811. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, whether any schools purchase items from John Scott Educational Books Supply ; if so—(a) which schools ; (b) what percentage discount or benefits these schools have received ; (c) how many years these schools have been trading with this firm ; and (d) whether any amount of money is owing to any school by the firm and, in that event, what action is being taken to recover same.
- \*812. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, at the Australia Council meeting in Hobart recently, it was suggested that the profit being made by the Australian Ballet is too large ; if so—(a) whether he will reconsider the Government's decision to make \$1 million available ; and (b) whether he will now be prepared to help the Victorian Ballet Guild which has issued a writ on the Victorian Government for \$840,000.
- \*813. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the recommendations in respect of tobacco contained in the Report from the Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare entitled " Drug Problems in Australia—an Intoxicated Society ? ".
  2. Whether the Government intends to commit itself to bringing about a decrease in per capita consumption of tobacco.
  3. Whether the Government intends taking action to—(a) prohibit smoking in hospitals and other health care institutions except in specially designated areas ; (b) adopt regulations to protect non-smokers from exposure, without their consent, to tobacco smoke in the working environment ; (c) provide or extend non-smoking areas in public places ; (d) clearly define non-smoking areas in public places ; and (e) give special attention to the protection of infants from contact with persons who are smoking.
  4. What action is intended by State and Local Government Authorities to discourage the advertising of tobacco products.
  5. What action is intended to enforce the laws which make the sale of tobacco products to minors illegal, and whether there is any intention of increasing penalties.
- \*814. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. Whether rusted water piping has been detected in a large number of Housing Commission homes sold to applicants in the Corio Estate over the past five years.
  2. What is the reason for early decay of such piping.
  3. What action can or will be taken to protect past and future home purchasers from such unexpected expense.
- \*815. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he has advised any person that they may be able to obtain a new dairy licence after 30th June, 1978 ; if so, on what basis the licence is being issued.
- \*816. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education if he will lay on the table of the Library all correspondence, data, and memoranda relating to the proposed Keon Park West Primary school.

J. H. CAMPBELL,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER,  
Speaker

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- Youth, Sport and Recreation—Report of the Director-General, 1976-77 (No. 3).

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 18

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MAY, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

- \*1. MR. THOMPSON : To move, That the "Grievance Day" Standing Order No. 59 be suspended for Thursday next.
- \*2. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.
- \*3. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Operation of the *Liquor/Act* 1968 and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.  
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#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. DANDENONG VALLEY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*2. GEELONG REGIONAL INTERIM DEVELOPMENT ORDER (VALIDATION) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*3. PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*4. BAIL (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
5. TEACHING SERVICE (MIGRANT INSTRUCTORS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PROMOTION OF DECENTRALIZATION) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. STATE DEVELOPMENT DECENTRALIZATION AND TOURISM BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. PROBATE DUTY (APPLICATION) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
14. MELBOURNE UNDERGROUND RAIL LOOP (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
15. RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
16. PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE REPORT—To be considered.
17. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
18. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
19. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
20. PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND SUPERANNUATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
21. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
22. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
23. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
24. MOTOR CAR (FEES AND PENALTIES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
25. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
26. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
27. BUILDING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE (AMENDMENT) BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
28. VICTORIA CONSERVATION TRUST BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
29. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

30. RACING (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
31. COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
32. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (PASSENGER SERVICES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
33. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
34. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (ADMINISTRATION AND RATES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
35. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
36. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
37. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
38. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
39. CRIMES (HIJACKINGS AND OTHER OFFENCES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
40. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
41. MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
42. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House expresses its extreme concern at the proliferation of illegal drugs in Victoria, and calls on both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, every Member of the Victorian community and all law enforcement agencies to use every means, resource and endeavour available to—(a) educate the public about the deleterious effects of the use of illegal drugs of addiction ; (b) control the distribution of these drugs ; (c) prevent the unfortunate citizens who are the victims of drugs from receiving supplies ; (d) encourage drug addicted persons to receive treatment ; and (e) resolve that young Victorians resist experimentation with all drugs ; and therefore prevent forever the rampant spread of harmful, illegal drugs in Victoria.
3. MR. WILTON : To move, That this House takes note of the Statement of Mr. Speaker relating to procedures to be adopted for raising matters of privilege.
4. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all liability to pay gift duty in respect of gifts made on or after 1st July, 1978, should be abolished and that such gifts be not taken into consideration for the purpose of assessing gift duty or determining a rate of gift duty with respect to gifts made before that date.
5. MR. CATHIB : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes* ”.
6. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 925 of the ‘Local Government Act 1958’ with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public* ”.
7. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 10 of the ‘Public Records Act 1973’ with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public* ”.
8. MR. HANN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes* ”.

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### THURSDAY, 4TH MAY

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

##### Orders of the Day

1. HOSPITALS REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. EGG INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. STAMPS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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### TUESDAY, 9TH MAY

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

##### Orders of the Day

1. POUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LABOUR AND INDUSTRY BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. WORKERS COMPENSATION (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

*(Notices received on 2nd May, 1978)*

- \*817. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has considered the possibility of encouraging teachers taking confinement leave to relinquish their permanent positions by offering them the option of further employment in the same inspectorate area on resumption of duty, thus safeguarding teachers' rights, but providing a more stable staffing situation for students.
- \*818. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether teachers recruited from the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom or other overseas countries have been permitted to extend their contracts after the expiry period ; if so—(a) how many ; and (b) whether it is proposed to discontinue the practice of extending such contracts, given the high rate of unemployment amongst Australian teachers.
- \*819. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. How many cars are owned by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
  2. How many cars are allocated to each section.
  3. Which employees use these cars.
  4. How often these cars are used after office hours and for what purpose.
- \*820. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. Whether employees of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works are contributors to the State Superannuation Fund.
  2. Whether married women who are employed by the Board are eligible to join the Fund.
- \*821. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. How much was spent by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works on overseas visits by employees during 1975, 1976 and 1977, inclusive.
  2. What benefits were derived by the ratepayers as a result of these trips.
  3. Whether Board officers undertaking these trips are required to justify and provide evidence of expenditure incurred.
  4. What was the duration of each overseas visit.
- \*822. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. What particular information is supplied by the transportation section of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Department to the Board.
  2. Whether such information can be readily obtained from the Country Roads Board, Road Safety and Traffic Authority or the Ministry of Transport.
- \*823. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What hours per week employees of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works are required to work and whether these conditions also apply to senior staff.
  2. What controls are provided to ensure that all staff work the required number of hours each week.
- \*824. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether blocks of flats built by the Housing Commission have sprinkler systems fitted in case of fire ; if not, why.
- \*825. MR. REMINGTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many buildings in the inner city area over seven storeys in height are not fitted with fire prevention sprinkler systems.
- \*826. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs by what means his attention is drawn to proposals, policies, decisions and actions of other Ministers which have ethnic significance, and how his views on these matters are communicated to other Ministers.
- \*827. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the date and the substance of each report he has prepared on specific needs of ethnic communities in Victoria, indicating in each case, when the report will be published or otherwise made available.
- \*828. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the substance of each television commercial which has been produced for the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, indicating in each case the—(a) name of the production company ; (b) date of the contract ; and (c) cost.



- \*829. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. What is the date and substance of each proposal he has had prepared for the production of multi-lingual, multi-media safety information.
  2. What arrangements he has made for pilot testing proposals in order to determine—(a) their relevance for particular industry situations ; (b) the appropriateness as seen by employees ; and (c) other varieties.
- \*830. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on what dates consideration was given to the Henderson Report recommendations on the provision of services for ethnic communities, indicating with what result, and when the recommendations will be brought into effect.
- \*831. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what consideration has been given to producing a guide to rights and procedures in areas such as employment, accommodation, health care, education and workers' compensation to supplement the existing Migrants' Melbourne Directory.
- \*832. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the policy of the Government on advertisement of Public Service and Statutory Authority staff vacancies in the ethnic press.
- \*833. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he is now able to advise how the \$76,185 balance of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs advertising appropriation has been allocated.
- \*834. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether a copy of the report in respect of Computed Tomography Scanners, prepared for the Hospitals and Charities Commission, will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*835. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of schools and pre-schools in the Shire of Melton for the years 1976 and 1977 ; respectively—
1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, initial medical examinations.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-School Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
- \*836. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Maroondah Hospital and the William Angliss Hospital, respectively—
1. What number of beds is available at the hospital and what additional services are provided apart from in-patient services.
  2. What works are currently under way at each hospital, specifying the works being carried out, the estimated date of completion, and the cost.
  3. What plans for additional works have been submitted to the Hospitals and Charities Commission, specifying the works to be carried out and whether any approvals have been given by the Commission ; if so, for what additional works and what will be the commencement date.
  4. What is the estimated number of beds for each hospital in 1980 and 1985, and when it is expected that a full range of out-patient and casualty services will be available.
- \*837. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick all files and memoranda relating to the proposed subsidy scheme.
- \*838. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, if he will advise whether schemes overseas have been investigated and, if so, which schemes, by whom, and whether copies of any such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*839. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what consultations have occurred between him or the Department of Health with industry and unions, indicating when such discussions took place and whether any submissions were received from such organizations, and if so, from whom.
- \*840. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what level of support will be maintained for the community child care movement which staffs its centres with parents on a co-operative basis.

- \*841. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether payments to existing centres catering for mothers who do not receive the subsidy will be maintained at their present proportion of total costs, and whether the same entitlement will be extended to new centres as they are opened.
- \*842. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as a disqualification for the purpose of assessing eligibility for tax deductions in respect of dependent wives.
- \*843. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, on what date and by what means the scheme was referred to the Department of Health for study and what was the date of each submission made on the subject from—(a) the Department to the Minister ; and (b) the Minister to Cabinet.
- \*844. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, on what dates he has held consultations about the scheme with interested organizations and community groups, indicating the name of the organization or group in each case.
- \*845. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether subsidies will be payable in these cases where the father stays home to look after the children and the mother accepts paid employment.
- \*846. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether any surveys have been undertaken into the density of traffic and pedestrians in Nepean-highway and Station-street, Chelsea, including the Argyle-avenue crossing, in each of the past five years ; if so, with what results.
- \*847. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, what are the current levels of the major water storages in the country areas of Victoria and how these levels relate to the needs of the next irrigation season.
- \*848. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department is purchasing a replacement system for that currently processing the departmental payroll ; if so—(a) who is the supplier ; (b) what was the original tender price ; and (c) what is the estimated actual cost at this stage.
- \*849. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. Whether any member of the Trotting Control Board is also a member of a firm of consultants which is contracted by retainer to the Totalizator Agency Board ; if so—(a) what is the name of the member ; (b) what is the name of the firm of consultants ; and (c) how long the firm has been retained by the Board and what is the annual fee.
  2. Whether any members of the Trotting Control Board are involved in a joint syndicate for the purpose of owning a horse or horses ; if so, what are the names of the members.
- \*850. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether stewards of the Trotting Control Board have been flown to country race meetings by an airline which is owned or part-owned by a member of the Board ; if so—(a) who authorized the flights ; (b) what are the full details of all such flights in the past two year period, including cost ; (c) what is the name of the member ; (d) whether tenders were called for the above services and, if not, why ; and (e) whether any other members of the Board have been involved in providing goods or services to the Board over the past three years and, if so, who are the people concerned and what are the details.
- \*851. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children—
1. What is the number of women with—(a) pre-school children ; and (b) children at primary school, who are—(i) not engaged in paid work ; (ii) engaged in paid work on a part-time basis ; and (iii) engaged in full-time paid work.
  2. In respect of women in each of the above categories, what is the number and percentage, respectively, who will be eligible for the subsidy.
- \*852. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on what dates and with what results he made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Social Security requesting the retention and regular monthly publication of the more detailed Commonwealth Employment Service unemployment statistics, including a breakdown according to—(a) country of birth ; and (b) date of arrival in Australia.
- \*853. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as income for the purpose of calculating social security entitlements.

- \*854. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children—
1. What study has been made of the findings of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that the nation-wide incidence of non-accidental physical injury to children under 15 years could be as high as 13,500 cases a year or 37 children injured every day, and that 20 per cent of diagnosed children in the retrospective survey and 67 per cent in the prospective survey suffered serious, possibly permanent, injury.
  2. What percentage of these injuries is attributable to mothers who stay at home to mind their children in unacceptable circumstances, and what arrangements have been developed to ensure that increases in the rate of injury do not take place.
- \*855. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the basis on which he arrives at 25 per cent as the proportion of the community for which the State has an obligation to provide child care.
- \*856. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the basis of his statement that children attending day care centres have an "inherited character" from their parents and an "acquired character" from the centres, and whether this is recognized more as a disturbance than distinctions in character associated with parents and schools.
- \*857. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is—  
(a) the estimated cost of the scheme ; and (b) the proposed date of introduction.
- \*858. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether payments are to be indexed so that increases to the cost of providing child care services are automatically reflected in the level of subsidy.
- \*859. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as a disqualification for the purpose of assessing child endowment entitlements.
- \*860. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what arrangements have been made for the 31 per cent of working mothers who are migrants and who have children under six, with a view to seeing that they receive no less encouragement to learn English, and experience no less social isolation, than would be the case if they continued their paid employment.
- \*861. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether the subsidy is to be paid in full for each child in the family who would otherwise be eligible for a place in a child care centre, or whether the subsidy will be limited to a single eligible child.
- \*862. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what studies have been conducted with a view to seeing whether the stated goals of the scheme can be achieved by greater use of flexi-time, part-time work and shared jobs.
- \*863. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether his attention has been drawn to studies which show that children in day care centres derive a positive stimulation from their inter-action with other adults and children ; if so, what arrangements have been made to strengthen the play groups movement with a view to seeing that this stimulation is maintained.
- \*864. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether comparable schemes in other countries have been studied ; if so, whether there is evidence to suggest that in some circumstances these schemes have led to women being withdrawn from the workforce against their wishes and, in that event, whether adequate safeguards against withdrawal under duress have been developed.
- \*865. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether the subsidy is to be altered when a child attends sessions at a pre-school ; if so, on what basis.

- \*866. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the past two years—
1. Whether the Minister will give a detailed breakdown of how moneys collected from residents in the Bellarine area for connections, new tapplings and subdivision levies on water supply, were spent in the Shire of Bellarine.
  2. What State Rivers and Water Supply Commission funds were allocated to the Shire.
  3. What works have been carried out or commenced within the Shire.
- \*867. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. What multilingual arrival orientation services are available on arrival for migrants who choose to settle in Victoria, and how these services are advertised.
  2. Whether he is aware of the plight of many Chilean migrants who, on arrival in Australia, have found that their trade qualifications are not recognized ; if so, whether he has made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs urging the immediate appointment of technical advisers to the main migrant intake centres in Chile and, if so—(a) when these appointments will be made ; (b) how many will be appointed ; and (c) to which cities they will be appointed.
  3. What form of assistance he is providing for Chilean migrants who, having settled in Victoria during the past 12 months, have found that, due to inadequate pre-migration assessment of their qualifications, they are not able to work in their skill area and are consequently—(a) unemployed ; or (b) under-employed.
  4. In view of his statement as reported in *The Age* newspaper of 2nd March, 1978 that the communication barriers had also caused more than 40 per cent of industrial accidents in Victoria last year, why the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has not published appropriately detailed multilingual, multi-media safety information either independently, or in conjunction with the Department of Labour and Industry, and when such information will be produced.
- \*868. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the bombing of the JAT airlines office whether any progress has been made with inquiries as to the—(a) identity and motivation of the persons involved ; (b) nature of explosives used ; (c) extent of the damage ; (d) cost of restoration ; and (e) cost to the airline.
- \*869. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What is the annual cost of providing the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works staff canteen.
  2. Whether there is a special section in the staff canteen for men over a certain grade ; if so—(a) whether women are excluded from this section ; (b) what is the cost of this special section in comparison with the ordinary section of the canteen ; and (c) what is the comparative cost per head of running each section of the canteen.
  3. Whether the Board meets the cost of the Chairman's lunch supplied from the canteen.
- \*870. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Consumer Affairs, for the Honorable the Attorney-General whether the Attorney-General or Solicitor-General has recently given consideration to the question of barristers and solicitors appearing for accused persons in criminal trials assisting those persons in the preparation of unsworn statements ; if so—(a) whether the matter has been referred for consideration to the Victorian Bar Council or the Law Institute of Victoria ; and (b) whether any consideration has been given to an amendment to the law relating to the making of unsworn statements by accused persons in criminal trials.
- \*871. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether any subsidy will be available for mothers of children of primary school age ; if so, on what basis the subsidy will be determined, and whether the subsidy will be at a reduced amount and, in that event, what amount.
- \*872. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Premier how many applications have been received for consideration and inclusion as Historical Projects, under the Tattersalls Consultation (Gold Lottery Consultations) Regulations 1977, indicating the names of the applicants for projects and the date of application.
- \*873. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether shunting operations have been carried out in the vicinity of Champion-road, Newport, by the Railways Department between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. daily ; if so—(a) what are the reasons for the operations ; and (b) whether assurances were given some years ago to residents in the area that no shunting would be carried out during the night.

- \*874. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received reports dealing with recommendations from the Foods Standards Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council to limit the concentration of vinyl chloride monomer in food containers and foodstuffs ; if so—(a) on what grounds the recommendations were based : and (b) what action has been taken.
  2. Whether the substance is the parent substance from which polyvinyl chloride wrappings are made.
- \*875. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the proposed future use of the Education Department land situated at North-street, Glenroy, currently leased to the Broadmeadows City Council.
- \*876. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Arundle-road bridge over the Maribyrnong River in the City of Keilor, whether an inspection has been made of the bridge since its recent repair ; if not, why, indicating when the inspection will be made and the school bus allowed to recommence using the bridge.
- \*877. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when the Transport Regulation Board will issue the permit to Kastoria Bus Lines for the school bus which uses the Arundle-road bridge over the Maribyrnong River in the City of Keilor.
- \*878. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what loans and/or guarantees have been made to primary produce marketing boards and agricultural co-operatives in Victoria, giving full details in each case.
- \*879. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. How many loan applications for drought assistance have been made to the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission, indicating how many of such applications have been rejected or deferred by the Commission and the reasons for rejection or deferral in each case.
  2. How many applications are presently being processed by the Commission.
  3. What rate of interest is charged on repayment of approved loans.
  4. What was the total cost of the advertisements concerning drought relief which were placed in newspapers.
- \*880. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister of Tourism, whether the Government has accepted the report of the Parliamentary State Development Committee entitled "The Improvement and Promotion of Tourism in Victoria", and what action will be taken regarding each of the recommendations.
- \*881. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action is proposed to enforce the laws making the sale of tobacco products to minors illegal.
  2. Whether it is intended to increase the penalties for the offence.
- \*882. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What is the current detailed financial position of the Trotting Control Board.
  2. What was the budget figure for the current year in respect of stake money, indicating whether that figure will be adhered to, and, if not, why.
  3. What were the earnings of the Board for the six month period prior to the running of the Inter-Dominion Championships.
  4. Which advertising firm is presently employed by the Board, when they were first employed, and on what basis.
- \*883. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether any members of the Trotting Control Board have travelled overseas at the expense of the Board, if so—(a) what are the names of the persons concerned ; (b) when the visits took place ; (c) what was the purpose of each visit and the respective cost ; and (d) whether any written reports were prepared and, if so, whether he will lay such reports on the table of the Library.
- \*884. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether persons seeking employment in State Government Instrumentalities are required to undergo a medical examination ; if so, why and whether such persons are refused employment if they have a medical problem.
- \*885. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that schools have been advised that no further films will be available from the Audio-visual centre owing to recurrent computer failures.
  2. Who supplied the computer and who is responsible for the malfunctions which have been occurring over a period of months.

- \*886. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of secondary schools in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. Which schools have—(a) a Commonwealth standard library ; (b) a Commonwealth standard science block ; and (c) an assembly hall.
  2. Which schools will undertake capital improvements in the next three years, indicating—(a) the date of construction and basis of financing of each library, science block and assembly hall ; and (b) the nature and cost of improvements.
- \*887. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Coburn primary school, Melton—
1. What is the present enrolment.
  2. What is the planned enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at the school.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1979, 1980 and 1981 ; respectively.
  5. What plans there are for the construction of additional permanent classrooms, and when such works will be undertaken.
  6. What plans there are for the construction of an additional primary school in the area.
- \*888. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing on how many occasions since November, 1975 the Housing Commission has bought land from A. C. and D. Nominees Pty. Ltd., other than the purchase of 70 allotments at Kyabram indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location land area of the land ; and (b) the price paid.
- \*889. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing on how many occasions Marash and Company, solicitors, have acted on behalf of the Housing Commission in relation to land purchases since December, 1972, indicating in respect of each of these purchases—(a) the location and area of the land ; and (b) the price paid.
- \*890. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the number of—(a) students who speak a first language other than English ; and (b) migrant education teachers, at the Huntingdale high school.
- \*891. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Huntingdale high school what were the dates on which—(a) the oil storage tank was reported as unserviceable ; (b) tenders were called for the replacement of the tank ; (c) the successful tenderer was notified ; and (d) installation of the replacement tank was completed.
- \*892. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the re-building of the Wonthaggi North primary school, when it is expected that—(a) tenders will be let ; and (b) work will commence and be completed respectively.
- \*893. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is expected that the proposed post-primary school will be established at Gisborne.
- \*894. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. Whether the Government Printer has completed his report on the streamlining of printing activities within Government Departments ; if not, when he expects the report.
  2. Whether the printing section within the Audio-Visual Education Centre is being investigated as part of that report.
  3. Which printing sections within Government Departments are being investigated by the Government Printer.
  4. Whether he is aware of the urgent educational need for a replacement printing press for the Audio-Visual Education Centre.
  5. Whether he will instruct the Tender Board to let a tender for the proposed replacement printing press at the Audio-Visual Education Centre forthwith.
- \*895. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, further to the answer to question No. 489 given on 5th April, 1978, in which he indicated that 1,100 single tender contracts were let between 1972 and 1976, and that the value of 70 of those contracts was \$75.5 million, whether the value of the remaining 1,030 contracts was in the vicinity of \$100 million or more.

J. H. CAMPBELL,  
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- STANDING ORDERS—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fordham, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Reese, Mr. Ross-Edwards, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Wilkes.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—Mr. Ebery, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Evans (*Ballarat North*), Mr. McInnes, Mr. Skeggs, Mr. Smith (*South Barwon*), and Mr. Wilton.
- SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (JOINT)—Mr. Birrell, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Roper, and Mr. Williams.

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 October-December, 1977. (No. 2).
- Subordinate Legislation Committee—Report upon Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund Regulations 1977 (S.R. No. 105/1977) (D.26).
- Victoria Institute of Colleges—Report, 1976. (No. 115).
- Youth, Sport and Recreation—Report of the Director-General, 1976-77 (No. 3).

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## NOTICE PAPER

No. 19

THURSDAY, 4TH MAY, 1978

### Order of the Day

\*GRIEVANCES—*Debate on the question*—That grievances be noted.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.
2. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Operation of the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.

#### Orders of the Day

- \*1. MAGISTRATES' COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
- \*2. WRONGS (ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
- \*3. MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS (MERBEIN) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
- \*4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
- \*5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (RATE EXEMPTION) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
6. PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
7. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (SOLICITORS' DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
8. VICTORIA CONSERVATION TRUST BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
9. BUILDING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE (AMENDMENT) BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
10. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
11. RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
12. HOSPITALS REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
13. EGG INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
14. STAMPS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
15. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
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- \*17. CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading.
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## QUESTIONS

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1. What are the particular companies and industry groups concerned.
  2. If he will lay on the table of the Library all such correspondence.
- \*903. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the potato processing plant of McCain Australia Pty. Ltd. at Ballarat, discharges wastes into the sewerage works at Wendouree ; if so, under what conditions, indicating whether the company has met these conditions.
- \*904. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, what grants have been made to the potato processing plant of McCain Australia Pty. Ltd. at Daylesford and Ballarat, respectively, in the past ten years, indicating the amount and the purpose in each case.
- \*905. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Conservation how long the position of Chief Air Quality Officer of the Environment Protection Authority was vacant, indicating—(a) when the position was filled ; (b) why this vacancy was not listed in answer to question No. 3180 furnished to the Member for Carrum ; and (c) what vacancies still exist for senior positions.
- \*906. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are currently registered for employment with the Education Department for each division.
  2. How many teachers were similarly registered in May, 1976 and May, 1977.
  3. How many additional teachers have been appointed for each division, in—(a) March ; (b) April ; and (c) May, 1978.
- \*907. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the head lice programme—
1. How many bottles of malathion lotion were given to each municipal Council in February, March and April, 1978, respectively.
  2. Whether he is aware of delays in obtaining supplies of—(a) malathion lotion ; and (b) combs ; if so, what is the reason and what is being done to improve the situation.
  3. Whether additional supplies of lotion have been asked for and supplied to Doncaster and Templestowe City Council ; if so, what quantity was supplied.
- \*908. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. What use of phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T is made by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey—(a) for its own purposes ; (b) on behalf of any other department ; and (c) by provision to farmers indicating the annual quantities in each case.
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1. Whether he or the Education Department was consulted by any representative of the Department of Health before that Department placed an advertisement in *The Age* newspaper dated 11th March, 1978, inviting applications for appointment of audiologists to work with hearing-impaired pre-school children ; if so, when such consultations took place and who was involved.
2. Whether the State Council for Special Education was advised of this initiative of the Department of Health ; if so, when ; if not, why.
3. What effect these new services will have on the services already provided by the Education Department to pre-school age handicapped children, particularly the Mornington child guidance service.
4. Whether he and the Special Services Division of the Education Department supports the form of further involvement by the Department of Health in this field.

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

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2. MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS (MERBEIN) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

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1. What institutes and laboratories within Victoria are carrying out research, specifying which research subjects are being investigated.
  2. What safeguards are employed in each of these institutes or laboratories to prevent contamination by genetically altered material.
  3. What mechanism the Department of Health has to ensure that it has complete knowledge of all projects in this field.
15. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
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1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.
28. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether residents of the J. P. Hately Hostel, Beechworth, have been notified that the proportion of the pension retained by the pensioner will be changed or reduced; if so, what is the change and when the change will be effective.
  2. What amount was retained by a resident pensioner on 1st January and 1st July, respectively, of each of the past five years.
  3. What sum is received by State Government instrumentalities for residents in—(a) Hately Hostel; and (b) other similar hostels.
33. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister is aware of an address by Dr. K. Brown, Chief Medical Officer of Olympic Consolidated Industries Ltd., to the 22nd annual meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in which he drew attention to the dangers posed by chemicals to a variety of workers; if so, what steps the Government has taken or is taking to improve the safety of workers in Victoria, particularly in the rubber and plastic industries which have now been shown to produce above average levels of lung and bowel cancers.

37. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at—  
 (a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and  
 (d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
38. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
41. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
53. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.
56. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mildura Base Hospital—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that funds allocated for this financial year are significantly below matched allocations sought by the hospital and only 4.6 per cent. above the 1976-77 actual expenditure.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the hospital has already implemented cuts which will affect hospital services totalling \$220,000 but will have to retrench staff or curtail existing services in order to balance its budget for this financial year.
  3. Whether the Minister has agreed to meet with a deputation from the hospital ; if so, when, and whether he will consider increasing funds to the hospital this financial year.
60. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
64. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
67. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
68. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.

69. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public; (b) charitable; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services; (ii) outpatients' services; (iii) midwifery; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria; (b) Melbourne; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
77. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools have been visited in each of the past three years, indicating how many children have been attended to at each school.
79. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name; (b) address; (c) current enrolment; (d) current waiting list; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
87. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
88. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the State funded teacher aide programme—
1. Whether the Education Department submitted a request for the continuation or expansion of the programme in the 1977-78 financial year; if so, on what basis and with what result.
  2. How much has been allocated for the programme during—(a) 1977; and (b) 1978 school year, specifying how many aides are to be employed.
  3. Which schools have been allocated funds in 1978 and when the schools will be notified.
89. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
92. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
97. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
105. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the direction given to Government Departments by the Treasury that all fees be increased by at least eight per cent., what is the expected increase in fee income to the Consolidated Fund in 1977-78 and in a full financial year.
109. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.



110. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
115. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
118. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen-sharing facility will be fully developed.
121. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.
122. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.
131. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.
132. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.

134. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the current enrolments at each primary, high, and technical school within the boundaries of the electoral district of Reservoir.
  2. What were the enrolments at each school during each of the past ten years.
  3. What is the present teaching staff and what was the number at each school in each of the past ten years.
  4. How many portable class-rooms are currently on site at each school.
135. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—
- (a) who are the persons acting on this committee ;
  - (b) where each person resides ;
  - (c) on what dates the committee has met ;
  - (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and
  - (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.
136. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
  2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.
137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
  2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.
139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.
141. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the contract for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Yarrambat primary school will be finalized.
  2. Whether the school will be able to use the abovementioned land for its centenary, on 29th April, 1978.
  3. What is intended in respect of the residence on the property in view of its superiority to the existing teachers' residence adjacent to the school.
  4. When urgent maintenance works, such as replacement of cracked and broken lino in the kitchen of the existing teachers' residence, will be undertaken.
142. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the Bridging Training Program—
1. How many young people have applied for selection and what number and percentage, respectively, have been successful.
  2. What are the—(a) selection criteria for the programme ; and (b) qualifications for employment gained through participation in the programme.
  3. What are the—(a) names of the industries to which training under the programmes is orientated ; and (b) arrangements for employment of trainees at the conclusion of training.
  4. What State and Commonwealth Departments are providing funds for the programmes in the current year and what amount is provided in each case.
  5. What are the dates on which consultations with industry were held prior to the introduction of the programmes and what was—(a) the substance of the consultations ; and (b) the names and offices of the participants in each case.
144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.
150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.
152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.

158. **MR. FORDHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area ; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type ; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
163. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Warrnambool high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what was the enrolment in 1977.
  2. How many class-rooms are available at the school and how many were available in 1977.
  3. When additional class-rooms will be provided, as requested, so that the—(a) senior mistress's office ; (b) converted shelter-shed ; (c) assembly hall cloak room ; (d) condemned ex-army hut ; and (e) school laundry, can be released from class-room purposes.
164. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school ; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.
166. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.
167. **MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties ; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
168. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
169. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme ; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
171. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.
172. **MR. WILKES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.

173. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive.
183. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether funds have been granted to Macleod High School Council to employ an audio visual technician to maximize the value of the new Thompson Carter Library wing at the school ; if not, why.
184. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
186. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
189. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.
190. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.
192. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
193. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what steps are being taken to ensure that accommodation will be available on site at the new Iramoo primary school at the commencement of the 1978 school year.
194. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.

197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980.
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.
204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
210. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what promotional prospects presently exist for career teachers working in Victorian secondary schools and what changes are proposed.
217. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is now expected that tenders will be called for Stage 3 of Lilydale technical school.
219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.

222. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools within the electoral districts of Mitcham and Doncaster have been approved for funding of capital works so far this year, indicating in respect of the works—(a) the amount approved in each case ; (b) the commencement date ; and (c) the completion date.
223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.
225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
234. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Werribee—(a) have applied for ; and (b) have received funds under the Disadvantaged Schools Programme in 1977, indicating the amount and the purposes for which it was used in each case.
237. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the current proposals for the provision of a primary school at Blairgowrie.
238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.

240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.
248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools, which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
255. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the nature of each form of support offered to—(a) children ; and (b) teachers by Ethnic Education Services, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of successful requests for support made last year.
256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.
257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what was the—(a) date ; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.
258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.

259. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to Wattle Glen primary school—
1. What was the reason for failure to notify the school principal, the school council or the Member for Greensborough that the tender for a fire replacement building accepted in November 1977 would not be proceeded with.
  2. Why the second lowest tenderer was not accepted when the lowest tenderer withdrew from the contract.
  3. Whether new tenders will be called immediately.
  4. Whether a teacher will be provided to teach in the portable class-rooms which has been promised to relieve overcrowding.
  5. Whether consideration has been given to removing a single portable class-room and replacing it with a double five module portable class-room.
  6. When the additional temporary accommodation will be provided.
  7. Whether the fire replacement building will not accommodate existing and projected numbers and a double five module portable will be needed on the site in addition to the new building.
  8. Whether it is intended to repair dangerous areas in the playground in view of the present delays in provision of a permanent building.
  9. Whether communications with the school will be improved in future.
271. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
272. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
275. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
276. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
279. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
283. **MR. EDMUNDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the answer to question No. 2450, given on 8th November, 1977, whether the Minister will provide a copy of the five year Projection Plan which was completed in September, 1977 to the Member for Ascot Vale ; if not, why.
289. **MR. EDMUNDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.



291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.
293. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many assessment centres have been established to treat drivers convicted of offences relating to driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of .05 per cent, or drivers with a drink problem, indicating where those centres are situated.
  2. How many drivers have been referred to these centres by the courts in each of the past three years and in this year to date.
  3. How many convicted drivers have been sent to these assessment centres.
  4. What studies have been undertaken to assess the outcome of all referrals.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.
304. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the significant overcrowding at Greenhills Primary School—
1. Whether relocatable buildings will be established at Apollo Parkways during the 1978 school year.
  2. What is the time scale for commencement of construction of a permanent building.
310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds ; if so—(a) when such payments ceased ; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.
311. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the circumstances in which compensation is paid for personal injury and property damage incurred by persons fighting fires in a voluntary capacity.
  2. What is the scale of compensation payments.
312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number ; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians ; (ii) passengers ; (iii) drivers ; (iv) motor cycle riders ; (v) bicycle riders ; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.
325. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What amount the Government will receive from the Commonwealth Government in 1977-78 for transmission to local government bodies, specifying—(a) total payments; (b) specific purpose grants; and (c) revenue grants.
  2. What were the comparable amounts received for each of the past five financial years.
  3. Where specific purpose grants are paid directly to local government bodies, whether he will ascertain and advise—(a) the total payments made in this way in 1977-78; and (b) the comparable amounts for each of the past five financial years.
  4. What is the amount in each case—(a) at constant prices; (b) as a percentage of personal income tax; (c) as a percentage of local government revenue from all sources; and (d) as a percentage variation over the previous year.
334. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether the Community Services Centre has an advertising budget; if so, how much has been allocated and spent, respectively, for 1975-76, 1976-77 and in this financial year to date.
  2. Which advertising agency is responsible for advertising the services of the Centre.
  3. What has been the range of advertising to date, giving details of—(a) services advertised; and (b) placement of advertisements, specifying in each case, the languages of communication and the advertising medium.
335. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the Poverty Commission reports emphasising the inadequacy of community information delivery and consequent inaccessibility to existing Government services, he will make financial provision for multi-lingual, multi-media advertising of the services of the Community Services Centre.
336. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977-78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
354. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what staff has been employed in Victoria's national parks in each of the past five years, indicating the number employed in each park, and in what capacity.

356. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.
360. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Reservoir—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned for each school and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What is the present staff employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.

*(Notices received on 9th March, 1978)*

366. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
  2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
  3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
  4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.
376. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
  2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
  3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.
377. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.
379. **MR. AMOS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.
380. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
  2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.
383. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
  2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.

386. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
3. Why the work has not been performed.
4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.

(Notices received on 14th March, 1978)

391. MR. KENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.

394. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.

400. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.

401. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.

409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—

1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.

412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—

1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
3. In how many of these claims submitted to the insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.

414. MR. EVANS (*Gippsland East*) : To ask the Honorable the Premier with reference to the property, Nyermilang at Lakes Entrance—

1. On what date the Government purchased the property.
2. Which Department at present administers the property.
3. What is the area of the property.
4. What price was paid, for what purpose it was purchased, and from whom it was purchased.
5. For what purposes it has been used since the property was acquired.
6. What improvements have been carried out, indicating at what cost.
7. Whether the public have access to the property and, if not, to whom access is available.

415. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.

420. MR. McINNES : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—

1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976-77 and 1977-78.
2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977-78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.

(Notices received on 15th March, 1978)

432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia ; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
  3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
  4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.
434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
  2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash ; (ii) land ; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
  3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.
435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
  2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
  3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services ; if so, at what level.
  4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.
436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated regulations—
1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project ; and (b) a community project.
  2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
  3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  4. Whether application forms for grants are available ; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant ; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
  6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.
437. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance service which services the Mornington peninsula—
1. Whether it is intended that the service will continue ; if so, on what basis.
  2. How many persons were assisted by the ambulance during 1977, indicating to which hospitals they were taken.
  3. Whether the ambulance is being used to transfer patients from the Frankston hospital to the Wonthaggi hospital ; if so, why.
  4. What was the cost of the service in the last financial year, and what is the estimated cost for this financial year.
440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. When it was determined to establish the school.
  4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
  5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year ; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.

441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational ; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.
442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis ; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.
445. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many residents of the City of Broadmeadows were out-patients at the Royal Children's Hospital in each month from 1st February, 1975 to 31st January, 1978 inclusive.
446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers; if so, from which schools and with what results.
449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—
1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
  2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
  3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
  4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
  5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
  6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.
454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
  2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
  3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.
460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—
1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
  2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
  3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.

*(Notices received on 16th March, 1978)*

462. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been a substantial increase in expenditure on entertainment in recent months by the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board ; if so, whether the increase in expenditure is relevant to the interests of grain growers.
  2. What total amount has been expended on entertainment since the present Chairman's appointment to that position.
  3. What amount was expended on entertainment by the previous Chairman of the Board in each of the two years prior to his retirement.
  4. What are the names of persons entertained by the Board since the appointment of the present Chairman.

466. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have had their salary arrangements altered as a result of the Government's decision to cease collecting fees for the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association.
467. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education at which schools strikes have been held in 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, indicating the respective dates.
468. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have been absent without leave under the terms of the *Public Service Act* 1974 as a result of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association this year.
470. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established—(a) school councils consisting of equal numbers of parents, teachers and students ; (b) school councils without any teacher representatives other than the principal ; and (c) school councils with student representation other than in equal numbers with teachers and parents.
473. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 27 answered on 14th March, 1978, whether the examination of the three brands of snake bite kits included an evaluation of their usefulness and effectiveness ; if so, what was the conclusion of the inspecting officers in each case.

(Notices received on 21st March, 1978)

476. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the concern of interstate road hauliers at the Victorian speed limit of 40 m.p.h. imposed on interstate transport vehicles.
  2. If he will ascertain and advise what are the speed limits in all other States.
  3. Whether the Government will review the speed limit to conform with other States.
  4. Whether the Minister will review the present penalties which can result in a truck operator being fined by the court for exceeding the speed limit and then ultimately losing his licence, whereas car drivers may only be liable for on the spot fines.
477. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the permit procedure for organizations wishing to play Bingo has been proved to be adequate.
  2. How many applications have been granted to date.
  3. Whether the Police Force has indicated any concern at Bingo being played on licensed premises since the introduction of the legislation.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any abuse of the system to date.
478. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what policy has been developed by the Teachers Tribunal in respect of proposals put to it regarding multi-cultural education.
479. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many classes have enrolments greater than 31 in State primary schools.
  2. Whether, in view of the 600 fully trained teachers, who were assisted by Education Department scholarships, and who are still unemployed, he will authorize the employment of sufficient of these teachers to reduce all classes to 31 students.
482. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Brunswick the first and any subsequent reports of investigations into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, and whether the Minister will lay the relevant file on the table of the Library.
483. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health are participating in the current review of hostel accommodation for aged persons currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security ; if so—(a) on what basis ; (b) which officers are involved ; and (c) whether the State has put a submission to the Commonwealth on this subject and, in that event, whether a copy of the submission will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
484. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme" ; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

492. **MR. STIRLING** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the 32 children involved in the migrant programme at North Williamstown primary school and the 132 children not included in the programme, whether he will ensure that a migrant education teacher will be appointed to the school as a matter of urgency, to replace the teacher transferred at the end of 1977.

496. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What is the present strength of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in all ranks.
2. What is the—(a) establishment ; and (b) actual strength of each platoon at each station, indicating the number of officers and firefighters, respectively.
3. How many officers and firefighters respectively the Brigade is below minimum level.
4. Whether it is intended to bring the manning up to the minimum level of officers and firefighters as required ; if so, when.
5. When the necessary number of officers will be promoted to increase officer strength to the required minimum.
6. When the necessary number of firefighters will be employed to increase the strength to the required minimum.
7. Whether any delays in the promotion of officers and the employment of firefighters will leave Melbourne with a fire service operating under the required minimum.
8. Whether the deflation of staff will have an effect on the efficiency of the Brigade and the morale of the existing staff.
9. How many times during the past twelve months it has been necessary to transfer officers and firefighters to make up strength either from shift to shift or station to station, indicating from which and to what station staff was transferred and why.
10. Whether the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board intends employing sufficient staff to enable it to operate above the minimum manning.
11. What was the cost to the Board, including all penalties, to operate relieving staff and stand-by staff during the past twelve months.

497. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the officers of the Preston City Council have provided details of—(a) the number of building allotments in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park primary school ; and (b) a vehicular and pedestrian link from the Lockton-avenue estate through Barrow-street to the school site ; if so, what are the details, including the—(i) number of lots ; (ii) number of existing houses ; (iii) cost of road construction ; (iv) cost of water reticulation services ; (v) cost of sewerage services ; (vi) cost of electrical reticulation ; (vii) type of bridge construction and road works associated with the Barrow-street link ; and (viii) any other relevant information.

499. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What is the size of the present staff room at Ruthven primary school.
2. What was the staff level of this school at the time of construction and what is the present level of staffing.
3. Whether it is proposed to provide additional staff room accommodation ; if so, when and how.

503. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the increase in beds available in each of the geriatric hospitals located within the metropolitan area over each of the past three years.

504. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—

1. How many building blocks in the area controlled by the Westernport Regional Planning Authority have been found unsuitable for building development, indicating who is now responsible for payment of rates on these blocks.
2. What future use will be made of these blocks, indicating whether the present owners are to be compensated by the Authority.

507. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—

1. How many municipalities in the Metropolitan area levy a residential use rate.
2. When the residential use rate was introduced and for what purpose.
3. Whether a municipality has the right to adjust the residential use rate to counteract rises in valuations or other circumstances ; if so, by what method.
4. In what year the City of Coburg adopted a residential use rate and what rate was agreed on.
5. Whether the City of Coburg has ever made any adjustment to its residential use rate ; if so, in what years and what rate was accepted in each case.
6. How many ratepayers in the City other than pensioners are receiving rate assistance, indicating the type of rate assistance being extended.
7. How many pensioners in the City benefit from the State rate remission system.



508. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. How many children attending primary schools in each of the past three years within the City of Coburg have been found to be infected with head lice.
  2. What method is used to treat the infection.
  3. Whether the Minister will consider attaching trained staff to those schools in which head lice is of regular occurrence ; if not, why.

*(Notices received on 22nd March, 1978)*

512. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What has caused the delay in purchasing land for Seaford Park primary school, indicating—  
(a) when negotiations began ; (b) whether action was taken to compulsorily acquire the land and, if so, when ; and (c) whether negotiations, including valuations, have been completed ; if so, when.
  2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the building of the school, indicating—  
(a) when it is expected to complete the project ; and (b) when the school is expected to be opened.
514. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what was the growth in sales of gas in each of the past five years, indicating the projected growth in each case and the areas where the growth in consumption has occurred.
515. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister intends introducing legislation which will provide a form of insurance covering deficient title caused by a vehicle being sold whilst under lien to a finance institution ; if so, when.
516. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What is the number of registered professional fishermen in Victoria.
  2. How many professional fishing licences have been issued in each of the past ten years.
  3. Whether the total number of licensed fishermen has varied over the past ten years.
  4. What amounts have been allocated in the State Budget for the control of fishing in each of the past ten years.
  5. How many inspectors of ocean fishing there are, indicating whether the number has increased during the past ten years.
  6. How many prosecutions have been launched for undersized—(a) scallops ; and (b) fish, during each of the past five years.
  7. What production figures are available for dredging scallops in each of the past ten years.
517. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association in each of the years from 1970 to 1977 inclusive—
1. Which schools experienced such strikes.
  2. On which dates the strikes were held.
  3. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  4. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
518. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in which subject areas in the secondary and technical divisions, respectively, there are currently—(a) unemployed teachers ; and (b) employment vacancies, indicating the numbers involved in each case.
519. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many registered teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) primary ; (b) secondary ; and (c) technical divisions.
  2. How many appropriately qualified primary teachers are currently unemployed in the—  
(a) migrant ; (b) music ; (c) physical education ; (d) library ; and (e) art/craft categories.
520. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held during 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association—
1. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
  2. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.
521. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary, and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established school councils with—(a) one ; (b) two ; (c) three ; (d) four ; (e) five ; and (f) more than five teacher representatives.

522. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what amounts were allocated in the 1977-78 Budget to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division for the purpose of purchasing land, indicating—(a) how much has been spent to date ; (b) what departments undertake land purchases for the Division ; and (c) what steps will be taken to ensure that the allocation will be fully spent.
528. **MR. BURGIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, in respect of the ten point plan for decentralization implemented by the Department of State Development in September, 1972—
1. What number of industries have taken advantage of the Governments incentives, indicating how many of these industries have built new factories or major extensions since that date.
  2. Which industries have built new factories or major extensions since September, 1972, indicating the factory name, main product, location and number of employees in each case.
529. **MR. SIMPSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department was involved in any way with a contract for the building of an Arts Centre at Wangaratta during 1976-77.
  2. Who were the tenderers and what was the amount tendered by each tenderer.
  3. Who were the signatories to the main building contract and when the contract was signed with the successful tenderers, indicating the name of the successful tenderer.
  4. Why competitive tenders were called.
  5. On what grounds the decision was made to award the contract to the successful tenderer.
  6. What was the date scheduled for the completion of the contract and the actual date of completion.
  7. Whether the original contract was recently cancelled.
  8. Who was the architect appointed to supervise construction of the contract.
530. **MR. JASPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department is investigating the confinement leave provision relating to female teachers within the teaching service.
  2. Whether abolition of confinement leave could allow for the employment of all unemployed teachers in the Primary Division.
  3. Whether continuation of the present trend in the ratio of female primary teachers to male primary teachers will result in a large percentage of primary schools being staffed completely by female teachers in future.
  4. Whether the Government has any control over the intake of students at State Colleges of Victoria to ensure a greater percentage of male teachers at the colleges.
  5. Whether the Government will be taking action to correct the imbalance between the number of male and female teachers.
532. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in cases where a motor vehicle has been seriously damaged by accident and the insurance company has permitted repairs to be carried out by the "cut and shut" method in order to save an overall pay out, whether the Minister would take the initiative to see that the onus of responsibility for a roadworthiness test should be accepted by the respective insurance company and not the insured.
535. **MR. MUTTON** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health.
1. How many municipalities in the metropolitan area engage a handyman service to assist elderly, handicapped, or low income residents.
  2. What is the man-power strength of this service and from what source funds are made available to meet the cost by the respective municipalities.
  3. What Government funds are made available to municipalities to assist them with this type of work assistance project.
538. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the detailed energy policy for conservation of resources and how it is being applied.
  2. Whether he endorses the findings of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977, indicating any areas of disagreement.
539. **MR. WHITING** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the median age of teachers in each of the three divisions of the teaching service.
  2. Whether the Minister will give consideration to the provision of a by-pass procedure to allow experience of older teachers to be taken into account to ease the problem of qualification-linked salary barriers, at least within the assistant class salary range.

(Notices received on 4th April, 1978)

543. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—

1. What action the Government proposes taking to preserve Clarendon Terrace, Clarendon-street, East Melbourne from demolition.
2. Who is the present owner of the building.
3. When the structure was built.
4. What are the dimensions of the site.
5. What is the estimated cost of restoration.

552. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of each of the freight centres in Victoria—

1. What was the date of commencement in each case and what are the projected dates of opening for each future centre.
2. In the case of each centre, how many zones have been created, indicating generally the areas in each zone.
3. In respect of each zone—(a) who were the successful road transport contractors ; (b) who made the decision to appoint such contractors ; and (c) what rates were set.

553. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to his statement on the West Gate Bridge on 7th September, 1977—

1. As the stated reasons for the delays in construction amounted to 152 working weeks, what are the reasons for the additional delays which will result in completion of the project eight years behind schedule.
2. What proportion of the daily cost of delays of \$35,000 is attributable to interest charges.

554. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2609 answered on 4th October, 1977—

1. What were the reasons for the Government adopting the report on the "outer ring" freeway.
2. Who evaluated the plan and how.
3. What is the—(a) expected cost ; and (b) estimated date of completion of the outer ring freeway.
4. Whether it is expected that the outer ring freeway will increase or depress motor vehicle usage.

556. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. How many traffic accidents involving pedestrians, motor cars, motor cycles, bicycles, motor trucks, and motor buses, respectively, have taken place at the intersection of Mitcham and Springfield-roads, Nunawading in each year since 1955.
2. How many persons have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured in traffic accidents at the intersection in each year since 1955.
3. Whether any requests have been made to the Government or to the Road Safety and Traffic Authority or to any Minister for traffic control lights to be erected at the intersection ; if so, by whom, to whom, and on what date each such request was made.
4. Whether it is proposed to construct traffic control lights at the intersection ; if so—(a) when such traffic control lights or signals will be constructed ; and (b) what priority number has been allocated to that intersection.
5. Whether any—(a) traffic flow studies ; (b) pedestrian activity studies ; and (c) studies as to the need for access to or egress from adjoining properties have been carried out at the intersection ; if so, by whom, when each such study was carried out, and what facts were ascertained from each study.

557. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. What toothpastes currently offered for sale in Victoria contain chloroform as an ingredient, indicating in the case of each brand the percentage of chloroform.
2. For what purpose chloroform is used in an ingredient.
3. Whether chloroform is carcinogenic.
4. What action he will take to investigate the possible risks of using chloroform in toothpastes and, if there is a degree of danger, to so advise the public.

560. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with respect to commuters who travel to and from work on all or most working days by public transport in the Melbourne Transportation District, what is the average daily number of commuters, indicating what proportion are—(a) white collar workers ; and (b) blue collar workers.

561. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what Asian languages are being taught in State primary, secondary or technical schools, respectively, indicating in each case, the name of the school, the language taught, the levels at which such languages are taught, and the numbers of pupils and staff involved.

562. **MR. CAIN** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain and inform whether chloroform was banned in the United States in April, 1976 as an ingredient in toothpaste, cough medicines and other drugs and whether the Commonwealth Government Laboratories tested toothpastes available in Australia and found that 10 of 38 brands contained chloroform.
  2. What cough medicines and other proprietary remedies currently available contain chloroform as an ingredient.
565. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. What steps are being taken to provide additional aid to the Children's Protection Society in view of estimates by the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that as many as 13,500 Australian children may be deliberately injured every year.
  2. What action is anticipated to ensure—(a) mandatory notification by doctors, and other health professionals and teachers of suspected cases of child bashing ; (b) preventative programmes ; (c) referral centres ; and (d) additional social workers for the Children's Protection Society.
566. **MR. STIRLING** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has received requests from a number of municipalities in Victoria for the introduction of legislation making compulsory the wearing of hard hats or safety helmets by persons riding horses ; if so, whether he has considered the matter, and what action is contemplated.
570. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what avenues for training and/or retraining to each skilled trade or industry sector are available to—(a) unskilled ; and (b) semi-skilled workers over the age of 24 years.
571. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will take action as a matter of urgency to require the Department of Labour and Industry and the Education Department to implement programmes of English language teaching in industry in consultation with employer and trade union organizations.
572. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether a national committee has been set up on health statistics ; if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee, who are the members of the committee, when it was set up and on how many occasions it has met.
  2. What progress has been made with the collection of national health statistics.
574. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what total amount so far has been allocated and expended, respectively, and how many applications so far—(a) have been received ; (b) have been approved ; (c) have been rejected ; and (d) are waiting assessment, in respect of—(i) the scheme announced on 26th February, 1978, under which young couples buying their first home block were to be required to find 25 per centum only of the price in cash and were to be able to re-pay the rest at 10 per centum interest over ten years ; (ii) the scheme announced on 13th December, 1977, under which \$100 million from private lending sources was to be channelled into co-operative building societies for loans to home buyers at 8·5 per centum interest ; (iii) the scheme announced on 29th December, 1977, under which \$25 million from the State Savings Bank of Victoria and five private banks was to be channelled into 49 co-operative housing societies for first mortgage loans of up to \$25,000 to home buyers at 9·25 per centum interest and second mortgage loans of up to \$5,000 at 10 per centum interest ; and (iv) the scheme announced on 13th March, 1978, under which the price of a block of land was to be reduced by \$3,000 and the price of a home-land package was to be reduced by \$5,000.
576. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of courses for the training of teachers for pre-schools—
1. Which courses are currently recognized by the Department of Health, specifying the number of students enrolled in the course and the first year intake in 1978.
  2. Whether the Department in recommending the employment of pre-school teachers ranks graduates of courses in different categories ; if so, on what basis.
  3. How many scholarships are awarded by the Department to students undertaking such courses, specifying at which institutions such scholarships are granted and whether scholarships are available for early childhood education students at either Coburg or Frankston.
  4. In view of the Department's own report and the report prepared for the Council of the Institute of Early Childhood Development at Kew, whether a submission was made to the State College of Victoria concerning the need for restraint in the student intake ; if not, why.

577. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the kitchen at the Kingston Centre—
1. When the first stage was commenced and completed.
  2. When it was announced that \$3 million would be made available for the completion of the kitchen.
  3. Whether any tenders have yet been let for further stages of the kitchen ; if not, why.
  4. What is the proposed completion date of stage two and when it is expected that work will commence and be completed on stage three.
  5. Whether the steel frame work of the first stage now requires retreating because of rust and other problems ; if so, why.
581. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what land has been purchased by the Urban Land Council since 1st January, 1976, indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location ; (b) title particulars ; (c) the area ; (d) what price was paid ; (e) what development works had been carried out prior to purchase ; (f) what development works have been carried out since purchase, by whom, and at what cost ; and (g) what development works remain to be carried out prior to resale and what is the estimated costs of such work.
585. MR. TREWIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with respect to the Wallan section of the Hume Freeway—
1. From what source funds will be made available to meet the cost of—(a) the visit of the expert from England to advise on future work on the pavement area ; and (b) the reforming and sealing of the Freeway.
  2. Whether such moneys will be obtained from—(a) taxpayers of Victoria ; (b) the Country Roads Board ; (c) national highway funds ; or (d) the contractors originally involved in building the Freeway.
587. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many professional officers of the Country Fire Authority have been transferred and how much money has been spent on transfer expenses in each of the past two years.
  2. What allowance is available to a professional officer to transfer his family.
  3. If he will ascertain and advise what is the average cost to the officer and his family of such transfers.
  4. Whether consideration is being given to establishing an Appeals Tribunal ; if so, with what powers and with what constitution.
589. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the report of the Advisory Committee into the Future Operations and Funding of Community Education Centres has been finalized ; if so, what guidelines for this project are contained in the Report.
590. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there has been any increase in the \$30 maintenance allocation via the direct grant scheme for portable class-rooms.
591. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many applications for positions in the Education Department were received from non-bonded teachers for the current school year, indicating how many of these applicants have been employed to date.
592. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the estimated cost of damage incurred in the bush fires found to be the fault of the State Electricity Commission.
  2. Whether the Commission is liable for compensation for the damage incurred ; if so, what will be the method of payment.
593. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, in view of Section 4 of the *Bail Act* 1977 whereby persons charged with an indictable offence involving use or threatened use of firearms may not be granted bail unless the accused can show cause why detention in custody is not justified and further where bail is so granted the court is to commit its reasons to writing, how many persons accused of attempted armed robbery of a company and actual robbery of a bank in this year to date have been released on bail and what were the reasons recorded by the court for the granting of bail in each such case.
595. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing if he will lay on the table of the Library the reports and records of interviews by former Chief Inspector McDowell, and Chief Inspector Baker, pertaining to the Housing Commission purchases at Pakenham, Sunbury and Melton which were called for by the Minister of Housing prior to and during the recent inquiry into land purchases by the Housing Commission.

596. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of psychiatric services provided at or by Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital, Beechworth—
1. When the early treatment centre was ready for occupancy.
  2. When Treasury and Public Service Board approval, respectively, was—(a) sought ; and (b) given, for staff, specifying for which positions.
  3. How many staff have been appointed, specifying the dates of appointment.
  4. When it is expected that—(a) all staff will be appointed ; and (b) patients will be admitted.
  5. How many community mental health nurses are—(a) employed ; and (b) about to be employed.
  6. How many vehicles are available for the nurses, specifying when requests were made for additional vehicles and the result of those requests.

*(Notices received on 5th April, 1978)*

598. MR. WOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many—(a) Acco 1710B small town tankers ; (b) fully enclosed crew cab pumpers ; and (c) open backed crew cab pumpers, are to be issued to Fire Brigades in region 18 of the Country Fire Authority.
  2. To which brigades these tankers will be issued, indicating the proposed date of delivery in each case.
600. MR. AUSTIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What progress the Government has made to get insurance companies to divert funds to assist the housing industry.
  2. Whether there is a proposal whereby the Government will subsidize interest rates to attract up to \$100 million from the funds of insurance companies to assist the housing industry ; if so, whether the offer is still open ; if not, what other steps the Government will take to arrest the decline in home building in Victoria.
602. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether land has been purchased by the Government in the vicinity of Hann's Inlet, Crib Point ; if so, in respect of each purchase—(a) what amount of land was involved ; (b) what price was paid ; (c) who was the vendor ; (d) what was the date of purchase ; and (e) what was the reason for the purchase.
609. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Chief Secretary's Office is currently considering the introduction of legislation in relation to the cost incurred by sporting clubs in paying for workers compensation premiums ; if so, whether he can inform the House when legislation will be introduced into Parliament to allow for relief similar to that proposed in New South Wales and South Australia.
613. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will provide all relevant information covering arrangements regarding the superannuation rights for School Council employed personnel.
614. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. In each of the past 15 years how many people have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, in road accidents in Victoria.
  2. Whether age categories are available in respect of the killed and injured ; if so, what are the details.

*(Notices received on 6th April, 1978)*

618. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, within recent years, the National Health and Research Council has undertaken a microbiological survey of certain foods, particularly ready-to-eat take-away foods such as chicken or rissoles, with a view to detecting salmonella organisms ; if so, whether the survey produced comprehensive data on micro-organisms in certain types of food and, in that event, what is the nature of the reports from the Council and has the Minister received reports from Victorian health inspectors dealing with possible contamination of take-away foods.
619. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain whether attempts have been made overseas to dispense with or limit the use of saccharin as a sweetener on the grounds that it is a health hazard.
  2. Whether the Department of Health has received any notice of concern ; if so, what action has been taken to thoroughly investigate allegations and publicize the results of those investigations.

621. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the proposed construction and completion dates of the swimming pool at the Police Academy.
  2. Whether tenders have been called for the construction ; if so, how many tenders have been received.
  3. What is the estimated total cost of the project.
623. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry in respect of the presentation of apprenticeship awards at the conclusion of apprenticeship week in each of the past five years—(a) how many awards have been presented ; (b) whether refreshments were available for apprentices, their families, and other participants; if so—(i) whether the food trades school was involved in catering arrangements ; and (ii) what has been the cost on each occasion; and (c) what was the nature of refreshment provided on each occasion, and what provisions are being made for this year.
624. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Adult Migrant Education Branch of the Education Department—
1. What is the function of the panel of eight advisory teachers who conduct visitations to the continuation centres.
  2. What are the names of the members of the panel.
  3. What are their—(a) general teaching qualifications ; (b) qualifications to teach English as a second or foreign language ; and (c) length of teaching experience in teaching English as a second or foreign language.
  4. How many visitations were conducted in the years 1976 and 1977 and how many visitations have been conducted so far in 1978.
  5. At which centres the visitations were made.
  6. What has been the purpose of each individual visitation.
625. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what in-service projects are planned for migrant services and community education for this year, indicating for which specific group or groups each in-service programme is intended.
626. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates Huntingdale High School drew attention to the inadequacy of its library facilities or made application for the construction of a new library, and what was the response in each case.
  2. Whether approval has been given for the construction of a new library ; if so, when construction is likely to commence.
631. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education on what date and by what means recommendation 26 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the attention of the Commonwealth Government, following the assumption of full financial responsibility for tertiary education, including State Colleges, by that Government on 1st January, 1974.
634. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education further to his answer to question No. 214 on 14th March, 1978, on what date and by what means recommendation 24 of the Interim Report of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry into Special Education was drawn to the tertiary teacher training institutions of Victoria.
637. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What action he has taken to ensure that there are appropriate mechanisms for the registration and appointment of community language teachers as supernumerary staff in schools with high ethnic enrolments.
  2. Whether he has any plans to allow registration and appointment of persons qualified to teach community languages in State Government schools ; if so, when these changes will be implemented and how many extra positions will be made available.
638. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the extent of community group representation on the Community Education Committee.
639. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he has invited the Ministers for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Youth, Sport and Recreation to appoint a representative from each of their Departments to the Community Education Committee ; if so, whether he intends to do so, and, if not, why.
  2. Why there is no Education Department Migrant Services representation on the Community Education Committee.

640. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to District Inspectors of primary schools in each Education Department Region and the Melbourne metropolitan area—
1. What is the name of the Inspector in each District.
  2. What is the address of the office of each Inspector.
641. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the Committee was appointed to report to him on the development of Neighbourhood Learning Centres.
  2. Who are the members of the Committee.
  3. Whether the Committee has reported yet ; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the report to the Member for Footscray.
  4. What funds have been made available this financial year to assist such centres and how this allocation has been spent.
643. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the current position in respect of the provision of Commonwealth libraries and science rooms to schools in the Gippsland area.
644. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What action he intends taking to diminish the uncertainty felt by staff and students of various Colleges since the release of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Post-Secondary Education.
  2. Whether he can give assurances that no action will be taken in respect of closure of courses and facilities until the Post-Secondary Education Commission, recommended in the Report, is established.
  3. Whether the Commission will be headed by a Chairman with experience in the College system and an understanding of its purposes.
  4. How long the Commission will have to examine in detail the ramifications of various proposals.
  5. What was the basis of selection of institutions to be visited by the Committee of Inquiry.
  6. Why the Committee of Inquiry made far-reaching recommendations in respect of various institutions without having visited such institutions.
  7. Whether the Commission will visit all institutions involved before making decisions about their future.
646. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer which departments have—(a) over-spent ; and (b) under-spent their Budget allocations in each of the past five financial years, and what was the—(i) amount ; and (ii) percentage of the discrepancy in each case.
647. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the State Electricity Commission in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.
648. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the Victorian Railways in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.
649. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the nature of each major development project to be carried out by the State Electricity Commission over the next five financial years, and in each case what is—(a) the estimated cost ; and (b) the proposed source of funds.
653. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What is the required minimum for cash balances in the current financial year and what was the required minimum in each of the preceding five years.
  2. What was the formula used to determine the required minimum in each case.

*(Notices received on 11th April, 1978)*

657. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Forest Hill, Doncaster and Ringwood—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What staff is presently employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.



658. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was the number and percentage of persons killed in each year who were—(a) pedestrians ; (b) passengers ; (c) drivers ; (d) motorcycle riders ; (e) bicycle riders ; (f) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (g) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent; (h) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent; and (i) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
662. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Nunawading, Doncaster and Doncaster East police stations, respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced—from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983, inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is in these districts.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are conducted in unmarked cars.
663. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in view of the recent spate of burglaries and other vandalism at the Ballarat North Technical School, the Education Department will give consideration to authorizing the building of a caretaker's cottage at this school.
664. MR. REMINGTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many accidents involving horse riders whose injuries were considered to have been increased through not wearing helmets were recorded in 1977.
  2. What is the incidence of rider fatalities arising from horse-riding accidents.
665. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the Mitcham area and in the municipalities of Ringwood, and Doncaster and Templestowe, respectively—(a) left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate ; and (b) sat for and passed this examination.
667. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the Maroondah Police District, whether there has been an increase or decrease in the incidence of major criminal offences in the past five years, indicating the type of offence and the ratio of apprehension and conviction in relation to the number of offences.
668. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning how many building blocks are to be released for sale by the Urban Land Council during the current financial year, indicating the locations of the estates in which the blocks will be sold.
669. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Which schools for the deaf now have the wireless link system installed and what has been the result of the experiment with this system.
  2. What facilities are available within the electoral district of Coburg for children who are affected by deafness.
671. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what were the—(a) names ; and (b) positions of the Country Roads Board engineers who advised the present Minister of Special Education that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas, and what was the—(i) date ; and (ii) form of their advice.
672. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What stage has been reached with the urban renewal proposal for the Shire of Yackandandah.
  2. How and when the proposal will be implemented.
  3. Whether he will arrange for the file concerning the above matter to be laid on the table of the Library.

674. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. How many day-training centres for mentally retarded children have become Education Department Special Developmental Schools at the request of their committees since the proclamation of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* on 11th December, 1973, and what is the location in each case.
2. How many special developmental schools have been established by the department over the same period, and what is the location in each case.
3. What is the location of the nearest special school or special developmental school to—(a) Mildura ; (b) Orbst ; (c) Portland ; (d) Robinvale ; and (e) Cowes, and what is the distance which must be travelled by children in each case from each particular town.
4. What means are used by the department to meet the special needs of handicapped children eligible for special education in these and other remote areas, who are unable to attend a special school or a special developmental school.

675. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. How many children are eligible for public sector education under the terms of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are currently—(i) enrolled at government schools ; (ii) enrolled at non-government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
2. What means, if any, the Education Department uses to advise parents of the right of handicapped children to be educated by the State.

678. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, whether arrangements have been made between the Australian Atomic Energy Commission and the State Electricity Commission for the licensing and regulation of a nuclear power station ; if so, what arrangements and when they were completed or are expected to be completed.

680. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—

1. What funds have been made available to buy back land in environmentally sensitive areas for conservation purposes in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and area of each purchase.
2. What funds are expected to be available for the purpose in the next twelve months.

681. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether any pesticides available over the counter in Victoria have been placed under strict control in the United States of America ; if so—(a) how many products on sale here have restrictions placed on their use, sale and storage in that country, naming the products in each case, and the percentage concentration of the pesticide ; and (b) whether for health and environment reasons the Government is investigating the need to license operators.

685. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of State Electricity Commission activities—

1. Whether existing or prospective customers have indicated a major growth in demand for electricity ; if so, what are the details of the expected growth and the anticipated new customers.
2. How many personnel are specifically employed by the Commission to develop energy conservation priorities, giving in each case a breakdown of each officer's responsibilities in this area, and listing the actual conservation projects, if any, being undertaken.
3. Whether the Commission allocated any part of its advertising budget to energy conservation advertisements in the 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 financial years ; if so, how many advertisements have been published, indicating—(a) in which media outlet ; (b) at what cost ; (c) the name of the publication in each case ; (d) the date of publication ; and (e) a brief summary or copy of each advertisement.
4. What are the growth forecasts in—(a) domestic transactions ; (b) commercial transactions ; (c) industrial transactions ; (d) public lighting ; (e) bulk sales ; and (f) other Commission activities for each of the next ten years.

689. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, concerning the recent tour of phytophthora infected forest areas in the Yarram district by the Native Forests Action Council—(a) whether a technical assistant with the Forests Commission was sent to Yarram to join the tour and, if so, why the local officer was not used ; and (b) whether any report was submitted by the officer and, if so, whether the Minister will lay a copy on the table of the Library.

690. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the Education Department has any day-time facilities for further education of handicapped children other than those at Montague and Bendigo ; if so, where, and what is the number of places available at each establishment.

691. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. How many deaf-blind children of school age there are in Victoria, and what is the—  
(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are—(i) enrolled in Government schools ; (ii) enrolled in non-Government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
2. Whether it is the policy of the Government to provide education for deaf-blind children in separate schools ; if so, what is the number of places—(a) available ; and (b) planned, indicating the years in which planned places are to become available.
3. Why it has been necessary for groups concerned with the education of deaf-blind children to organize the current " Silent Night " appeal.
4. What are the precise aims of the appeal, given the Government's obligations to provide education for deaf-blind children under the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973*.
5. Whether the appeal is being conducted after full consultation with and approval by the Education Department.

693. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What regulations are in force to provide for the adequate sound-proofing of music rooms in Victorian schools.
2. What steps will be taken to provide for adequate sound-proofing of music rooms at Mitcham high school.

694. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what proposals are currently under consideration to broaden the powers and responsibilities of principals in Victorian primary schools.

695. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—

1. Whether it is the usual practice of the Social Welfare Department to refuse to help persons who have visited the Melbourne office, rather than a regional office which is zoned as being their area.
2. Why a resident of Diamond Creek must go to the Preston office of the Department when requiring help or advice, when Preston is an inconvenient suburb to travel to and from by public transport and the city office is more accessible.

697. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. Whether any student attending a high or technical school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit.
2. Whether any student attending a special school or special developmental school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit ; if so, what is the reason for this difference.
3. Whether parents of handicapped children are advised of their right to assessment of the handicapped child by a Special Education Authority.
4. How many handicapped children were assessed by a Special Education Authority in 1974 and each subsequent year for which information is available, and in each case what was the number of children whose parents were advised that they should—(a) leave; and (b) continue school as a result of the assessment.
5. How many children fifteen years of age and over were enrolled at special schools or special developmental schools in each of the five most recent years for which information is available, and in each year, what was the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who left school.

*(Notices received on 12th April, 1978)*

698. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. What are the eligibility criteria for craft funding, indicating—(a) how many applicants have been funded to date under this scheme ; (b) how many are currently craft funded ; and (c) how many are still with the same employer as at the time of introduction of craft funding.
2. Whether employers are employing craft trainees ; if so, how many are currently employed in—(a) the skilled trades ; and (b) an unskilled trade.
3. How many employees are presently unemployed.

699. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry complies with International Labour Organization safety standards ; if so—(a) what are the details of the safety standards ; (b) how these standards are enforced ; (c) how many staff are specifically appointed to monitor safety standards ; and (d) whether any of the Departmental inspectors are multi-lingual and, if so, in which community languages they are fluent.

700. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each education region in Victoria—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated in the 1976-77 financial year.
  2. What was the amount of unexpended funds in the 1976-77 financial year.
  3. What was the breakdown of total amounts of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance.
  4. What amounts were unexpended in each of the general categories, indicating the reasons for the failure to expend such funds.
  5. Whether unexpended funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  6. Whether any region expended more than the sum of money allocated.
704. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to question No. 1211 answered on 3rd May, 1977 and the statement that research projects directly funded by the Victorian Government in 1976-77 will require the expenditure of approximately \$700,000—(a) what projects were included ; and (b) what amount was set aside for each project.
705. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the proposed legislation to legalize chiropractors, what steps have been taken or are proposed to amend the definition of " medical service " in the *Workers Compensation Act* 1958 to ensure that workers seeking the services of chiropractors for relief from back pain are not required to do so at their own expense in cases where workers compensation liability exists.
706. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the case put to the Honorable the Chief Secretary by representatives of 42 fire fighters for inclusion in the current superannuation scheme has been referred to him for consideration ; if so—(a) when ; and (b) with what result.
707. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated to the Preston region in the 1976-77 financial year, indicating the breakdown of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance and the amount unexpended in each category.
  2. Why some funds were not expended in the Preston region and whether the funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  3. Whether the funds were re-directed in any way and used for another purpose ; if so, what purpose.
  4. What assurances exist to ensure that there will be no under-expenditure in the region in 1977-78.
710. MR. CŪLPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether in May, 1974, the Glenroy West Primary school was recommended for staff administration improvements and provision of art facilities by the operation upgrade task force ; if so, when these improvements will take place.
  2. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library the file and memoranda relating to this matter.
711. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether rents paid by pensioners for Housing Commission accommodation are to be increased following the next half-yearly pension increase.
714. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether there are any regulations which apply to the safe storage and security of poisonous chemicals ; if so, which regulations, and whether the various premises occupied by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey throughout Victoria comply with such regulations.
715. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is planned to admit students to the Movelie primary school.
717. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What contracts were cancelled in the northern region in the past financial year which resulted in \$2.11 million of the region's allocation for capital works being unspent.
  2. What contracts were cancelled in other regions during the past financial year, giving the name of the region, the details of the contracts, and the amount of capital funds left unspent in each case.

(Notices received on 13th April, 1978)

719. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare in respect of women's refuges or half-way houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. Whether the State has purchased or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.
  3. Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities ; if so, what facilities, indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis and for which service.

720. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, how many architects have professional fees owing in connection with hospital design services for periods in excess of 30 days, indicating—(a) the average ; and (b) the maximum periods for which payments are being withheld.
721. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs in respect of the professional complaints mentioned in Appendix " C " of the Report of the Director of Consumer Affairs for the year ended 30th June, 1977—
1. How many of the complaints in each category were justified in the view of the Ministry and what action was taken.
  2. Whether any of the complaints were referred to the relevant State Registration Board ; if so, with what result.
724. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of small-pox injections for children—
1. Whether the World Health Organization, the National Health and Medical Research Council, and medical advisers in the Department of Health, respectively, no longer recommend such injections.
  2. Why the Department of Health is still either encouraging or directing infant welfare sisters and similar persons to give small-pox injections.
725. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of evaluations of the, Knox Early Childhood Development Project—
1. Apart from the initial evaluation report already published by the Department of Health, what other evaluation of the project has been carried out, indicating when and by whom.
  2. Whether any other reports have been prepared ; if so, by whom, when they were delivered to the relevant sections of the Department, and when it is expected that the reports will be released.
729. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the proposed work programme to eliminate the hazard created by the Tottenham Railway gates.
  2. What contracts have been let to date, indicating the nature of each contract.
  3. When it is expected that the railway gates will be removed and Ashley-street opened to continuous through traffic.
730. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Which schools in the electoral district of Sunshine have been visited by medical and dental units during the past two years for the purposes of checking sight, hearing and teeth, respectively, of pupils, indicating the major areas of problems highlighted by the checks.
  2. Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend school medical services ; if so, how.
731. MR. MCKELLAR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of each of the past five financial years, and in this financial year to date—
1. What countries were visited by the Victorian grower member representatives on the Australian Wheat Board on behalf of that Board and what was the destination in each case.
  2. What was the purpose of each visit.
  3. What staff members of the Board accompanied either of these members on each visit.
  4. What was the total cost of each visit.
  5. What was the individual cost in respect of each grower member.
  6. Whether any other persons were included in these visits at Board expense ; if so—(a) what are their names and addresses ; (b) what was their expertise ; and (c) what was the individual cost of each of their visits.
732. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware of the special problems faced by schools in the inner suburbs.
  2. Whether one of the central recommendations of the task force investigating the needs of schools in the inner suburban areas was that classes in inner suburban schools should have no more than 20 students ; if so—(a) what action has been taken to implement this recommendation ; (b) why staffing in inner suburban schools has never been close to the level recommended ; and (c) why, over the past few weeks, the Education Department has been performing exactly the opposite function to that recommended by the task force, in that it has set arbitrary guidelines in respect of staff ceiling which take no account of the particular problems faced by inner suburban schools.
  3. Whether he will consider returning transferred staff to Gold-street, Abbotsford, Highett-street and Richmond primary schools.

733. MR ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—

1. In respect of the School Medical Service during 1977—(a) how many children were examined ; (b) in respect of the routine initial medical examination, how many children were—(i) examined ; and (ii) not examined ; (c) what specialist examinations were conducted ; and (d) how many schools were not visited by—(i) medical officers, (ii) nursing staff ; and (iii) medical officers and nursing staff.
2. What was the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at 31st March, 1978.

*(Notices received on 18th April, 1978)*

734. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. Whether his attention has been drawn to successful British programmes for teaching English as a second language at the place of employment during working hours.
2. Whether he will convene a conference of employer, employee and other interested groups with a view to establishing how comparable programmes can best be introduced in Victoria.

735. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry on what dates submissions have been made to the Commonwealth Government urging—(a) the retention of Commonwealth Employment Service unemployment statistics ; and (b) the publication of monthly statistics detailing the countries of origin of people who are unemployed.

736. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry publishes information in various languages on—(a) industrial safety ; (b) workers' compensation ; and (c) entitlement to light duties ; if so, what languages, and whether such information specifies that employees have a right of access to appropriate authorities without prejudice to their employment where their entitlements are not met.

737. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what funds have been—(a) allocated ; and (b) requested for the introduction of the teaching in industry of English as a second language.

738. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in the past two years to date, what levels of lead emissions from motor cars have been recorded in Melbourne, indicating—(a) the points where tests were taken ; (b) how these readings compare with air quality levels in Europe and California ; (c) the amount of lead additives currently allowed in petrol ; and (d) the year when the standard will become more stringent, indicating the level of the proposed standard.

739. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether an economic evaluation of an alternative scheme to herbicides used for ragwort control in the Albert River Valley has been prepared ; if so—(a) when it was submitted ; (b) what were the conclusions of the study ; and (c) what decision was made.

740. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. Whether any research has been undertaken on the breakdown products of current herbicides especially in lakes and streams.
2. Whether any research has been undertaken into the rate of dilution in streams adjacent to sprayed areas, and whether the Department of Health or any other department takes regular samples of water, testing specifically for dioxin ; if so, with what results.

741. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what has been the cost in each of the past three years of annual ragwort and blackberry control, indicating the cost and amounts respectively, of herbicides used, the amounts charged to landholders, and the estimated labour costs of the programme.

743. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—

1. What principles are laid down in the Pesticides Review Committee Code of practice for large scale applications of 24D and 245T.
2. What checks of dioxin levels are taken and how regularly.
3. What checks are taken concerning the display, storage, transport and use of plenox herbicides.

744. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands, in respect of the Land Conservation Council report on the Mallee Study Area, how many farmers hold leases in the Pine Plains area, stating in each case—(a) their name ; (b) the period of the lease ; (c) the rental ; (d) the size of the area ; and (e) the value per acre.
745. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. Whether he is aware of the statement by the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs in " *The Age* " newspaper of 2nd March, 1978, attributing 40 per cent of industrial accidents to communication problems.
  2. What action he proposes taking to minimize industrial accident risk to workers in industry, indicating how much money has been allocated for this purpose.
746. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry has an advertising budget ; if so—(a) how much has been spent on the provision of multi-lingual information to workers in industry ; and (b) what was the total advertising budget for the 1976-77 financial year, and what amount has been allocated for 1977-78.
748. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many crimes were reported to the Coburg, Pascoe Vale and Fawkner police stations, respectively, during 1977.
750. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has obtained the necessary approvals required to realign the section of Boundary-road, Merlynston between Merlyn-street and Sydney-road ; if so, when it is anticipated funds will be available to carry out the realignment.
751. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many known cases of rape have been recorded by police in—(a) Victoria ; and (b) the electoral district of Coburg in each of the past five years.
752. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When it is anticipated work will commence on the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Boundary-road and Sussex-street, North Coburg, listed for construction this financial year.
  2. When the traffic signals recently constructed at the intersection of Sussex-street and O'Heas-street, Coburg will become operative.
754. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 2377 given on 20th September, 1977, how many vehicles have been tested for noise and emissions since that date, indicating—(a) the number above the legal limit ; (b) the number of in-service vehicles and new vehicles, respectively, and the number of engineers and technical officers appointed for each ; and (c) the number of prosecutions launched for each.
755. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of the original and final contract price, respectively, between Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and the Totalizator Agency Board what was the price for—(a) hardware ; and (b) software.
756. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the value of hardware delivered by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. to the Totalizator Agency Board at the point of contract termination, indicating how much, if any, of this hardware the Board intends to retain.
757. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether any arrangements have been made by the Motor Registration Branch for the production of drivers licence examination papers in the Arabic and Turkish languages ; if so, when such papers can be expected to be available.
758. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what sums of money were paid by the Victorian Railways Board to taxi firms in each of the past three years and what are the details concerning these payments.
759. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the sale of analgesics in supermarkets, whether the attention of the Minister and the Department of Health has been drawn to either campaigns advertising cut price analgesics, or the sale of analgesics at special prices ; if so, what action has been taken in relation to this matter, particularly in view of the National Health and Medical Research Council's report on the sale of analgesics.

760. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospital Development programme—
1. Which works were carried out during the 1976-77 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  2. What works are being undertaken in the 1977-78 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. Whether discussions have occurred in respect of the 1978-79 financial year ; if so, when ; if not, why.
761. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of grants from the Youth Fund in the 1977-78 financial year—
1. Whether there was a delay in the assessment and notification of applications from youth groups ; if so, why and what was the time of the delay.
  2. On what basis officers determine grants to individual groups, indicating whether by visit or by discussion with people involved in the youth group, and particularly the Youth Group Programme.
  3. How many grants made in the 1976-77 financial year and in 1977-78 to date, are from— (a) \$1 to \$50 ; (b) \$51 to \$100 ; (c) \$101 to \$200 ; (d) \$201 to \$500 ; (e) \$501 to \$1,000 ; (f) \$1,001 to \$2,000 ; and (g) \$2,001 and over.
  4. When it is expected that applications made before 1st May, 1978 for the 1978-79 financial year will be processed and applicants notified.
762. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer further to the question without notice asked on Thursday, 13th April, concerning family supportive grants through the Social Welfare Department—
1. What funds were made available in the 1976-77 financial year and what funds were originally made available for the 1977-78 financial year.
  2. How much additional funding has so far been made available to the Department and how much further additional money will now be made available.
763. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school—
1. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick concerning proposed building works at the school dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977.
  2. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 2841 asked on 15th November, 1977.
  3. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 87 placed on the Notice Paper on the first day of the current Sessional period.
  4. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick of 23rd December, 1977 concerning the need for works at the school, which so far has not been acknowledged.
  5. When he will be able to reply to the remarks concerning the school made by the Member for Brunswick during the adjournment debate of 9th March, 1978.
765. **MR. CRABB** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport regarding the amount of \$24,041,489 shown as "management and operating expenses" on page 49 of the 1977 annual report of the Country Roads Board—
1. How much is related to each category of road.
  2. How much is related to specific major projects.
  3. Whether part of this amount is allocated to specific projects in arriving at the declared cost.
766. **MR. GINIFER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. How much of the software to be supplied by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. had been developed and tested at the point of contract termination by the Totalizator Agency Board.
  2. How many man-years of effort had been expended by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. on software development since commencement of the contract.
  3. How much effort had been expended by the Board on software development at the point of contract termination and at what cost.
  4. How much of the software effort by the Board is capable of being salvaged for use in an alternative new system.



767. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. How much software development in man-years was to be undertaken by the Totalizator Agency Board on the "Crisp" system.
  2. How much effort in man-years the Board was to provide in ancilliary areas related to Crisp.
  3. What was the estimated cost of the Board's software involvement and its involvement in ancilliary activities.
  4. Whether the Board was to be involved in developing any of the operating systems to be used on the machine supplied ; if so, what percentage of the total operating system the Board was to develop.
768. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply ; how many houses in the electoral district of Knox are—(a) presently serviced by mains sewer ; and (b) expected to be serviced at the end of each of the next ten years, indicating in each case, what percentage of all homes in Knox is represented by these figures.
770. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many pupils attend each primary, secondary and technical school, respectively, in the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. Whether any of the schools have exceeded their maximum student intake ; if so, which schools.
  3. What is the percentage of migrant students attending each of these schools and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
  4. How many pupils attend the Moomba Park primary school, Fawkner technical school and Moreland high school, respectively, what is the percentage of migrant students attending each school, and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
771. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of the "Crisp" computer contract entered into by the Totalizator Agency Board—
1. What percentage of the software to be provided by Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. existed at the signing of the contract.
  2. What was the company's estimate of the effort required, in man-years, to develop the remaining software and how long the company estimated it would take to develop this software.
  3. What percentage of the existing software—(a) consisted of the proposed computer's operating system ; and (b) was specifically for the betting system.
  4. Whether any of the operating system was still to be developed during the period of the contract.
772. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what was the purpose of the original joint study between Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and the Totalizator Agency Board, and what actual work was undertaken.
773. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many schools in each of the past five years have been provided with covered walkways between class rooms, and between classrooms and toilets, indicating in how many cases the cost was—(a) borne entirely by the Education Department ; and (b) subsidized by the Department on a \$1 for \$1 basis, subject to a maximum of \$5,000.
775. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, with respect to the agreement pursuant to the *Forests (Pulpwood Agreement) Act 1959*—
1. What is the—(a) minimum annual supply of pulpwood, excluding sawmill wastes, guaranteed under the Act ; and (b) actual annual volume of pulpwood taken.
  2. Whether the minimum annual entitlement has been taken during any calendar year ; if so, which years.
776. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Whether he circulated, in the form of a letter on ministerial letterhead, advice that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas ; if so, what was—(a) the date of the letter ; (b) the number of copies distributed ; (c) the basis of selection of recipients ; (d) the official status, if any, shown for the signatory ; and (e) the mode of distribution.
  2. What costs, including stationery, were met for the letter, and what Budget appropriation was drawn upon in each case.

(Notices received on 19th April, 1978)

777. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he will lay on the table of the Library the files and all relevant correspondence and documents concerning the Environment Protection Authority and Lake Colangulac and the decision by the Minister.
780. MR. BIRRELL : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise the actual or estimated number of psychosurgery treatments carried out annually in private medical practice.
781. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the original 1977-78 financial allocations to the Geelong area of the Country Roads Board has been reduced or is planned to be reduced ; if so—(a) why, and by what amount ; and (b) whether the number of Board employees will be reduced in the Geelong district in the present calendar year.
783. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether he is aware of the grave threat facing Victorian dairy farmers and butter producers as a result of the margarine price war operating in Australia since the middle of February this year.
  2. Whether the price war has reached such intensity that butter's share of the spreads market is now approximately 30 per cent nationally, with the remainder of the market being captured by margarine.
  3. Whether he is aware that this price war was initiated by the Melbourne firm Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. through its control of the listed company Marrickville Holdings Ltd. which produces the "Miracle" margarine brand.
  4. Whether, as Victorian dairymen have most to lose from this price war, the Government will intervene to prevent Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. interests causing greater harm to dairy producers of this State.
784. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in relation to the properties being acquired by the Country Roads Board in Alexandra-parade in Collingwood and Fitzroy—
1. Why the provisions of the *Lands Compensation Act* 1958 are not being followed, particularly in respect of the payment of a solatium to compensate for the forced relocation.
  2. Why compensation is not being paid to business people forced to move because of the freeway, particularly the shopkeeper on the corner of Gold-street.
  3. Whether social workers with trained interpreters are being used by the Board to communicate with and deal with the problems of the people who live in Alexandra-parade.
786. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to encourage Country Fire Authority Regional Officers to make regular reports to Authority headquarters, as required by section 44 of the *Country Fire Authority Act* 1958 ; as recommended on pages 98 and 188 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. What action is being taken to encourage all Authority regional officers to make regular inspections of their areas, as recommended on pages 98 and 188 of the above report.
  3. What action has been taken to encourage all Authority Regional Advisory Committees to have regular meetings, as recommended on pages 89 to 90 and 189 of the report.
787. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to enlarge the Country Fire Authority Regional Advisory Committees to include representatives of the State Electricity Commission and the Country Roads Board, as suggested on pages 95, 188, 193 and 198 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. Whether the State Electricity Commission and Country Roads Board representatives on the Authority Regional Advisory Committees will be required to make regular reports in respect of the activities of their instrumentalities, as recommended on pages 193 and 198 of the above report.
788. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to encourage all Country Fire Authority Regional Advisory Committees to take steps to produce overall fire prevention plans, as recommended on pages 95 and 189 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. Whether the Government has considered provision of financial incentives to encourage municipalities to produce fire prevention plans.
  3. Whether the Government intends taking action to ensure appropriate fire prevention activity in the winter of 1978, in order to prevent similar disastrous loss of lives, homes and properties caused by bush and grass fires in previous years.

789. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What action has been taken to give Country Fire Authority Regional Officers voting rights on Local Advisory Committees, as suggested on pages 95 and 188 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
2. What action has been taken to encourage suggestions for improvements in fire prevention and suppression from brigades which have a unique understanding of the difficulties and dangers of their own localities.
3. What action has been taken to examine the whole intra-regional structure of the Authority, as recommended on pages 96 and 187 of the above report.

791. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what submissions have been made concerning the Campey-road, subdivision, north of the Macedon township, indicating—(a) the nature of the submissions ; (b) the current position ; and (c) what action is proposed.

792. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he is now in a position to answer the question which appeared as No. 1978 and was asked at the beginning of the last sessional period, namely—

1. Whether he is aware that the Government's consultants, Kinnaird Hill de Rohan and Young Pty. Ltd. of the Battelle Memorial Institute, who were engaged for the preparation of the Green Paper on Energy, issued an explanatory paper under their name which gave an introduction and objectives of the study.
2. Whether he is aware that this paper was made available to those parties who indicated that they wished to present a submission to the then Ministry of Fuel and Power for consideration by the above-mentioned consultants in relation to the then second part of a White Paper.
3. Why the objectives of study were changed, indicating—(a) why the scope of the study as defined in the consultants paper as part 11a Development Alternatives, 11b Policy Considerations, and 11c Policy Options was not the same as that reported on by the Minister as Part 2 of the study on page 3 of the Green Paper.
4. Why the status of the White Paper was changed to that of a Green Paper.
5. What was the total cost of the study, indicating the total amount paid to the consultants.
6. What was the original time table for completion of Part 2 of the study and why it was not adhered to.
7. Whether, in view of the fact that interested parties who presented submissions to the study did so on the understanding that they were contributing to a White Paper, which in its preparation has a scope of study broader than that reported on by the Minister on page 3 of the Green Paper, those parties were subsequently advised that the status of the study was to be changed from a White Paper to a Green Paper ; if not, why.
8. Whether the Ministry failed to advise, consult or seek verbal support for the submissions made by those interested parties ; if so, why.

793. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, after the publication by the *Age* of an "Insight" article on the Housing Commission's Sunbury purchase in 1974, a police inquiry was ordered to investigate the sale ; if so, whether there is a report of the inquiry and, in that event, whether he will lay the report on the table of the Library.

794. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what investigations have been made into—(a) the State's coal, oil and gas reserves, respectively, to determine the relative cost of mining various deposits ; (b) how many power stations, oil from coal plants, Lurgi plants, industrial combines and refineries, respectively, could be supported by these deposits ; (c) the likely practical limits of recovery with current technology ; (d) the ultimate limits of recovery at which a net positive production of energy would no longer be possible (at whatever the cost) ; and (e) the availability of water for the power stations, &c. mentioned above and the likely environmental effects in the general area of the deposit if developed for such purposes.

795. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of part two of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977—
1. Whether this part represents the Government's energy policy.
  2. Why the huge coal requirements of the two coal liquefaction plants mentioned in this part do not appear in the part one projections of primary energy requirements.
  3. How the natural gas supply shortfalls expected in the 1990's are likely to be met.
  4. What contingencies there are to provide motor spirit during interruption or reduction of supplies of Middle East oil before the first proposed coal liquefaction plant is in operation.
  5. Whether it has been claimed that the large value of the projected motor spirit consumption in the 1990's really reflects our likely needs ; if so, whether this implies the complete dismantling of our public transport system.
  6. Whether the continued increase in industrial fuel consumption is likely to lead to still more automation and fewer jobs for unskilled and semi-skilled workers.
  7. When nuclear power is likely to become competitive with electricity produced from Victorian brown coal.
  8. Why the relative costs of nuclear and brown coal generation changed radically between the hearings of the Public Works Committee during the Loy Yang Coal Reserves Inquiry in 1974 and the presentation of the Committee's report to Parliament in 1976.
  9. How long Victoria's brown coal reserves are expected to last assuming all oil and gas requirements have to be produced from brown coal from 1990 and the consumption of oil and gas continues to rise as projected in the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

797. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the annual cost of auditing the accounts of technical and high school councils.

800. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what interest has been earned from the Swine Compensation Fund in each of the past five years and for what purpose the interest has been used.

801. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 2787 given on 26th October, 1977 concerning the Tramway-road, rail crossing at Morwell—
1. In view of the diversion of the Midland-highway and the installation of a new rail siding near this crossing, whether the Country Roads Board, the Railways Department, or the Road Safety and Traffic Authority have considered the probability of increased traffic using this crossing since traffic counts were last taken in early 1975.
  2. Whether he will arrange traffic counts to be taken to ascertain—(a) the number of school buses using the crossing ; (b) the number of trains using the crossing, including those being shunted into and out of the rail siding ; (c) the total number of vehicles using the crossing in a mid-week 24-hour period ; and (d) whether increased usage of this crossing should give the crossing a higher priority so that warning lights can be installed before 1978-79 ; if not, why.

*(Notices received on 20th April, 1978)*

802. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board is presently negotiating with firms other than Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. to supply equipment to update the Board's present computer betting service ; if so—(a) how the selection of such firms was made ; and (b) whether it is planned to call for public tenders for such works and, in that event, when.

804. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of a workshop on Early Childhood Development Centres held at the Malvern Town Hall—

1. Whether the organizers of the workshop had submitted a questionnaire to the Department of Health on the subject ; if so, whether this was answered.
2. Whether the Minister wrote to municipal councils setting out his views on the workshop ; if so, whether a copy of the letter will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

805. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of each existing and proposed Early Childhood Development Centre—

1. What is the current staff establishment, how many of the positions are filled, and whether any expansion of establishments is intended in the current financial year or next financial year.
2. Whether any municipal council has been asked to provide accommodation and administrative staff, or is in fact providing accommodation or administrative staff ; if so, which councils and what is the estimated expense to those councils.
3. Whether Early Childhood Development Centres' staff are accountable to the municipal council, or to officers of the Department of Health.
4. Whether the Department of Health has received requests from municipalities for regular discussions concerning the provision and administration of such centres ; if so, with what result.

806. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister has received a petition from residents of the Shire of Sherbrooke and the surrounding area concerning the use of 245T in the spraying of pesticides throughout the Shire ; if so, what action the Minister proposes to prevent the possibility that danger to humans and to unborn babies might be caused by the use of 245T in a populated area.
807. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, what action he has taken to discourage sportsmen and sportswomen throughout Victoria from lending their names and prestige to the advertising of tobacco products.
808. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government intends to maintain its contribution to tobacco growing research at its present level.
809. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts what applications have been made to the Ministry for the Arts in the past twelve months for special grants, indicating the names of the applicants, the amount sought in each case, and whether the grants were approved.
810. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what circumstances owners of properties abutting State highways are required to contribute to the installation of curbing and channelling along such highways.
811. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, whether any schools purchase items from John Scott Educational Books Supply ; if so—(a) which schools ; (b) what percentage discount or benefits these schools have received ; (c) how many years these schools have been trading with this firm ; and (d) whether any amount of money is owing to any school by the firm and, in that event, what action is being taken to recover same.
812. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, at the Australia Council meeting in Hobart recently, it was suggested that the profit being made by the Australian Ballet is too large ; if so—(a) whether he will reconsider the Government's decision to make \$1 million available ; and (b) whether he will now be prepared to help the Victorian Ballet Guild which has issued a writ on the Victorian Government for \$840,000.
815. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he has advised any person that they may be able to obtain a new dairy licence after 30th June, 1978 ; if so, on what basis the licence is being issued.
816. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education if he will lay on the table of the Library all correspondence, data, and memoranda relating to the proposed Keon Park West Primary school.

*(Notices received on 2nd May, 1978)*

817. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has considered the possibility of encouraging teachers taking confinement leave to relinquish their permanent positions by offering them the option of further employment in the same inspectorate area on resumption of duty, thus safeguarding teachers' rights, but providing a more stable staffing situation for students.
818. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether teachers recruited from the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom or other overseas countries have been permitted to extend their contracts after the expiry period ; if so—(a) how many ; and (b) whether it is proposed to discontinue the practice of extending such contracts, given the high rate of unemployment amongst Australian teachers.
819. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. How many cars are owned by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
  2. How many cars are allocated to each section.
  3. Which employees use these cars.
  4. How often these cars are used after office hours and for what purpose.
820. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. Whether employees of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works are contributors to the State Superannuation Fund.
  2. Whether married women who are employed by the Board are eligible to join the Fund.

821. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. How much was spent by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works on overseas visits by employees during 1975, 1976 and 1977, inclusive.
  2. What benefits were derived by the ratepayers as a result of these trips.
  3. Whether Board officers undertaking these trips are required to justify and provide evidence of expenditure incurred.
  4. What was the duration of each overseas visit.
822. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. What particular information is supplied by the transportation section of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Department to the Board.
  2. Whether such information can be readily obtained from the Country Roads Board, Road Safety and Traffic Authority or the Ministry of Transport.
823. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What hours per week employees of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works are required to work and whether these conditions also apply to senior staff.
  2. What controls are provided to ensure that all staff work the required number of hours each week.
824. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether blocks of flats built by the Housing Commission have sprinkler systems fitted in case of fire ; if not, why.
825. MR. REMINGTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many buildings in the inner city area over seven storeys in height are not fitted with fire prevention sprinkler systems.
826. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs by what means his attention is drawn to proposals, policies, decisions and actions of other Ministers which have ethnic significance, and how his views on these matters are communicated to other Ministers.
827. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the date and the substance of each report he has prepared on specific needs of ethnic communities in Victoria, indicating in each case, when the report will be published or otherwise made available.
828. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the substance of each television commercial which has been produced for the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, indicating in each case the—(a) name of the production company ; (b) date of the contract ; and (c) cost.
829. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. What is the date and substance of each proposal he has had prepared for the production of multi-lingual, multi-media safety information.
  2. What arrangements he has made for pilot testing proposals in order to determine—(a) their relevance for particular industry situations ; (b) the appropriateness as seen by employees ; and (c) other varieties.
830. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on what dates consideration was given to the Henderson Report recommendations on the provision of services for ethnic communities, indicating with what result, and when the recommendations will be brought into effect.
831. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what consideration has been given to producing a guide to rights and procedures in areas such as employment, accommodation, health care, education and workers' compensation to supplement the existing Migrants' Melbourne Directory.
832. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the policy of the Government on advertisement of Public Service and Statutory Authority staff vacancies in the ethnic press.
833. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he is now able to advise how the \$76,185 balance of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs advertising appropriation has been allocated.

834. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether a copy of the report in respect of Computed Tomography Scanners, prepared for the Hospitals and Charities Commission, will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
835. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of schools and pre-schools in the Shire of Melton for the years 1976 and 1977, respectively—
1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, initial medical examinations.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-School Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
836. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Maroondah Hospital and the William Angliss Hospital, respectively—
1. What number of beds is available at the hospital and what additional services are provided apart from in-patient services.
  2. What works are currently under way at each hospital, specifying the works being carried out, the estimated date of completion, and the cost.
  3. What plans for additional works have been submitted to the Hospitals and Charities Commission, specifying the works to be carried out and whether any approvals have been given by the Commission ; if so, for what additional works and what will be the commencement date.
  4. What is the estimated number of beds for each hospital in 1980 and 1985, and when it is expected that a full range of out-patient and casualty services will be available.
837. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick all files and memoranda relating to the proposed subsidy scheme.
838. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, if he will advise whether schemes overseas have been investigated and, if so, which schemes, by whom, and whether copies of any such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
839. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what consultations have occurred between him or the Department of Health with industry and unions, indicating when such discussions took place and whether any submissions were received from such organizations, and if so, from whom.
840. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what level of support will be maintained for the community child care movement which staffs its centres with parents on a co-operative basis.
841. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether payments to existing centres catering for mothers who do not receive the subsidy will be maintained at their present proportion of total costs, and whether the same entitlement will be extended to new centres as they are opened.
842. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as a disqualification for the purpose of assessing eligibility for tax deductions in respect of dependent wives.
843. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, on what date and by what means the scheme was referred to the Department of Health for study and what was the date of each submission made on the subject from—(a) the Department to the Minister ; and (b) the Minister to Cabinet.
844. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, on what dates he has held consultations about the scheme with interested organizations and community groups, indicating the name of the organization or group in each case.

845. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether subsidies will be payable in these cases where the father stays home to look after the children and the mother accepts paid employment.
846. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether any surveys have been undertaken into the density of traffic and pedestrians in Nepean-highway and Station-street, Chelsea, including the Argyle-avenue crossing, in each of the past five years ; if so, with what results.
847. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, what are the current levels of the major water storages in the country areas of Victoria and how these levels relate to the needs of the next irrigation season.
848. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department is purchasing a replacement system for that currently processing the departmental payroll ; if so—  
(a) who is the supplier ; (b) what was the original tender price ; and (c) what is the estimated actual cost at this stage.
849. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. Whether any member of the Trotting Control Board is also a member of a firm of consultants which is contracted by retainer to the Totalizator Agency Board ; if so—(a) what is the name of the member ; (b) what is the name of the firm of consultants ; and (c) how long the firm has been retained by the Board and what is the annual fee.
  2. Whether any members of the Trotting Control Board are involved in a joint syndicate for the purpose of owning a horse or horses ; if so, what are the names of the members.
850. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether stewards of the Trotting Control Board have been flown to country race meetings by an airline which is owned or part-owned by a member of the Board ; if so—(a) who authorized the flights ; (b) what are the full details of all such flights in the past two year period, including cost ; (c) what is the name of the member ; (d) whether tenders were called for the above services and, if not, why ; and (e) whether any other members of the Board have been involved in providing goods or services to the Board over the past three years and, if so, who are the people concerned and what are the details.
851. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children—
1. What is the number of women with—(a) pre-school children ; and (b) children at primary school, who are—(i) not engaged in paid work ; (ii) engaged in paid work on a part-time basis ; and (iii) engaged in full-time paid work.
  2. In respect of women in each of the above categories, what is the number and percentage, respectively, who will be eligible for the subsidy.
852. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on what dates and with what results he made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Social Security requesting the retention and regular monthly publication of the more detailed Commonwealth Employment Service unemployment statistics, including a breakdown according to—(a) country of birth ; and (b) date of arrival in Australia.
853. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as income for the purpose of calculating social security entitlements.
854. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children—
1. What study has been made of the findings of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that the nation-wide incidence of non-accidental physical injury to children under 15 years could be as high as 13,500 cases a year or 37 children injured every day, and that 20 per cent of diagnosed children in the retrospective survey and 67 per cent in the prospective survey suffered serious, possibly permanent, injury.
  2. What percentage of these injuries is attributable to mothers who stay at home to mind their children in unacceptable circumstances, and what arrangements have been developed to ensure that increases in the rate of injury do not take place.
855. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the basis on which he arrives at 25 per cent as the proportion of the community for which the State has an obligation to provide child care.



856. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the basis of his statement that children attending day care centres have an "inherited character" from their parents and an "acquired character" from the centres, and whether this is recognized more as a disturbance than distinctions in character associated with parents and schools.
857. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is—  
(a) the estimated cost of the scheme ; and (b) the proposed date of introduction.
858. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether payments are to be indexed so that increases to the cost of providing child care services are automatically reflected in the level of subsidy.
859. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as a disqualification for the purpose of assessing child endowment entitlements.
860. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what arrangements have been made for the 31 per cent of working mothers who are migrants and who have children under six, with a view to seeing that they receive no less encouragement to learn English, and experience no less social isolation, than would be the case if they continued their paid employment.
861. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether the subsidy is to be paid in full for each child in the family who would otherwise be eligible for a place in a child care centre, or whether the subsidy will be limited to a single eligible child.
862. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what studies have been conducted with a view to seeing whether the stated goals of the scheme can be achieved by greater use of flexi-time, part-time work and shared jobs.
863. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether his attention has been drawn to studies which show that children in day care centres derive a positive stimulation from their inter-action with other adults and children ; if so, what arrangements have been made to strengthen the play groups movement with a view to seeing that this stimulation is maintained.
864. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether comparable schemes in other countries have been studied ; if so, whether there is evidence to suggest that in some circumstances these schemes have led to women being withdrawn from the workforce against their wishes and, in that event, whether adequate safeguards against withdrawal under duress have been developed.
865. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether the subsidy is to be altered when a child attends sessions at a pre-school ; if so, on what basis.
866. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the past two years—
1. Whether the Minister will give a detailed breakdown of how moneys collected from residents in the Bellarine area for connections, new tappings and subdivision levies on water supply, were spent in the Shire of Bellarine.
  2. What State Rivers and Water Supply Commission funds were allocated to the Shire.
  3. What works have been carried out or commenced within the Shire.
867. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. What multi-lingual arrival orientation services are available on arrival for migrants who choose to settle in Victoria, and how these services are advertised.
  2. Whether he is aware of the plight of many Chilean migrants who, on arrival in Australia, have found that their trade qualifications are not recognized ; if so, whether he has made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs urging the immediate appointment of technical advisers to the main migrant intake centres in Chile and, if so—(a) when these appointments will be made ; (b) how many will be appointed ; and (c) to which cities they will be appointed.

3. What form of assistance he is providing for Chilean migrants who, having settled in Victoria during the past 12 months, have found that, due to inadequate pre-migration assessment of their qualifications, they are not able to work in their skill area and are consequently—  
(a) unemployed ; or (b) under-employed.
  4. In view of his statement as reported in *The Age* newspaper of 2nd March, 1978 that the communication barriers had also caused more than 40 per cent of industrial accidents in Victoria last year, why the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has not published appropriately detailed multilingual, multi-media safety information either independently, or in conjunction with the Department of Labour and Industry, and when such information will be produced.
868. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the bombing of the JAT airlines office whether any progress has been made with inquiries as to—(a) identity and motivation of the persons involved ; (b) nature of explosives used ; (c) extent of the damage ; (d) cost of restoration ; and (e) cost to the airline.
869. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
1. What is the annual cost of providing the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works staff canteen.
  2. Whether there is a special section in the staff canteen for men over a certain grade ; if so—  
(a) whether women are excluded from this section ; (b) what is the cost of this special section in comparison with the ordinary section of the canteen ; and (c) what is the comparative cost per head of running each section of the canteen.
  3. Whether the Board meets the cost of the Chairman's lunch supplied from the canteen.
870. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Consumer Affairs, for the Honorable the Attorney-General whether the Attorney-General or Solicitor-General has recently given consideration to the question of barristers and solicitors appearing for accused persons in criminal trials assisting those persons in the preparation of unsworn statements ; if so—(a) whether the matter has been referred for consideration to the Victorian Bar Council or the Law Institute of Victoria ; and (b) whether any consideration has been given to an amendment to the law relating to the making of unsworn statements by accused persons in criminal trials.
871. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether any subsidy will be available for mothers of children of primary school age ; if so, on what basis the subsidy will be determined, and whether the subsidy will be at a reduced amount and, in that event, what amount.
872. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Premier how many applications have been received for consideration and inclusion as Historical Projects, under the Tattersalls Consultation (Gold Lottery Consultations) Regulations 1977, indicating the names of the applicants for projects and the date of application.
873. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether shunting operations have been carried out in the vicinity of Champion-road, Newport, by the Railways Department between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. daily ; if so—(a) what are the reasons for the operations ; and (b) whether assurances were given some years ago to residents in the area that no shunting would be carried out during the night.
874. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received reports dealing with recommendations from the Foods Standards Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council to limit the concentration of vinyl chloride monomer in food containers and foodstuffs ; if so—(a) on what grounds the recommendations were based ; and (b) what action has been taken.
  2. Whether the substance is the parent substance from which polyvinyl chloride wrappings are made.
875. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the proposed future use of the Education Department land situated at North-street, Glenroy, currently leased to the Broadmeadows City Council.
876. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Arundle-road bridge over the Maribyrnong River in the City of Keilor, whether an inspection has been made of the bridge since its recent repair ; if not, why, indicating when the inspection will be made and the school bus allowed to recommence using the bridge.

877. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when the Transport Regulation Board will issue the permit to Kastoria Bus Lines for the school bus which uses the Arundle-road bridge over the Maribyrnong River in the City of Keilor.
878. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what loans and/or guarantees have been made to primary produce marketing boards and agricultural co-operatives in Victoria, giving full details in each case.
879. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Soldier Settlement—
1. How many loan applications for drought assistance have been made to the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission, indicating how many of such applications have been rejected or deferred by the Commission and the reasons for rejection or deferral in each case.
  2. How many applications are presently being processed by the Commission.
  3. What rate of interest is charged on repayment of approved loans.
  4. What was the total cost of the advertisements concerning drought relief which were placed in newspapers.
881. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action is proposed to enforce the laws making the sale of tobacco products to minors illegal.
  2. Whether it is intended to increase the penalties for the offence.
882. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What is the current detailed financial position of the Trotting Control Board.
  2. What was the budget figure for the current year in respect of stake money, indicating whether that figure will be adhered to, and, if not, why.
  3. What were the earnings of the Board for the six month period prior to the running of the Inter-Dominion Championships.
  4. Which advertising firm is presently employed by the Board, when they were first employed, and on what basis.
883. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether any members of the Trotting Control Board have travelled overseas at the expense of the Board, if so— (a) what are the names of the persons concerned ; (b) when the visits took place ; (c) what was the purpose of each visit and the respective cost ; and (d) whether any written reports were prepared and, if so, whether he will lay such reports on the table of the Library.
884. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether persons seeking employment in State Government Instrumentalities are required to undergo a medical examination ; if so, why and whether such persons are refused employment if they have a medical problem.
885. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware that schools have been advised that no further films will be available from the Audio-visual centre owing to recurrent computer failures.
  2. Who supplied the computer and who is responsible for the malfunctions which have been occurring over a period of months.
886. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of secondary schools in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. Which schools have—(a) a Commonwealth standard library ; (b) a Commonwealth standard science block ; and (c) an assembly hall.
  2. Which schools will undertake capital improvements in the next three years, indicating— (a) the date of construction and basis of financing of each library, science block and assembly hall ; and (b) the nature and cost of improvements.
887. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Coburn primary school, Melton—
1. What is the present enrolment.
  2. What is the planned enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at the school.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1979, 1980 and 1981 ; respectively.
  5. What plans there are for the construction of additional permanent classrooms, and when such works will be undertaken.
  6. What plans there are for the construction of an additional primary school in the area.

888. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing on how many occasions since November, 1975 the Housing Commission has bought land from A. C. and D. Nominees Pty. Ltd., other than the purchase of 70 allotments at Kyabram indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location land area of the land ; and (b) the price paid.
889. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing on how many occasions Marash and Company, solicitors, have acted on behalf of the Housing Commission in relation to land purchases since December, 1972, indicating in respect of each of these purchases—(a) the location and area of the land ; and (b) the price paid.
890. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the number of—(a) students who speak a first language other than English ; and (b) migrant education teachers, at the Huntingdale high school.
891. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Huntingdale high school what were the dates on which—(a) the oil storage tank was reported as unserviceable ; (b) tenders were called for the replacement of the tank ; (c) the successful tenderer was notified ; and (d) installation of the replacement tank was completed.
892. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the re-building of the Wonthaggi North primary school, when it is expected that—(a) tenders will be let ; and (b) work will commence and be completed respectively.
893. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is expected that the proposed post-primary school will be established at Gisborne.
894. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. Whether the Government Printer has completed his report on the streamlining of printing activities within Government Departments ; if not, when he expects the report.
  2. Whether the printing section within the Audio-Visual Education Centre is being investigated as part of that report.
  3. Which printing sections within Government Departments are being investigated by the Government Printer.
  4. Whether he is aware of the urgent educational need for a replacement printing press for the Audio-Visual Education Centre.
  5. Whether he will instruct the Tender Board to let a tender for the proposed replacement printing press at the Audio-Visual Education Centre forthwith.
895. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, further to the answer to question No. 489 given on 5th April, 1978, in which he indicated that 1,100 single tender contracts were let between 1972 and 1976, and that the value of 70 of those contracts was \$75.5 million, whether the value of the remaining 1,030 contracts was in the vicinity of \$100 million or more.

*(Notices received on 3rd May, 1978)*

896. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, in respect to the Shires of Echuca, Rochester, Deakin, Rodney, Nathalia, and Swan Hill, Kerang Borough, Kerang Shire, Shepparton Shire and Shepparton City, respectively, whether flood levels have been established for the purpose of defining levels for the issue of building permits and approval of land sub-division ; if so—(a) what is the level and the date of the relevant flood ; (b) who established the flood level and how it was determined ; and (c) whether the flood level has prevented the issue of any building permits or approval of any land sub-division.
897. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many senior firemen are employed by the Country Fire Authority, specifying the numbers of 4th to 1st class senior firemen, station officers grades 1 to 5, inclusive, and other senior officers, including regional officers.
898. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts whether any consideration has been given to purchasing the Princess theatre ; if so, when and with what result.
899. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts what subsidies have been received by The Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust in each of the past five years.
900. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what was the cost of dredging at the mouth of the Patterson River in each of the past six years.
901. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation if he will lay on the table of the Library all files and correspondence relating to the Public Works Committee inquiry into the establishment of gas turbines in the Latrobe Valley, including letters to and from other Government Ministers and bodies.

902. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation further to question No. 636 answered on 2nd May, 1978—
1. What are the particular companies and industry groups concerned.
  2. If he will lay on the table of the Library all such correspondence.
903. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the potato processing plant of McCain Australia Pty. Ltd. at Ballarat, discharges wastes into the sewerage works at Wendouree; if so, under what conditions, indicating whether the company has met these conditions.
904. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, what grants have been made to the potato processing plant of McCain Australia Pty. Ltd. at Daylesford and Ballarat, respectively, in the past ten years, indicating the amount and the purpose in each case.
905. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation how long the position of Chief Air Quality Officer of the Environment Protection Authority was vacant, indicating—(a) when the position was filled; (b) why this vacancy was not listed in answer to question No. 3180 furnished to the Member for Carrum; and (c) what vacancies still exist for senior positions.
906. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are currently registered for employment with the Education Department for each division.
  2. How many teachers were similarly registered in May, 1976 and May, 1977.
  3. How many additional teachers have been appointed for each division in—(a) March; (b) April; and (c) May, 1978.
907. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the head lice programme—
1. How many bottles of malathion lotion were given to each municipal council in February, March and April, 1978, respectively.
  2. Whether he is aware of delays in obtaining supplies of—(a) malathion lotion; and (b) combs; if so, what is the reason and what is being done to improve the situation.
  3. Whether additional supplies of lotion have been asked for and supplied to Doncaster and Templestowe City Council; if so, what quantity was supplied.
908. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. What use of phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T is made by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey—(a) for its own purposes; (b) on behalf of any other department; and (c) by provision to farmers, indicating the annual quantities in each case.
  2. What companies have been supplying these herbicides since 1970, indicating—(a) where the herbicides are stored and in what quantity; (b) for how long the herbicides are stored; and (c) whether any tests for dioxin levels are undertaken and, if so, with what results.
909. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Whether he or the Education Department was consulted by any representative of the Department of Health before that Department placed an advertisement in *The Age* newspaper dated 11th March, 1978, inviting applications for appointment of audiologists to work with hearing-impaired pre-school children; if so, when such consultations took place and who was involved.
  2. Whether the State Council for Special Education was advised of this initiative of the Department of Health; if so, when; if not, why.
  3. What effect these new services will have on the services already provided by the Education Department to pre-school age handicapped children, particularly the Mornington child guidance service.
  4. Whether he and the Special Services Division of the Education Department supports the form of further involvement by the Department of Health in this field.
910. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Education Department was consulted before an advertisement was placed in *The Age* newspaper on 11th March, 1978, inviting applications for the appointment of audiologists to work with hearing impaired pre-school age children; if so, when such consultations were held and who was involved.
  2. Whether there is a proposal for the Department of Health to extend its services in the area of hearing impaired children; if so, whether the Minister's representative on the State Council for Special Education has notified the Council of the Department's proposals; if not, why.

(Notices received on 4th May, 1978)

- \*911. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many accidents involving police motor vehicles have occurred in the past 12 months.
  2. How many accidents occurred as a result of police vehicles pursuing other vehicles, indicating in each instance, the reason why the police were pursuing another car and whether other vehicles involved in the collision were being pursued or not.
  3. How many people were—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, specifying whether they were policemen, persons in the vehicle being pursued, or other persons.
- \*912. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will ascertain and advise—
1. Whether the pesticides, Chlordane and Heptachlor, made by Velsicol Chemical Corporation of Chicago, are on sale in Victoria and/or Australia.
  2. Whether the company has been charged by a Federal Grand Jury in the United States of America with "concealing material facts from the Environmental Protection Agency", on the grounds that the company concealed data which showed the pesticides induced tumors in animals and posed a risk to human beings.
  3. Whether the New South Wales Department of Agriculture registrar has made recommendations dealing with the two pesticides ; if so, what is the nature of those recommendations.
  4. What action has been taken by the Victorian Government concerning these pesticides, in the light of these allegations.
- \*913. MR. LIND : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the superannuation rights of technical school and college council employees are to be restored ; if so, when.
- \*914. MR. LIND : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Provincial Sewerage Authorities' Association has requested the Minister to introduce an amendment to Section 83 of the *Health Act* 1958 to give effect to the recommendations of the Meat Industry Committee to permit—(a) the slaughtering of sewerage authority cattle at any abattoir where meat inspection is carried out by the Victorian Department of Agriculture or the Commonwealth Department for Primary Industry ; (b) the mixing of sewerage authority cattle with other cattle during transport, sale and slaughter ; (c) the sale of sewerage authority cattle for purposes other than slaughter after they have reached eighteen months of age ; and (d) the transfer of stock between sewerage authorities ; if so, whether it is intended to accede to the request and, in that event, when or, if not, why.
- \*915. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation with regard to State Rivers and Water Supply Commission acting as an agent of the Environment Protection Authority—
1. What studies have been undertaken to determine the contribution by volume to the total volume at Lake Colangulac from both industry and the local sewerage authority, indicating the result of such studies.
  2. What funds have been allocated to the Camperdown Sewerage Authority for treatment of wastes in each of the past five years to date.
  3. Whether the Commission pollution control section was consulted by the Minister prior to his decision to lift restrictions on the discharge of wastes to Lake Colangulac ; if not, why.
  4. Whether existing licences to industry for discharging wastes into Lake Colangulac are being enforced ; if not, why.
- \*916. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What were the results in each of the past five years of bacteriological sampling of the River Yarra and its tributaries, indicating the location of the sampling points.
  2. Whether any other Authorities check the water quality of the river ; if so, which Authorities.
- \*917. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he will approach the Bureau of Meteorology and request the issue of more detailed and frequent weather forecasts during the summer period for Port Phillip and Westernport Bays.
- \*918. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether there are any plans for a hydraulic model study to assess the effect of port works on Westernport Bay ; if so—(a) what representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government for funds, and with what results ; (b) what land is available for the construction of the model ; (c) what advisers have been contacted ; and (d) what allocation of funds has been made from State Treasury, or has been requested.
- \*919. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Director of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division or any other officer has expressed views, or made submissions for statutory rights for water for wildlife and waterfowl ; if so, what action is proposed.

\*920. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands which companies submit samples of herbicides for testing to the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, indicating which companies are currently tendering for supply of herbicides.

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 21

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.
2. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Operation of the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.

#### Orders of the Day

1. CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*2. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*3. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- \*4. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
5. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. MOTOR CAR (FEES AND PENALTIES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. CO-OPERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND SUPERANNUATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. HOSPITALS REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. EGG INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
14. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
15. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
16. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (PASSENGER SERVICES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
17. ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
18. WORKERS COMPENSATION (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
19. RACING (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
20. LABOUR AND INDUSTRY BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
21. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
22. POUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
23. PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE REPORT—To be considered.
24. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
25. CREDIT REPORTING BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
26. MAGISTRATES' COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
27. WRONGS (ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
28. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (RATE EXEMPTION) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
29. PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time



30. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (ADMINISTRATION AND RATES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
31. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
32. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
33. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
34. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
35. CRIMES (HIJACKINGS AND OTHER OFFENCES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
36. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
37. MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
38. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
39. DANDENONG VALLEY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
40. GEELONG REGIONAL INTERIM DEVELOPMENT ORDER (VALIDATION) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
41. BAIL (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for Minerals and Energy should grant the Gas and Fuel Corporation a permit to explore for natural gas in Bass Strait in a lease area vacated at the end of 1976 and which contains the abandoned drilling site known as Flathead.
2. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House expresses its extreme concern at the proliferation of illegal drugs in Victoria, and calls on both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, every Member of the Victorian community and all law enforcement agencies to use every means, resource and endeavour available to—(a) educate the public about the deleterious effects of the use of illegal drugs of addiction ; (b) control the distribution of these drugs ; (c) prevent the unfortunate citizens who are the victims of drugs from receiving supplies ; (d) encourage drug addicted persons to receive treatment ; and (e) resolve that young Victorians resist experimentation with all drugs ; and therefore prevent forever the rampant spread of harmful, illegal drugs in Victoria.
3. MR. WILTON : To move, That this House takes note of the Statement of Mr. Speaker relating to procedures to be adopted for raising matters of privilege.
4. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all liability to pay gift duty in respect of gifts made on or after 1st July, 1978, should be abolished and that such gifts be not taken into consideration for the purpose of assessing gift duty or determining a rate of gift duty with respect to gifts made before that date.
5. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes* ”.
6. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 925 of the ‘Local Government Act 1958’ with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public* ”.
7. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 10 of the ‘Public Records Act 1973’ with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public* ”.
8. MR. HANN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes* ”.

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THURSDAY, 11TH MAY

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the Day

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS (MERBEIN) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 9th May, 1978)

- \*921. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Police Force will be relocated in the Geelong State Public Offices.
  2. Whether this move will delay plans to extend the present police building in Fenwick-street, Geelong
  3. Whether police personnel will continue to be located at the Geelong police station at the rear of the law courts ; if so, why.
- \*922. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether he will cause a review to be made of the Country Roads Board allocations to the Shire of Bellarine.
  2. Whether he will review the decision to not allocate funds to seal Coppards-road between Portarlington-road and Queenscliff-road.
- \*923. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When work will commence on new traffic signals at the Alcoa-road and Point Henry-road intersection.
  2. Whether approval has been given to the Shire of Bellarine to carry out these works ; if not, when such approval will be given.
- \*924. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission has purchased any land since 1970 from any of the following companies :—Obras Pty. Ltd., Barry Brown Pty. Ltd., Elnic Pty. Ltd., Sarbo Securities Pty. Ltd., J. W. Booth Investments Pty. Ltd., and Lincourt Pty. Ltd ; if so, what is the—(a) location ; (b) area of land ; and (c) price paid, in each case.
- \*925. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in view of his recent visit to Geelong when it was announced that an extra officer would be added to the Geelong staff on a trial basis, when such an appointment will be made.
- \*926. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. How many of the 216 fines of \$9 each for parking offences at the Geelong station car parking area at Latrobe-terrace, Geelong have been refunded to date.
  2. How many of such fines already paid have not been the subject of an application to the Railways Department for a refund.
- \*927. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the North West primary school in Brunswick, whether it is still intended to proceed with works concerning the upgrading of existing library facilities, as promised in answer to question No. 674 on 21st November, 1974 ; if so—(a) what has been the reason for the delay ; and (b) when it is proposed that work will commence.
- \*928. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, what approaches have been made for funds for the establishment of a fish cannery processing plant at Newhaven, indicating by whom, when, what conditions were proposed, and what was the decision.
- \*929. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Watsonia South primary school provides for many children from the Watsonia Army Barracks ; if so, whether any special consideration is given to children of members of the armed forces because of the frequent change of school due to the mobility of their parents and, if not, why, and whether he will examine the situation at the school with a view to considering the need for a remedial teacher or such other aid as may be required.
- \*930. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the announcement of the Member for Werribee on 23rd November, 1977, that capital funds of approximately \$60,000 and operating funds in the vicinity of \$100,000 a year had been allocated to the Werribee Community Health Service, that staff to be employed by the service would include therapists and their aides, a nurse, a social worker, and domestic and clerical staff, and that further staff would be added as the need arose—
1. What Capital funds have been allocated to the Service.
  2. What annual operating funds have been allocated to the Service.
  3. What staff—(a) have been ; and (b) will be appointed to the Service in 1977–78.

- \*931. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether primary teachers are disadvantaged relative to high school, technical and kindergarten teachers in the area of administration and planning time.
  2. On what dates discussions have been held on making available time for the release of primary teachers from face-to-face teaching for administration and planning, and what was—(a) the names of the participants ; and (b) the outcome in each case.
- \*932. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many primary teachers are currently unable to obtain work in the profession for which they have been trained at public expense.
  2. What immediate plans he has to overcome the problem of unemployment among primary teachers, given that there is a proven shortage of primary teachers to enable long service leave to be taken and to adequately staff schools.
- \*933. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the funding of day nurseries and child care centres—
1. Whether discussions between State and Commonwealth officers concerning the recurrent funding of such centres have yet been concluded ; if so, on what basis.
  2. Whether the State is now prepared to provide funds towards the recurrent costs of centres established with Commonwealth Capital Grants ; if not, why.
- \*934. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the ready availability of travel sickness tablets such as Avil, whether the Poisons Advisory Committee has now discussed amendments to the Schedules to the *Poisons Act* 1962 ; if so, whether it has made a recommendation to the Minister and what action has been taken.
- \*935. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether he is aware of the continuing problem of car parking at Geelong railway station.
  2. Whether there are unused parking spaces at the South Geelong, North Geelong, Corio and Lara stations.
  3. Whether an investigation will be made into the actual number of spaces unused at stations other than Geelong.
  4. Whether he will arrange for a review to be made of the present timetable with a view to easing the present problem at Geelong station.
  5. Whether a study of car parking needs at Geelong railway station will be undertaken with the aim of providing a considerable number of new spaces for the future.
- \*936. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy if he will lay on the table of the Library the files and all relevant correspondence concerning the extractive leases abutting the Pines Forest housing estate, including all requests to end these leases.
- \*937. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What were the recommendations of the 75th Session (1972) of the National Health and Medical Research Council concerning the herbicide 245T, indicating what action was taken at the time as a result of these recommendations and when.
  2. What were the recommendations of the 82nd Session (1975) of the Council concerning 245T, indicating what action was taken, and when this action was taken.
  3. Whether current regulations on dioxin only relate to TCDD ; if so, what other action is being contemplated to control other forms of dioxin apart from TCDD, indicating how many other forms there are.
  4. Whether there is any scientific evidence that pure 245T has produced fetotoxic and teratogenic effects in mammals.
- \*938. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many purchase applications for the Patterson Lakes housing estate are still outstanding, indicating the number already allocated and the total number received,
  2. What is the average waiting time for house purchases on this estate.
  3. Whether Mrs. P. Fox has been transferred from the tenancy list to the waiting list for purchase on the Patterson Lakes estate ; if so, when.
- \*939. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what approaches have been made to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division concerning development of the Newhaven swamp, indicating when and by whom.
- \*940. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what approaches have been made to the Department of Crown Lands and Survey to acquire land at the Newhaven Swamp, Phillip Island, indicating—(a) by whom ; (b) when ; and (c) what conditions were proposed.

- \*941. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 34 given on 21st March, 1978, in connection with the Mooroopna and District Base Hospital—
1. Whether every part of stage 2, except the midwifery section, has to be altered ; if so, what is the cost of these alterations and when they will be completed.
  2. Whether it is intended to transfer the day hospital which currently functions in the Administrative building at Shepparton to a ward area at Mooroopna ; if so, when that will occur.
  3. Whether permission has been sought to plan renovations and alterations to the Mooroopna buildings to make them suitable for their future role ; if so, what has been the response of the Hospitals and Charities Commission and when permission will be granted.
- \*942. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 742 given on the 2nd May, 1978, whether he will make available the minute concerning the decision of the Environment Protection Authority on Lake Colangulac.
- \*943. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children attending special schools who are “migrant children” as defined by the Child Migrant Education Branch, indicating the comparable information for each special school and the source of the information in each case.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children attending special schools who are not of Anglo-Saxon descent, indicating the comparable information for each special school and the source of the information in each case.
- \*944. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or his officers are aware of comments made by the Bendigo City Coroner, Mr. F. X. Clancy, concerning the anaesthetic “Alfathesin” and its possible connection with the death of Sharon Louise Davey ; if so, whether an investigation has been made into the drug ; indicating with what result, and whether a copy of any report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- \*945. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of children who are not of Anglo-Saxon descent, what services are available from the—(a) Special Education Branch ; (b) Ethnic Education Branch ; (c) Counselling, Guidance and Clinical Services Branch ; and (d) Division of Planning Services.
- \*946. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What were the reasons for the imposition of staff ceilings in the teaching service in 1976.
  2. What criteria were used in determining the ceiling for employment of teachers.
  3. Whether the decision discriminated against the Primary Schools Division, in that the overall pupil/teacher ratio in the Division was relatively unsatisfactory, compared with the Post Primary Divisions.
  4. How many Primary teachers with ten and eleven years of service have applied for long service leave, and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage who have been refused as a result of the imposition of staff ceilings.
  5. Whether, unless several hundred additional primary teachers are employed, many more teachers may be denied long service leave in 1979 and school programmes will be disrupted by unnecessary transfer of staff.
- \*947. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether statistics relating to zoonoses are accepted as a complete record of all human cases diagnosed in Victoria ; if not, why.
  2. Whether all cases of zoonoses and other notifiable diseases confirmed by serology, bacteriology or other testing by pathology laboratories in Victoria are notified or otherwise referred to the Commission of Public Health.
  3. Whether a survey of cases of hydatidosis diagnosed or treated in Victorian hospitals in recent years has been published in *The Medical Journal of Australia* ; if so, whether there were discrepancies with annual notifications.
  4. What are the details of the control of the feeding of sheep offal to dogs in Victoria.
  5. Whether statistics relating to notifications of brucellosis and hydatidosis, respectively, record—(a) the geographic distribution ; and (b) the occupations of human cases ; if so, what are the details for each of the past ten years.
- \*948. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Fisheries and Wildlife Division recommended that Victoria abalone divers undergo medical tests and x-rays ; if so, what are the recommended guidelines and what is the extent and frequency of medical checks.

- \*949. MR. WHITING: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in each of the financial years from 1970-71 to 1976-77, inclusive—
1. What revenue was earned on the Wodonga to Cudgewa railway line.
  2. What were the operating costs of the line.
  3. What major items of freight in tonnes were transported on the line.
- \*950. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Westernport, what was the enrolment and staffing levels, respectively, for 1977 and 1978.
- \*951. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Westernport have—(a) assembly halls; (b) gymnasiums; (c) library facilities; and (d) career guidance officers.
- \*952. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what library facilities are available to pupils at the French Island primary school.
- \*953. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when the Koo-wee-rup primary school will receive library facilities.
- \*954. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he intends to personally approve replacement staff lists in future in the Technical Schools Division or to hand this responsibility back to the Technical Schools Division administration so that the operation can proceed smoothly and without unnecessary bureaucratic delay.
- \*955. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the employment of additional teachers of mathematics/science in the Technical Schools Division was not approved following the request from the deputation from the Benalla, Wangaratta and Wodonga technical schools.
  2. Whether he acknowledged that there is a shortage of mathematics/science teachers at Wangaratta, and in the Technical Schools Division generally, and whether he was informed of the names of qualified unemployed teachers that were available.
- \*956. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Wonthaggi high school—
1. What is the current enrolment.
  2. When a female physical education teacher and a music teacher, respectively, will be appointed to the school.
- \*957. MR. FORDHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many resource or remedial teachers are in—(a) primary schools; and (b) special education units, and what is the ratio of resource or remedial teachers to students in each case.
  2. When he expects that there will be enough resource or remedial teachers to deploy one to each primary school of 100-300 students, with proportionately higher allocations for larger primary schools.
- \*958. MR. GINIFER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. In the years 1976 and 1977, respectively, how often the Director of Consumer affairs has sought the consent of the Minister to prosecute under the *Consumer Affairs Act 1972*, indicating how often he has given his consent to prosecutions by the Director.
  2. In what circumstances the Minister and the Director exercise their respective powers under the Act.
  3. As Rena-Ware Distributors Pty. Ltd. has been named in the past two years as a constant offender against consumers, why prosecutions have not been launched against that organization.

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**QUESTIONS**

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- \*962. MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether there are any circumstances in which a mother can be required to give up her child for adoption ; if so, whether he is aware of any instances in which such a requirements has been imposed.
- \*963. MR. EDMUNDS :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of each of the financial years from 1965-66 to 1976-77, inclusive—
1. What total sum was received in motor registration fees.
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- \*964. MR. STIRLING :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education further to the answer to question No. 492 given on 9th May, 1978, how many schools have a more urgent priority than North Williamstown primary school for migrant education teachers, giving the name of the each school.
- \*965. MR. FORDHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, whether in view of the considerable disruption that will result if any present member of staff is transferred from Orbost primary school, whether he will review the proposal to transfer a teacher at the end of Term 1.
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1. How many additional music teachers are required to meet the needs of Victorian schools.
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1. What is the total hectareage of blackberry infestation in Victoria.
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3. Whether there is any scientific evidence to indicate that logging operations lead to the spread of blackberries ; if so, what evidence.
4. How many hectares of forests have been killed by blackberries.
5. How many—(a) foresters ; and (b) Forests Commission personnel, are engaged in—  
(i) blackberry research ; and (ii) blackberry eradication programmes, indicating what measures are used to control blackberries, and how and where these measures are being carried out.
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\*975. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—

1. What funding was provided to the Victorian Chess Club in 1975-76 and 1976-77—(a) for the promotion of chess in schools ; and (b) for any other purpose.
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15. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of fees charged by, or paid to, the Department of Health, the Mental Health Authority, the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health, respectively, what was the fee income in 1975-76 and 1976-77, respectively, by each category of fee and what is the estimated revenue in 1977-78.
  
25. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals :—Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankton, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill—
  1. What was the budget allocation from the Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1976-77.
  2. What budget was proposed by each hospital—(a) without growth ; and (b) with growth, for 1977-78.
  3. What budget was approved for 1977-78, specifying whether growth factor was involved.
  
37. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 at—  
(a) Dandenong and District ; (b) Frankston Community ; (c) Ballarat and District Base ; and (d) Southern Memorial hospitals—
  1. What arrangements have been or will be made specifying—(a) the group practices, if any, involved ; (b) the radiologists concerned, indicating whether on a full or part time basis ; and (c) the basis of each agreement between the radiologist and the hospital.
  2. What income was or will be derived by each hospital for radiology services, specifying the amount derived for—(a) public ; and (b) private patients, indicating the percentage of each category of patients at the hospital treated by the radiologists.
  3. Whether any patients were or will be transported from the hospital to the practices, specifying the number and category of patients and the cost of such transport services.
  
38. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the community health programme, what funds are to be made available for recurrent and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) Hospitals and Charities Commission ; (b) Mental Health Authority ; and (c) Department of Health projects, specifying the individual projects to receive funds.
  
41. **MR. ROPER :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
  1. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) approved staff ; and (d) actual staff of each community health centre located in the electoral district of Evelyn or providing services for the district.
  2. What additional community health centres located in or servicing the district were opened in 1977 and are scheduled to open in 1978 and 1979 respectively.



53. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee set up on Cost Containment—
1. What is the membership, specifying the names of members.
  2. What are the terms of reference.
  3. What procedures will be followed in making reports to the Minister and to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and whether it is proposed that any of these reports will be made public.
  4. Whether the Committee has been appointed on a permanent basis ; if not, what is the life of the Committee for carrying out its tasks.
60. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received a submission from the Special Accommodation Houses Association of Victoria concerning assistance to the special accommodation house industry ; if so, what response the Minister has made and, if he has not yet made a response, when it is expected the response will be made.
64. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, which hospitals in Victoria had staff in excess of establishment on 1st August, 1977, specifying the number and classification of such staff.
67. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services, whether statistics are available on the equivalent performance of the various services, for instance, visits per nurse per day ; if so, what are the statistics and on what basis they are collected.
68. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Sims Report on the Royal District Nursing Service, whether the Government and/or the Department of Health has taken action on each of the recommendations ; if so, what action ; if not, whether any action is proposed.
69. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospitals located in or servicing the electoral districts of Essendon, Mitcham, Doncaster, Werribee and Geelong West, respectively—
1. What is the name, address and number of beds, respectively, in each—(a) public ; (b) charitable ; and (c) private hospital which offers—(i) casualty services ; (ii) outpatients' services ; (iii) midwifery ; and (iv) general surgical services.
  2. What additional hospital beds are scheduled to become available in—(a) 1977 ; (b) 1978 ; and (c) 1979.
  3. What is the ratio of hospital beds to population in—(a) Victoria ; (b) Melbourne ; and (c) each of the electoral districts.
79. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the electoral district of Evelyn—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children in the district who are eligible by age for pre-school education and what total number of pre-school places is available at centres within the district.
  2. What is the—(a) name ; (b) address ; (c) current enrolment ; (d) current waiting list ; and (e) current fee, in respect of each pre-school centre in the district, and what was the number of applicants for places in each case who could not be accepted at the beginning of 1977.
  3. What additional pre-school places became available in 1977 and are scheduled to become available in the district in 1978 and 1979 respectively.
87. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school, when he will be in a position to answer the Member for Brunswick's letter dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977, concerning proposed building works at the school.
89. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of allocations to each region for major and minor works, respectively—
1. What sums were—(a) allocated ; and (b) spent in 1976-77, giving reasons for under and over expenditure.
  2. What amounts have been allocated for 1977-78.
92. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Premier, in respect of the 1,100 hospital beds to be built, as announced by him on 3XY radio—
1. How many beds are to be built in 1977-78, specifying the hospitals concerned.
  2. Which other hospitals are involved in the total programme, indicating—(a) how many beds are involved ; and (b) the expected date of completion in each case.
97. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area and the grants agreed to for this financial year.

99. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether discussions are occurring between the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health or the Assistant Minister of Health concerning the relationship between the Family and Community Services programme and the Early Childhood Development programme ; if so, who is carrying out the enquiries, on what basis the enquiries are being carried out, and when he expects to announce the results of any enquiries.
109. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of new community health projects, the funding of which was announced in November, 1977, and then in subsequent statements—
1. Which services have been funded and what services will be provided in each.
  2. What recurrent funds have been made available and what capital funds will be provided in this financial year.
110. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of patients undergoing nuclear medicine treatment—
1. Whether the Commonwealth Government has advised the States that privately insured patients have to pay for such services from 1st January, 1978 ; if so, when the State was advised and what action has been taken.
  2. What is the estimated number of privately insured patients who will now have to pay and what is the estimated income to the State from these charges in a full year.
111. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, in respect of the decision announced by the Government and the Hospitals and Charities Commission to reduce the number of sessions available to visiting specialists in Victoria's public hospitals, the Minister will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of the number of sessions available prior to the change and the number of sessions afterwards, specifying in which areas the sessions are available.
115. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of question No. 2395 answered on 16th November, 1977, concerning schools in the electoral district of Brunswick—
1. Which schools were visited by the School Medical Service during 1977 and how many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, their initial routine medical examination during 1977.
  2. What was the reason for the reduction of the number of schools visited and whether these schools and/or all schools in the electoral district will be visited this year.
  3. Whether he is aware that two Catholic schools, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family, have not been visited in either 1976 and 1977 ; if so, what action is proposed to provide an examination.
  4. What plans exist for the expansion of school dental services in the electoral district.
118. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of kitchen facilities at the Ovens and Murray hospital and the Mayday Hills mental hospital—
1. When it was first proposed that kitchen facilities be shared between the two hospitals and when it was agreed that sharing would commence.
  2. What funds have been expended on each hospital to improve kitchen facilities in each of the past five years.
  3. Whether approval was given for food service equipment at Mayday Hills in 1977 ; if so, on what basis, when tenders were called and when they closed, and what was the approximate or estimated cost of the work to be done.
  4. Whether, in July last, the Treasury directed the Public Works Department not to proceed with the acceptance of tenders ; if so, why.
  5. When it is intended that the proposed kitchen sharing facility will be fully developed.
121. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Social Welfare, in respect of the Community Welfare Services Bill introduced in the last Session—
1. How many copies of the Minister's speech were obtained by the Social Welfare Department, indicating how many were distributed, on what basis, and at what cost.
  2. In respect of the Bill and the notes on the draft Bill, how many copies were obtained by the Department, indicating how many were distributed and on what basis, and what was the cost to the Department.
122. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, in respect of the photograph of the opening of the electoral office of the Member for Oakleigh, taken by an Audio Visual Education Centre photographer for a departmental publication at the request of a member of the Minister's staff—
1. What was the name of the publication for which the photograph was required.
  2. Whether the photograph was subsequently published ; if so, where and, in the event of publication being for a purpose unrelated to the function of the Department, on what date the Department received reimbursement for the cost.
131. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that bus shelters will be placed on the Western side of the Melbourne Road, Norlane.

132. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, when it is proposed to increase the present rates of workers compensation of \$73 per week for injured workers and the level of payments upon death or injury to values equated to those existing in 1972.
133. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Northern Metropolitan Region Priorities Review Committee considered requests for the construction of Keon Park West primary school during meetings held in 1977 ; if so—(a) when ; (b) with what result ; and (c) whether requests for funding have been made and, in that event, when and to whom.
135. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether an Interim Planning Committee was established in relation to the proposed Keon Park West primary school ; if so—(a) who are the persons acting on this committee ; (b) where each person resides ; (c) on what dates the committee has met ; (d) what decisions were made by the committee ; and (e) whether the committee made recommendations to the Priorities Review Committee and, in that event, when and with what result.
136. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether consultations have taken place between officers of the Preston City Council and the Education Department with respect to development of housing sites in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park West primary school : if so, with what result.
  2. What expenditure has been incurred by the Preston City Council and the Country Roads Board to provide for a cycle track to enable children to cycle to school from the estate bounded by Lockton-street and Mahoney's-road to the proposed Keon Park West primary school.
137. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What committees or advisory bodies exist in relation to the administration by the Department of Labour and Industry of—(a) industrial safety ; (b) occupational health ; (c) automation and technological change ; (d) manpower planning ; and (e) youth unemployment.
  2. In respect of each of these bodies—(a) when each body last met ; (b) what were the latest recommendations ; and (c) who are the persons involved.
139. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the dates on which the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment made recommendations to the Government and what was—(a) the subject ; and (b) the substance of each recommendation.
144. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Premier on what dates he made representations to the Commonwealth Government calling for reductions in interest rates and what is the date and substance of each assurance he has received in reply.
150. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what is—(a) the mechanism ; and (b) the regional framework used by the Victorian Government to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs and employment multipliers, and on what date the monitoring process commenced.
152. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. What special measures are being used by the Victorian Government to create new jobs in high unemployment rural areas.
  2. How many jobs have been created so far by each measure and in each area.
158. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to new enrolments at Deakin University in 1978—
1. How many first offers were made by the University through V.U.A.C., and how many of these offers were to Geelong area residents.
  2. How many first year students have been enrolled from—(a) the Geelong area ; and (b) outside the Geelong area, and what were the comparable figures in 1977 and 1976 under the previous tertiary structure.
  3. How many qualified applicants who listed the University as a first preference through V.U.A.C. have not received an—(a) M type ; or (b) E type offer and how many such applicants are from the Geelong area.
  4. What were the course preferences of applicants referred to in part 3.
  5. What accommodation is available to students from outside Geelong.
164. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in relation to children living in the Sparrowhawk housing estate, Long Gully, Bendigo—
1. How many are bussed to school outside the estate.
  2. Whether land in the estate was offered to the Education Department for the establishment of a school ; if so, why the offer was not accepted.
  3. When it is now expected that a school will be built in the area.

166. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mullum primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are at the school and how many there will be in 1979.
  3. When it is expected that a new primary school will be constructed in Kalinda-road.
167. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Melton South primary school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the planned enrolment in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  2. What is the present size of the school site.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a request from the School Council to enlarge the site by purchasing adjoining properties ; if so, whether the request is to be granted.
  4. When the school will receive an establishment grant for the Art/Craft Centre built early in 1977.
168. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—
1. How many jobs have been created in Victoria under job creation programs, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of these jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided.
  2. In respect of program-created jobs for which assistance is no longer being provided, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of the progressive total still in existence.
  3. What is the average period after the withdrawal of assistance in which jobs not now in existence have survived.
169. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what amount has been contributed so far by the Victorian Government to—(a) the Special Youth Employment Training Scheme ; (b) Bridging Training Programs ; (c) the Community Youth Support Scheme ; (d) the Relocation Assistance Scheme ; and (e) the Rural Unemployment Scheme.
171. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons have been employed so far by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many have—(a) remained in State Government employment ; (b) found other employment ; and (c) become unemployed, following the six months subsidy period.
172. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Victorian Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Program, and how many are—(a) employed by each State Government Department or Authority ; and (b) training for each industry or skill statistical category.
173. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many bush fires were reported in Victoria during the fire season for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive and how many of these were classified as major fires.
  2. What losses have resulted from bush fires in Victoria over the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive in respect of—(a) estimated cost of damage to all property ; (b) number of lives lost ; (c) number of people injured ; (d) number of livestock destroyed ; and (e) number of houses destroyed or damaged.
  3. What funds the Government has allocated specifically for bush fire prevention for the period 1966-67 to 1976-77 inclusive.
184. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many—(a) remedial English ; and (b) remedial mathematics teachers have been requested by the Lakeside High School Council for appointment to the school, how many have been appointed, and when the remainder will be appointed.
186. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what decision has been made on the proposal forwarded to the Education Department by the Bulleen Special School Parents and Citizens Association for the development of facilities on land owned by the Department adjacent to the school.
189. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many physical education teachers were employed in each Division of the Education Department in each year from 1973 to 1977 inclusive.
  2. What steps are to be taken to increase the number of such teachers.
190. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what is the current estimated staff requirement for each primary, secondary and technical school and other Education Department centres, respectively, for migrant education teachers, as determined by the Child Migrant Education Branch of the Department.
191. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many migrant education teachers were employed in primary, secondary and technical schools, and other Education Department centres and services, in each of the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, and how many are to be employed in 1978.
  2. How many of such teachers have left the Department over the above period and what were the reasons for these resignations.

192. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Wonthaggi North primary school—
1. Whether plans have been completed for the rebuilding of the school ; if not, when the plans will be completed.
  2. What facilities are to be provided at the school.
  3. When it is expected that rebuilding will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
  4. When the Education Department first determined that the school should be rebuilt and what is the reason for the delay.
194. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Penshurst primary school—
1. What is the present student enrolment.
  2. How many teachers are appointed to the school.
  3. Whether the Education Department has received a report from the school council concerning reading ability tests and the urgent need for the appointment of a teacher aide to the school ; if so, what action is to be taken on this report.
195. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department has entered into an agreement with the Housing Commission for the construction of a primary school as a part of stage 2 of the Commission's Estate in Derrimut-road, Werribee ; if so—(a) what are the details of the agreement ; (b) when the school will open ; and (c) what provision has been made for the funding of the school construction.
196. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education how many specialist music teachers are currently working in schools in the Bendigo area and how many such teachers are to be employed in 1978.
197. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What are the locations of the nearest technical education facilities available to students in the Kyabram area.
  2. Whether the Education Department has received representations from local authorities concerning the need to provide technical education facilities in Kyabram.
  3. When it is expected that a technical wing will be established at Kyabram high school.
198. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the proposed establishment of a further primary school in the Hoppers Crossing area—
1. What is the present enrolment of students in each of the primary schools in the area.
  2. What are the projected enrolments in these schools for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at each of these schools.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are proposed for each of the years from 1978 to 1980 inclusive.
  5. When work will commence on the construction of the further school.
199. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there are any single-sex schools which have requested conversion to co-education ; if so—(a) what are the names of such schools ; (b) when the request was made in each case ; and (c) when the conversion will take place in each case.
202. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroopna primary school—
1. What is the current student enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979 and 1980.
  2. How many portable classrooms are located at the school and how many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1978, 1979 and 1980.
  3. Whether plans have been completed for the new Mooroopna Park primary school ; if so, when construction will—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
203. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, with regard to the supervision of country apprentices housed at the Midway Migrant Hostel, Maribyrnong—
1. How many apprentices use the hostel facility.
  2. What additional assistance is to be given to the present supervisor, Mr. E. A. Baker.
  3. How many hours of overtime have been worked by Mr. Baker since his appointment on 7th February, 1976 and, in respect of this overtime—(a) what payment has been made to Mr. Baker ; and (b) what further payment is to be made.

204. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education with regard to the employment of library aides in libraries in Victorian schools—
1. How many schools with libraries—(a) employ a library aide ; and (b) do not employ a library aide.
  2. Whether, in view of the need for the appointment of further aides, and with the present rate of unemployment in the State, additional funds will be made available to allow additional appointments this financial year.
219. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Yea primary school—
1. Whether there are plans for the replacement of the Bristol building at the school.
  2. Whether there are any other primary schools in the region occupying premises formerly part of a higher elementary school.
  3. Whether there are plans for the re-blocking of the former higher elementary school woodwork room.
  4. Whether any capital works are planned for the school in the Regional Works Programme ; if so, when it is expected such works will be undertaken.
220. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Kensington community school, an annexe of Flemington high school—
1. How many students and staff, respectively, are at the school.
  2. How many toilets are available.
  3. What works have been—(a) proposed ; and (b) planned for the school.
223. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what are the expected enrolments and staff situations, respectively, for each school in the electoral district of Mitcham for the 1978 school year.
224. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each primary and secondary school within the electoral district of Mitcham—(a) what is the current staffing position ; and (b) in which subject area, including migrant education, there are teacher shortages.
225. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
226. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
228. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Mitcham.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
229. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What are the—(a) teacher staff ceilings ; and (b) number of current teaching staff.
  2. Which schools have advised in the current year that they need additional staff, indicating the—(a) number ; (b) category ; and (c) outcome in each case.
230. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Werribee—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing special English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.

232. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many students have enrolled this year in night classes at schools in the electoral district of Werribee.
  2. What subjects are being taught, indicating the number of students for each subject and the number of teachers employed.
238. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what land and buildings, respectively, have been—(a) purchased ; and (b) leased for the Education Department in each of the past five years, stating in each case, the—(i) location ; (ii) purchase price ; (iii) date of purchase ; (iv) seller ; (v) estate agent concerned ; (vi) valuations made ; and (vii) area concerned.
240. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in respect of each primary and secondary school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. What is the enrolment.
  2. How many students—(a) do not have English as their mother tongue ; and (b) are regarded by the school as needing English language teaching.
  3. What provision is made for the teaching or understanding of languages other than English, giving details of the—(a) number ; and (b) qualifications of teachers engaged in this work.
244. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in order to maintain continuity to the established instrumental music programme at Montmorency high school—(a) a wood-wind teacher for 0.4 time fraction ; (b) a strings teacher for 0.1 time fraction ; and (c) a brass and percussion teacher for 0.6 time fraction, are needed ; if so, what steps he intends taking to ensure the programme's continuity.
245. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether police records are kept of all people who have involvement with the police although they have not been charged with or convicted of any crime.
  2. Whether records of childhood misdemeanours are kept for all time.
248. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the Education Department withdrew from purchasing the school site south of Progress-road between Laurison and Ryans-roads, Eltham North, in favour of the site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road, Eltham North, although the first-mentioned site was previously approved by the Department and the Diamond Valley Shire Council and the appropriate rezoning procedures had been initiated.
  2. Why the Department failed to negotiate the purchase of the school site adjacent to the north boundary of Progress-road from its owners, but began negotiations soon after the developers had obtained a terms agreement from the owners.
249. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what are the minimum qualifications for—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating in each case the number and percentage, respectively, of teachers carrying out these duties who have no other relevant qualifications.
250. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what formula is used by the Education Department to determine numbers of teachers who shall be assigned to particular schools for the purpose of—(a) teaching English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, of eligible schools which have—(i) fewer teachers than their entitlement ; (ii) their actual entitlement of teachers ; and (iii) more teachers than their entitlement.
251. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many teachers are engaged in—(a) teaching of English as a second language ; and (b) multi-cultural education, indicating the number and percentage, respectively, in each case who are working in—(i) primary ; (ii) technical ; (iii) high ; and (iv) other schools or services.
  2. What were the comparable figures on each of the past five years.
253. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education on what date each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh—(a) was visited by school medical officers ; and (b) will receive its next visit.
254. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education how many children in Victorian—(a) primary ; (b) technical ; and (c) high schools have come to Australia as—(i) South American ; (ii) Lebanese ; and (iii) Vietnamese refugees, indicating what special educational support services have been made available to each group in its own language, and what is the number and percentage, respectively, of children in each group who have been able to benefit from each service.
256. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what are the dates on which teachers have been assigned to preparing themselves to meet the language needs of each major ethnic group of refugees which has arrived in Victoria over the past five years, and what was the—(a) number of teachers assigned ; and (b) nature of the training in each case.

257. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each in-service course on multi-cultural education held in each of the past five years.
258. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what arrangements there are for ensuring that students who are not counted as needing English as a second language under the present Education Department statistical formula receive these services on the recommendation of their teachers.
271. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the office bearers of the Tenants Advice Service.
  2. What is the registered address of this organization.
  3. What funding the service is receiving from the Government.
272. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Who are the members of the Regional Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. which encompasses the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. How many electors applied for registration within this region.
275. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What was the enrolment at the commencement of the current school year in each of the primary, secondary and technical schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. What is the present staff employed at each of these schools.
  3. Whether there is any teacher shortage in any particular subject ; if so, which subject and at what school.
276. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what steps, if any, are being taken to redress the situation where anomalies exist between the conditions and wages of teachers in Day Training centres and those of teachers in Special Developmental schools.
279. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. When he intends to approve Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Scheme Amendment No. 21, particularly those aspects of the scheme which relate to the Conservation and landscape interest zones.
  2. How long the Amendment has been waiting for Ministerial approval.
  3. What has been the cause of the delay in Ministerial approval.
  4. What are the estimated effects of further delays on future planning by local government.
289. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Victoria Police Force are engaged on security duties.
  2. How many members of the Force are engaged on security duties involving the Commonwealth of Australia.
  3. How many members of the Force are involved, directly or indirectly, with the Commonwealth Police and/or the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization.
  4. What enquiries are now being undertaken by the Government regarding liaison between the Commonwealth and the Victoria Police Force in relation to the duties of members of the Special Branch of the Force.
291. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of random breath testing—
1. How many—(a) police ; and (b) vehicles are involved in these operations.
  2. During what hours tests are conducted.
  3. Whether all police officers involved in testing are specially trained for the operation.
  4. What areas have been given attention by the random breath test squads.
  5. What criteria are taken into consideration when an area is selected for attention by the squads.
  6. What investigations have been undertaken to establish the effectiveness of random breath testing and what effect it is having on the road toll.
294. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
  2. How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
  3. What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
  4. What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
  5. What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.



310. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has been prevented from paying family support grants designed to avoid children coming or returning "into care" because of lack of funds ; if so—(a) when such payments ceased ; and (b) whether such payments will recommence before the commencement of the 1978-79 financial year.
312. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Oakleigh—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was—(a) the number ; and (b) the percentages of persons killed in each year who were—(i) pedestrians ; (ii) passengers ; (iii) drivers ; (iv) motor cycle riders ; (v) bicycle riders ; (vi) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (vii) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (viii) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (ix) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports, indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
318. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the Country Fire Authority requested a loan allocation of \$8 million for the 1977-78 year, but was in fact only granted \$2.4 million, the Minister can assure the House that a more generous allocation will be allowed in respect of the ensuing financial year.

(Notices received on 8th March, 1978)

324. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in view of the requirement under section 22 (1) (a) of the *Housing Act* 1958 that the Housing Commission was required to obtain his consent to any land purchase, he gave his consent to the purchases at Pakenham, Melton and Sunbury ; if so, what prior steps he took to satisfy himself that no irregularities had occurred in connection with the initiation, negotiation and finalization of those purchases.
336. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the new housing scheme designed to facilitate home ownership for low and moderate income earners, announced as a State Government initiative, is the same scheme announced as part of the 1977-78 Commonwealth Budget and re-announced as part of the Federal Liberal Party election policy ; if not, whether he will provide a detailed breakdown of the sources and extent of funding allocated by the State for the full implementation of the proposal.
339. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in each of the past three years to date—
1. What quantity and worth of illegal shark transported from South Australia or other sources has been seized and what was the mercury or other heavy metal levels of such shark.
  2. What estimated quantity of illegal shark came to Victoria in each year.
345. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What requests for funds for capital works have been made by the Frankston Community Hospital for this financial year and next financial year and what was the result of such requests.
  2. What requests for loan funds have been made by the hospital for this financial year and next financial year stating for what purpose the funds are required, and what was the result of such requests.
  3. What guarantees have been given by the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a flow of funds to complete the building programme stage 1 new development.
350. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each secondary and technical school in the electoral district of Carrum—
1. What was the base establishment figure for staffing in 1977, and the proposed base for 1978, indicating in respect of each year, how many teachers are in excess.
  2. In determining staff levels for 1978, what consideration was given to the specific needs of individual school curricula stating the specific area for each school.
  3. What is proposed for teachers named in excess in 1978, indicating the criteria which will be used to determine whether they remain at the school or are transferred.
351. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what applications have been made by the Chelsea City Council for a grant towards the establishment of the Dyson-road Pre-School Centre at Carrum, stating—(a) the date of the applications and amount requested ; and (b) whether the grant has been deferred ; if so, under what conditions and for how long.
356. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for the upgrading and/or maintenance of Edithvale and Bonbeach railway stations, indicating when work is expected to commence.

*(Notices received on 9th March, 1978)*

366. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether he is aware that although pupils' allowances provide for class materials fees, a number of schools such as Templestowe technical school, are presently demanding payment of such fees, along with a home economics subject levy.
2. Whether the home economics subject levy inhibits pupils from taking this subject.
3. Whether the Government intends to prevent students from acquiring domestic skills, by imposing a home economics subject levy.
4. Whether he is aware that at Templestowe technical school, home economics is the only subject for which a subject levy is imposed.

376. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. What investigations were undertaken into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, indicating—(a) who were the members of the team ; (b) for what period they visited the Yarram district ; and (c) whether their investigations were completed and, if so, when, and with what results.
2. When this matter was first drawn to the attention of the Department of Health by Dr. Woodward and what action was taken at the time.
3. Whether continuing investigations are being undertaken by the Department into a possible link with phenoxy herbicides ; if so, by whom, what is the nature of the investigation and what overseas sources are being studied.

377. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, what was the virus which has been allegedly causing birth defects in animals in the Yarram district, indicating the nature of the evidence for this conclusion and the laboratory tests undertaken.

379. **MR. AMOS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier, following the recommendations contained in the report of the Newport Review Panel, what guidelines the Government has given to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in order to have the State's energy authorities accept the recommendations on energy conservation, specifically referred to by Dr. Ronald Doctor, the United States consultant engaged by the Newport Review Panel.

380. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—

1. How many sawmills at present operate in the area classified as the Land Conservation Council's East Gippsland study area.
2. How many sawmills in the area are situated on public land, indicating—(a) the name and owner of the mill ; (b) the location of the mill ; (c) the type of public land on which it is located ; (d) the length of time it has been at its present site ; (e) the annual rent, rates, and charges paid for the use of this public land ; and (f) the Government Department, public Authority, or any other body to which the rent is paid.

383. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—

1. What is the amount of annual leasing charges and rental per square foot for Education Department Offices within the electoral district of Greensborough, particularly the—(a) Psychology and Guidance Branch in Hobson-street ; (b) Speech Therapy Branch in Main-street ; and (c) District Inspectors Office in Main-street.
2. What was the cost of providing partitions and fittings in the area leased by the Psychology and Guidance Branch at Main-street, Greensborough.

386. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. Whether the \$7,800 authorized in 1974-75 for additions to the trade wing at Keon Park technical school was for establishing urgently required welding facilities.
2. When it is proposed the work will be commenced.
3. Why the work has not been performed.
4. What is the current estimated cost, and what funds are now available for this work.

*(Notices received on 14th March, 1978)*

391. **MR. KENNETT** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What amount is being spent per pupil in—(a) State primary schools ; and (b) State secondary schools by the Victorian Government this school year.
2. What amount is being spent by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, respectively, per pupil in private schools.

394. **MR. KIRKWOOD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the municipalities of Preston, Northcote, Coburg and Heidelberg, respectively—(a) left school ; (b) sat for the Higher School Certificate examination ; and (c) passed the Higher School Certificate examination.

400. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has plans to present the 1978-79 Victorian Budget in the national accounts form presently used by the Commonwealth Government ; if not, whether he will consider implementing the national accounts system for all future State Budgets.
401. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what has been the works and services account expenditure for the six-month period to December, 1977, and what is the percentage increase or decrease over expenditure for the same period in 1976.
409. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What special investigations have been conducted into road transport matters in the Geelong region in the past ten years.
  2. What was the purpose and cost of each such inquiry.
  3. What action has been taken on the various recommendations of each such report.
412. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise—
1. What is the name of the insurance company covering the public risk policy of the City of Coburg.
  2. How many claims have been submitted to the Council under this policy in each of the past five years.
  3. In how many of these claims submitted to the insurers in each of these years liability was admitted by the Council.
  4. What amounts have been paid by the insurers to claimants in each of the past five years.
415. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether officers of the Department of Health conducted a medical examination of employees of Playfair Meat Exports, Dromana, during the year 1978, as a means of assessing the presence of brucellosis ; if so—(a) on what date the examinations were conducted ; (b) how many employees, indicating the category of employees, were involved in the examination ; (c) which officer or officers conducted the examinations ; (d) what were the results of the examinations ; and (e) whether the medical history sheets associated with the exercise are available for perusal by interested people.
420. MR. MCINNES : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, with respect to Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale—
1. Whether the hospital was recommended for major capital works funding in 1976-77 and 1977-78.
  2. Whether the hospital was included in the 1977-78 capital works funding programme ; if not, when it is proposed that the programme will be included for funding.

*(Notices received on 15th March, 1978)*

432. MR. DOUBE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the total yearly container cargo—(a) imported into Australia ; and (b) exported, via Webb Dock, in each of the years from 1975 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What tonnage of this cargo was delivered to rail heads and subsequently transported by the Victorian Railways Board.
  3. What is the estimated import and export of such cargo in each of the next ten years.
  4. What tonnage of export and import container cargo it is estimated will be carried by rail in the State of Victoria following construction of a rail link to Webb Dock.
434. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What is the—(a) name ; and (b) qualification of each member of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing and what is the legal status of the Council.
  2. What assistance the Victorian Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council in—(i) cash ; (ii) land ; and (iii) other forms, indicating in the case of any loans the interest payable and term of the loan.
  3. What assistance the Commonwealth Government has—(a) given ; or (b) promised the Council, indicating in the case of any assistance promised under the Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program the date on which payment is to be made.
435. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether hearing-impaired children placed in the proposed Blackburn Centre of the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing will be subject to assessment by the Ascertainment Committee.
  2. What services offered by the Centre are not clearly available within the existing structure of services for the hearing-impaired child.
  3. Whether it is envisaged that the Centre will charge fees for its services ; if so, at what level.
  4. What will be the basis of selection of the 160 children with normal hearing who will share the Centre facilities, and what per capita contribution the Government will be making to the cost of pre-school education of these children over the above the per capita cost of pre-school education in a conventional centre.

436. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of the *Tattersall Consultations (Gold Lottery Consultations) Act 1977* and associated regulations—
1. Whether any guidelines have been prepared defining—(a) an historical project ; and (b) a community project.
  2. Whether guidelines have yet been prepared for the administration of funds resulting from Gold Lotteries.
  3. Whether a copy of any guidelines can be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  4. Whether application forms for grants are available ; if so, whether copies will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  5. What grants have so far been agreed to, specifying—(a) the amount of the grant ; and (b) whether the total amount has been paid and, if not, when the full amount will be paid.
  6. What organizations currently have applications lodged for funds.
440. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Warrandyte high school—
1. What is the present enrolment and what is the expected enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  2. How many portable class-rooms are in use at the school and how many additional portable class-rooms will be in use in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. When it was determined to establish the school.
  4. Why the school buildings and grounds were not ready for the start of the 1978 school year, and whether all the uncompleted works have now been finalized.
  5. Whether the school was broken into during the first week of the school year ; if so, what was the extent of the loss to the Education Department and what steps have been taken to ensure security at the school.
441. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has received a request from the Benalla Technical School Parents and Citizens Association for the school to become co-educational ; if so, when a decision will be made, and if the request is granted when it will be implemented.
442. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which primary, high and technical schools in Victoria currently employ teacher aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is on a full-time or part-time basis ; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Government.
446. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Glenroy—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated in each case ; if so—(a) what amount ; and (b) when work will commence and be completed, respectively.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated in each case.
  4. What is the present enrolment and number of staff employed.
  5. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what results.
449. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with respect to the Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools Divisions, respectively—
1. What is the number and proportion of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, in each of the fourteen subdivisions in the assistant teacher salary range.
  2. What are the salary subdivisions in the assistant range where incremental advance in salary is dependent upon the holding of prescribed minimum qualification.
  3. At each of the qualification barriers, how many teachers and what proportion of those paid at the specified level are currently being denied salary advancement as a result of insufficient qualifications.
  4. For each salary subdivision where a qualification barrier blocks incremental advancement, what is the number of permanent and temporary teachers, respectively, currently being denied salary advancements in terms of their—(a) years of departmental and/or other approved service ; and (b) chronological ages.
  5. Whether the introduction of the current teachers' salary award resulted in teachers, who under the previous award were paid at the top sub-division of the assistants' range, being paid from some subdivision below the top of the current assistants' range ; if so, to how many teachers in each division this happened and to which salary sub-divisions in the current range they were re-allocated.
  6. In which Australian States teaching experience is recognized as an alternative to academic and/or professional qualifications for the purpose of salary determination.
454. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What funds have been made available for Technical and Further Education publicity for the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78, particularly for the publication of Technical and Further Education News.
  2. Who was responsible for the publication of each edition to date and what was the basis of selection in each case.
  3. Whether tenders are to be invited for the production of future editions.

460. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the question without notice asked on 15th March, 1978, concerning the change over from petrol to liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicles—
1. What was the actual text of the agreement reached between the States and the Commonwealth Governments regarding use of liquid petroleum gas for Government vehicle fleets.
  2. What are the details of the conversion programme for Victoria, indicating the Government Department, or instrumentality involved, vehicle types and target dates.
  3. What moneys the Government has made available to enable the conversion to be effected.

(Notices received on 16th March, 1978)

462. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether there has been a substantial increase in expenditure on entertainment in recent months by the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board ; if so, whether the increase in expenditure is relevant to the interests of grain growers.
  2. What total amount has been expended on entertainment since the present Chairman's appointment to that position.
  3. What amount was expended on entertainment by the previous Chairman of the Board in each of the two years prior to his retirement.
  4. What are the names of persons entertained by the Board since the appointment of the present Chairman.
466. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have had their salary arrangements altered as a result of the Government's decision to cease collecting fees for the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association.
467. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education at which schools strikes have been held in 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, indicating the respective dates.
468. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which teachers have been absent without leave under the terms of the *Public Service Act* 1974 as a result of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association this year.
470. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established—(a) school councils consisting of equal numbers of parents, teachers and students ; (b) school councils without any teacher representatives other than the principal ; and (c) school councils with student representation other than in equal numbers with teachers and parents.
473. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 27 answered on 14th March, 1978, whether the examination of the three brands of snake bite kits included an evaluation of their usefulness and effectiveness ; if so, what was the conclusion of the inspecting officers in each case.

(Notices received on 21st March, 1978)

476. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the Minister is aware of the concern of interstate road hauliers at the Victorian speed limit of 40 m.p.h. imposed on interstate transport vehicles.
  2. If he will ascertain and advise what are the speed limits in all other States.
  3. Whether the Government will review the speed limit to conform with other States.
  4. Whether the Minister will review the present penalties which can result in a truck operator being fined by the court for exceeding the speed limit and then ultimately losing his licence, whereas car drivers may only be liable for on the spot fines.
477. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the permit procedure for organizations wishing to play Bingo has been proved to be adequate.
  2. How many applications have been granted to date.
  3. Whether the Police Force has indicated any concern at Bingo being played on licensed premises since the introduction of the legislation.
  4. Whether the Minister is aware of any abuse of the system to date.
478. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what policy has been developed by the Teachers Tribunal in respect of proposals put to it regarding multi-cultural education.

479. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. How many classes have enrolments greater than 31 in State primary schools.
2. Whether, in view of the 600 fully trained teachers, who were assisted by Education Department scholarships, and who are still unemployed, he will authorize the employment of sufficient of these teachers to reduce all classes to 31 students.

482. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Brunswick the first and any subsequent reports of investigations into the reported high rate of birth defects at Yarram, and whether the Minister will lay the relevant file on the table of the Library.

484. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether the Social Welfare Department has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme"; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

496. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. What is the present strength of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in all ranks.
2. What is the—(a) establishment; and (b) actual strength of each platoon at each station, indicating the number of officers and firefighters, respectively.
3. How many officers and firefighters respectively the Brigade is below minimum level.
4. Whether it is intended to bring the manning up to the minimum level of officers and firefighters as required; if so, when.
5. When the necessary number of officers will be promoted to increase officer strength to the required minimum.
6. When the necessary number of firefighters will be employed to increase the strength to the required minimum.
7. Whether any delays in the promotion of officers and the employment of firefighters will leave Melbourne with a fire service operating under the required minimum.
8. Whether the deflation of staff will have an effect on the efficiency of the Brigade and the morale of the existing staff.
9. How many times during the past twelve months it has been necessary to transfer officers and firefighters to make up strength either from shift to shift or station to station, indicating from which and to what station staff was transferred and why.
10. Whether the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board intends employing sufficient staff to enable it to operate above the minimum manning.
11. What was the cost to the Board, including all penalties, to operate relieving staff and stand-by staff during the past twelve months.

497. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the officers of the Preston City Council have provided details of—(a) the number of building allotments in the area to be served by the proposed Keon Park primary school; and (b) a vehicular and pedestrian link from the Lockton-avenue estate through Barrow-street to the school site; if so, what are the details, including the—(i) number of lots; (ii) number of existing houses; (iii) cost of road construction; (iv) cost of water reticulation services; (v) cost of sewerage services; (vi) cost of electrical reticulation; (vii) type of bridge construction and road works associated with the Barrow-street link; and (viii) any other relevant information.

504. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—

1. How many building blocks in the area controlled by the Westernport Regional Planning Authority have been found unsuitable for building development, indicating who is now responsible for payment of rates on these blocks.
2. What future use will be made of these blocks, indicating whether the present owners are to be compensated by the Authority.

507. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—

1. How many municipalities in the Metropolitan area levy a residential use rate.
2. When the residential use rate was introduced and for what purpose.
3. Whether a municipality has the right to adjust the residential use rate to counteract rises in valuations or other circumstances; if so, by what method.
4. In what year the City of Coburg adopted a residential use rate and what rate was agreed on.
5. Whether the City of Coburg has ever made any adjustment to its residential use rate; if so, in what years and what rate was accepted in each case.
6. How many ratepayers in the City other than pensioners are receiving rate assistance, indicating the type of rate assistance being extended.
7. How many pensioners in the City benefit from the State rate remission system.

508. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—

1. How many children attending primary schools in each of the past three years within the City of Coburg have been found to be infected with head lice.
2. What method is used to treat the infection.
3. Whether the Minister will consider attaching trained staff to those schools in which head lice is of regular occurrence; if not, why.

*(Notices received on 22nd March, 1978)*

512. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. What has caused the delay in purchasing land for Seaford Park primary school; indicating—  
(a) when negotiations began; (b) whether action was taken to compulsorily acquire the land and, if so, when; and (c) whether negotiations, including valuations, have been completed; if so, when.
2. When it is expected that tenders will be called for the building of the school, indicating—  
(a) when it is expected to complete the project; and (b) when the school is expected to be opened.

514. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what was the growth in sales of gas in each of the past five years, indicating the projected growth in each case and the areas where the growth in consumption has occurred.

515. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister intends introducing legislation which will provide a form of insurance covering deficient title caused by a vehicle being sold whilst under lien to a finance institution; if so, when.

516. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—

1. What is the number of registered professional fishermen in Victoria.
2. How many professional fishing licences have been issued in each of the past ten years.
3. Whether the total number of licensed fishermen has varied over the past ten years.
4. What amounts have been allocated in the State Budget for the control of fishing in each of the past ten years.
5. How many inspectors of ocean fishing there are, indicating whether the number has increased during the past ten years.
6. How many prosecutions have been launched for undersized—(a) scallops; and (b) fish, during each of the past five years.
7. What production figures are available for dredging scallops in each of the past ten years.

517. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association in each of the years from 1970 to 1977 inclusive—

1. Which schools experienced such strikes.
2. On which dates the strikes were held.
3. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
4. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.

518. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in which subject areas in the secondary and technical divisions, respectively, there are currently—(a) unemployed teachers; and (b) employment vacancies, indicating the numbers involved in each case.

519. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—

1. How many registered teachers are currently unemployed in the—(a) primary; (b) secondary; and (c) technical divisions.
2. How many appropriately qualified primary teachers are currently unemployed in the—  
(a) migrant; (b) music; (c) physical education; (d) library; and (e) art/craft categories.

520. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of strikes held during 1978 by members of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association—

1. How many students were dismissed from schools on each occasion.
2. In respect of how many students normal classes were disrupted on each occasion.

521. MR. LACY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of primary, secondary, and technical schools, respectively, which schools have established school councils with—(a) one; (b) two; (c) three; (d) four; (e) five; and (f) more than five teacher representatives.

522. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what amounts were allocated in the 1977-78 Budget to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division for the purpose of purchasing land, indicating—(a) how much has been spent to date ; (b) what departments undertake land purchases for the Division ; and (c) what steps will be taken to ensure that the allocation will be fully spent.
528. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, in respect of the ten point plan for decentralization implemented by the Department of State Development in September, 1972—
1. What number of industries have taken advantage of the Governments incentives, indicating how many of these industries have built new factories or major extensions since that date.
  2. Which industries have built new factories or major extensions since September, 1972, indicating the factory name, main product, location and number of employees in each case.
529. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department was involved in any way with a contract for the building of an Arts Centre at Wangaratta during 1976-77.
  2. Who were the tenderers and what was the amount tendered by each tenderer.
  3. Who were the signatories to the main building contract and when the contract was signed with the successful tenderers, indicating the name of the successful tenderer.
  4. Why competitive tenders were called.
  5. On what grounds the decision was made to award the contract to the successful tenderer.
  6. What was the date scheduled for the completion of the contract and the actual date of completion.
  7. Whether the original contract was recently cancelled.
  8. Who was the architect appointed to supervise construction of the contract.
530. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether the Education Department is investigating the confinement leave provision relating to female teachers within the teaching service.
  2. Whether abolition of confinement leave could allow for the employment of all unemployed teachers in the Primary Division.
  3. Whether continuation of the present trend in the ratio of female primary teachers to male primary teachers will result in a large percentage of primary schools being staffed completely by female teachers in future.
  4. Whether the Government has any control over the intake of students at State Colleges of Victoria to ensure a greater percentage of male teachers at the colleges.
  5. Whether the Government will be taking action to correct the imbalance between the number of male and female teachers.
532. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in cases where a motor vehicle has been seriously damaged by accident and the insurance company has permitted repairs to be carried out by the "cut and shut" method in order to save an overall pay out, whether the Minister would take the initiative to see that the onus of responsibility for a roadworthiness test should be accepted by the respective insurance company and not the insured.
538. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the detailed energy policy for conservation of resources and how it is being applied.
  2. Whether he endorses the findings of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977, indicating any areas of disagreement.
539. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the median age of teachers in each of the three divisions of the teaching service.
  2. Whether the Minister will give consideration to the provision of a by-pass procedure to allow experience of older teachers to be taken into account to ease the problem of qualification-linked salary barriers, at least within the assistant class salary range.
- (Notices received on 4th April, 1978)*
543. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning—
1. What action the Government proposes taking to preserve Clarendon Terrace, Clarendon-street, East Melbourne from demolition.
  2. Who is the present owner of the building.
  3. When the structure was built.
  4. What are the dimensions of the site.
  5. What is the estimated cost of restoration.



552. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of each of the freight centres in Victoria—
1. What was the date of commencement in each case and what are the projected dates of opening for each future centre.
  2. In the case of each centre, how many zones have been created, indicating generally the areas in each zone.
  3. In respect of each zone—(a) who were the successful road transport contractors ; (b) who made the decision to appoint such contractors ; and (c) what rates were set.
553. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to his statement on the West Gate Bridge on 7th September, 1977—
1. As the stated reasons for the delays in construction amounted to 152 working weeks, what are the reasons for the additional delays which will result in completion of the project eight years behind schedule.
  2. What proportion of the daily cost of delays of \$35,000 is attributable to interest charges.
554. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, further to question No. 2609 answered on 4th October, 1977—
1. What were the reasons for the Government adopting the report on the “ outer ring ” freeway.
  2. Who evaluated the plan and how.
  3. What is the—(a) expected cost ; and (b) estimated date of completion of the outer ring freeway.
  4. Whether it is expected that the outer ring freeway will increase or depress motor vehicle usage.
556. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many traffic accidents involving pedestrians, motor cars, motor cycles, bicycles, motor trucks, and motor buses, respectively, have taken place at the intersection of Mitcham and Springfield-roads, Nunawading in each year since 1955.
  2. How many persons have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured in traffic accidents at the intersection in each year since 1955.
  3. Whether any requests have been made to the Government or to the Road Safety and Traffic Authority or to any Minister for traffic control lights to be erected at the intersection ; if so, by whom, to whom, and on what date each such request was made.
  4. Whether it is proposed to construct traffic control lights at the intersection ; if so—(a) when such traffic control lights or signals will be constructed ; and (b) what priority number has been allocated to that intersection.
  5. Whether any—(a) traffic flow studies ; (b) pedestrian activity studies ; and (c) studies as to the need for access to or egress from adjoining properties have been carried out at the intersection ; if so, by whom, when each such study was carried out, and what facts were ascertained from each study.
557. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What toothpastes currently offered for sale in Victoria contain chloroform as an ingredient, indicating in the case of each brand the percentage of chloroform.
  2. For what purpose chloroform is used in an ingredient.
  3. Whether chloroform is carcinogenic.
  4. What action he will take to investigate the possible risks of using chloroform in toothpastes and, if there is a degree of danger, to so advise the public.
560. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport, with respect to commuters who travel to and from work on all or most working days by public transport in the Melbourne Transportation District, what is the average daily number of commuters, indicating what proportion are—(a) white collar workers ; and (b) blue collar workers.
561. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what Asian languages are being taught in State primary, secondary or technical schools, respectively, indicating in each case, the name of the school, the language taught, the levels at which such languages are taught, and the numbers of pupils and staff involved.
562. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain and inform whether chloroform was banned in the United States in April, 1976 as an ingredient in toothpaste, cough medicines and other drugs and whether the Commonwealth Government Laboratories tested toothpastes available in Australia and found that 10 of 38 brands contained chloroform.
  2. What cough medicines and other proprietary remedies currently available contain chloroform as an ingredient.

565. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. What steps are being taken to provide additional aid to the Children's Protection Society in view of estimates by the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that as many as 13,500 Australian children may be deliberately injured every year.
  2. What action is anticipated to ensure—(a) mandatory notification by doctors, and other health professionals and teachers of suspected cases of child bashing ; (b) preventative programmes ; (c) referral centres ; and (d) additional social workers for the Children's Protection Society.
566. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Minister has received requests from a number of municipalities in Victoria for the introduction of legislation making compulsory the wearing of hard hats or safety helmets by persons riding horses ; if so, whether he has considered the matter, and what action is contemplated.
570. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what avenues for training and/or retraining to each skilled trade or industry sector are available to—(a) unskilled ; and (b) semi-skilled workers over the age of 24 years.
571. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will take action as a matter of urgency to require the Department of Labour and Industry and the Education Department to implement programmes of English language teaching in industry in consultation with employer and trade union organizations.
574. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing what total amount so far has been allocated and expended, respectively, and how many applications so far—(a) have been received ; (b) have been approved ; (c) have been rejected ; and (d) are waiting assessment, in respect of—(i) the scheme announced on 26th February, 1978, under which young couples buying their first home block were to be required to find 25 per centum only of the price in cash and were to be able to re-pay the rest at 10 per centum interest over ten years ; (ii) the scheme announced on 13th December, 1977, under which \$100 million from private lending sources was to be channelled into co-operative building societies for loans to home buyers at 8·5 per centum interest ; (iii) the scheme announced on 29th December, 1977, under which \$25 million from the State Savings Bank of Victoria and five private banks was to be channelled into 49 co-operative housing societies for first mortgage loans of up to \$25,000 to home buyers at 9·25 per centum interest and second mortgage loans of up to \$5,000 at 10 per centum interest ; and (iv) the scheme announced on 13th March, 1978, under which the price of a block of land was to be reduced by \$3,000 and the price of a home-land package was to be reduced by \$5,000.
581. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning what land has been purchased by the Urban Land Council since 1st January, 1976, indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location ; (b) title particulars ; (c) the area ; (d) what price was paid ; (e) what development works had been carried out prior to purchase ; (f) what development works have been carried out since purchase, by whom, and at what cost ; and (g) what development works remain to be carried out prior to resale and what is the estimated costs of such work.
585. MR. TREWIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport with respect to the Wallan section of the Hume Freeway—
1. From what source funds will be made available to meet the cost of—(a) the visit of the expert from England to advise on future work on the pavement area ; and (b) the reforming and sealing of the Freeway.
  2. Whether such moneys will be obtained from—(a) taxpayers of Victoria ; (b) the Country Roads Board ; (c) national highway funds ; or (d) the contractors originally involved in building the Freeway.
587. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many professional officers of the Country Fire Authority have been transferred and how much money has been spent on transfer expenses in each of the past two years.
  2. What allowance is available to a professional officer to transfer his family.
  3. If he will ascertain and advise what is the average cost to the officer and his family of such transfers.
  4. Whether consideration is being given to establishing an Appeals Tribunal ; if so, with what powers and with what constitution.
589. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the report of the Advisory Committee into the Future Operations and Funding of Community Education Centres has been finalized ; if so, what guidelines for this project are contained in the Report.
590. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether there has been any increase in the \$30 maintenance allocation via the direct grant scheme for portable class-rooms.
591. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many applications for positions in the Education Department were received from non-bonded teachers for the current school year, indicating how many of these applicants have been employed to date.

592. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What is the estimated cost of damage incurred in the bush fires found to be the fault of the State Electricity Commission.
  2. Whether the Commission is liable for compensation for the damage incurred ; if so, what will be the method of payment.

595. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing if he will lay on the table of the Library the reports and records of interviews by former Chief Inspector McDowell, and Chief Inspector Baker, pertaining to the Housing Commission purchases at Pakenham, Sunbury and Melton which were called for by the Minister of Housing prior to and during the recent inquiry into land purchases by the Housing Commission.

*(Notices received on 5th April, 1978)*

600. MR. AUSTIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What progress the Government has made to get insurance companies to divert funds to assist the housing industry.
  2. Whether there is a proposal whereby the Government will subsidize interest rates to attract up to \$100 million from the funds of insurance companies to assist the housing industry ; if so, whether the offer is still open ; if not, what other steps the Government will take to arrest the decline in home building in Victoria.

602. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Planning whether land has been purchased by the Government in the vicinity of Hann's Inlet, Crib Point ; if so, in respect of each purchase—(a) what amount of land was involved ; (b) what price was paid ; (c) who was the vendor ; (d) what was the date of purchase ; and (e) what was the reason for the purchase.

609. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether the Chief Secretary's Office is currently considering the introduction of legislation in relation to the cost incurred by sporting clubs in paying for workers compensation premiums ; if so, whether he can inform the House when legislation will be introduced into Parliament to allow for relief similar to that proposed in New South Wales and South Australia.

613. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will provide all relevant information covering arrangements regarding the superannuation rights for School Council employed personnel.

614. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. In each of the past 15 years how many people have been—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, in road accidents in Victoria.
  2. Whether age categories are available in respect of the killed and injured ; if so, what are the details.

*(Notices received on 6th April, 1978)*

618. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether, within recent years, the National Health and Research Council has undertaken a microbiological survey of certain foods, particularly ready-to-eat take-away foods such as chicken or rissoles, with a view to detecting salmonella organisms ; if so, whether the survey produced comprehensive data on micro-organisms in certain types of food and, in that event, what is the nature of the reports from the Council and has the Minister received reports from Victorian health inspectors dealing with possible contamination of take-away foods.

619. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister will ascertain whether attempts have been made overseas to dispense with or limit the use of saccharin as a sweetener on the grounds that it is a health hazard.
  2. Whether the Department of Health has received any notice of concern ; if so, what action has been taken to thoroughly investigate allegations and publicize the results of those investigations.

621. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What are the proposed construction and completion dates of the swimming pool at the Police Academy.
  2. Whether tenders have been called for the construction ; if so, how many tenders have been received.
  3. What is the estimated total cost of the project.

624. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education with regard to the Adult Migrant Education Branch of the Education Department—
1. What is the function of the panel of eight advisory teachers who conduct visitations to the continuation centres.
  2. What are the names of the members of the panel.
  3. What are their—(a) general teaching qualifications ; (b) qualifications to teach English as a second or foreign language ; and (c) length of teaching experience in teaching English as a second or foreign language.
  4. How many visitations were conducted in the years 1976 and 1977 and how many visitations have been conducted so far in 1978.
  5. At which centres the visitations were made.
  6. What has been the purpose of each individual visitation.
625. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what in-service projects are planned for migrant services and community education for this year, indicating for which specific group or groups each in-service programme is intended.
626. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. On what dates Huntingdale High School drew attention to the inadequacy of its library facilities or made application for the construction of a new library, and what was the response in each case.
  2. Whether approval has been given for the construction of a new library ; if so, when construction is likely to commence.
638. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the extent of community group representation on the Community Education Committee.
639. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he has invited the Ministers for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Youth, Sport and Recreation to appoint a representative from each of their Departments to the Community Education Committee ; if so, whether he intends to do so, and, if not, why.
  2. Why there is no Education Department Migrant Services representation on the Community Education Committee.
640. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to District Inspectors of primary schools in each Education Department Region and the Melbourne metropolitan area—
1. What is the name of the Inspector in each District.
  2. What is the address of the office of each Inspector.
641. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. When the Committee was appointed to report to him on the development of Neighbourhood Learning Centres.
  2. Who are the members of the Committee.
  3. Whether the Committee has reported yet ; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the report to the Member for Footscray.
  4. What funds have been made available this financial year to assist such centres and how this allocation has been spent.
646. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer which departments have—(a) over-spent ; and (b) under-spent their Budget allocations in each of the past five financial years, and what was the—(i) amount ; and (ii) percentage of the discrepancy in each case.
647. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the State Electricity Commission in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.
648. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what amount of finance the Government has made available to the Victorian Railways in each of the past five financial years, and what was the source of the funds used in each case.
649. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the nature of each major development project to be carried out by the State Electricity Commission over the next five financial years, and in each case what is—(a) the estimated cost ; and (b) the proposed source of funds.
653. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. What is the required minimum for cash balances in the current financial year and what was the required minimum in each of the preceding five years.
  2. What was the formula used to determine the required minimum in each case.

(Notices received on 11th April, 1978)

657. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral districts of Mitcham, Forest Hill, Doncaster and Ringwood—
1. What capital works are to be commenced during 1978.
  2. Whether funds have been allocated ; if so, in respect of each project—(a) what amount ; (b) when work will commence ; and (c) what is the estimated time of completion.
  3. What maintenance works are planned and what amount has been allocated.
  4. What is the present enrolment.
  5. What staff is presently employed.
  6. Whether requests have been received for migrant English classes and teachers ; if so, from which schools and with what result.
658. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. How many road fatalities there were in each of the past five years, and what was the number and percentage of persons killed in each year who were—(a) pedestrians ; (b) passengers ; (c) drivers ; (d) motorcycle riders ; (e) bicycle riders ; (f) travelling at speeds greater than the prescribed speed limit ; (g) showing blood alcohol readings between 0 and .05 per cent ; (h) showing blood alcohol readings in excess of .05 per cent ; and (i) under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.
  2. Whether there are any reports indicating that particular sections of road, intersections or other features of the road system in the electoral district constitute or contribute to a traffic hazard ; if so—(a) what are the sections, intersections or other features concerned ; and (b) what plans there are for overcoming the hazards.
662. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, with regard to the Nunawading, Doncaster and Doncaster East police stations, respectively—
1. How many police personnel of each rank, man the station for each shift.
  2. What proportion of time on duty is spent out of the station and what is the apportionment of time between general patrol work and each other activity.
  3. What are the boundaries of the area serviced from the station.
  4. What vehicles are attached to the station.
  5. What radio communications equipment is attached to the station.
  6. What plans there are for expanding local police services in each of the years 1979 to 1983, inclusive.
  7. What Criminal Investigation Branch coverage there is in these districts.
  8. Whether Criminal Investigation Branch patrols of each of these districts are conducted in unmarked cars.
663. MR. EVANS (*Ballarat North*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether, in view of the recent spate of burglaries and other vandalism at the Ballarat North Technical School, the Education Department will give consideration to authorizing the building of a caretaker's cottage at this school.
664. MR. REMINGTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many accidents involving horse riders whose injuries were considered to have been increased through not wearing helmets were recorded in 1977.
  2. What is the incidence of rider fatalities arising from horse-riding accidents.
665. MR. KIRKWOOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in each of the past ten years, how many students attending schools in the Mitcham area and in the municipalities of Ringwood, and Doncaster and Templestowe, respectively—(a) left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate ; and (b) sat for and passed this examination.
667. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the Maroondah Police District, whether there has been an increase or decrease in the incidence of major criminal offences in the past five years, indicating the type of offence and the ratio of apprehension and conviction in relation to the number of offences.
669. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Which schools for the deaf now have the wireless link system installed and what has been the result of the experiment with this system.
  2. What facilities are available within the electoral district of Coburg for children who are affected by deafness.

671. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what were the—(a) names ; and (b) positions of the Country Roads Board engineers who advised the present Minister of Special Education that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas, and what was the—(i) date ; and (ii) form of their advice.
672. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. What stage has been reached with the urban renewal proposal for the Shire of Yackandandah.
  2. How and when the proposal will be implemented.
  3. Whether he will arrange for the file concerning the above matter to be laid on the table of the Library.
675. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many children are eligible for public sector education under the terms of the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973* and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are currently—(i) enrolled at government schools ; (ii) enrolled at non-government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. What means, if any, the Education Department uses to advise parents of the right of handicapped children to be educated by the State.
680. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What funds have been made available to buy back land in environmentally sensitive areas for conservation purposes in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and area of each purchase.
  2. What funds are expected to be available for the purpose in the next twelve months.
681. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether any pesticides available over the counter in Victoria have been placed under strict control in the United States of America ; if so—(a) how many products on sale here have restrictions placed on their use, sale and storage in that country, naming the products in each case, and the percentage concentration of the pesticide ; and (b) whether for health and environment reasons the Government is investigating the need to license operators.
685. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of State Electricity Commission activities—
1. Whether existing or prospective customers have indicated a major growth in demand for electricity ; if so, what are the details of the expected growth and the anticipated new customers.
  2. How many personnel are specifically employed by the Commission to develop energy conservation priorities, giving in each case a breakdown of each officer's responsibilities in this area, and listing the actual conservation projects, if any, being undertaken.
  3. Whether the Commission allocated any part of its advertising budget to energy conservation advertisements in the 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 financial years ; if so, how many advertisements have been published, indicating—(a) in which media outlet ; (b) at what cost ; (c) the name of the publication in each case ; (d) the date of publication ; and (e) a brief summary or copy of each advertisement.
  4. What are the growth forecasts in—(a) domestic transactions ; (b) commercial transactions ; (c) industrial transactions ; (d) public lighting ; (e) bulk sales ; and (f) other Commission activities for each of the next ten years.
689. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, concerning the recent tour of phytophthora infected forest areas in the Yarram district by the Native Forests Action Council—(a) whether a technical assistant with the Forests Commission was sent to Yarram to join the tour and, if so, why the local officer was not used ; and (b) whether any report was submitted by the officer and, if so, whether the Minister will lay a copy on the table of the Library.
690. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the Education Department has any day-time facilities for further education of handicapped children other than those at Montague and Bendigo ; if so, where, and what is the number of places available at each establishment.
691. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many deaf-blind children of school age there are in Victoria, and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who are—(i) enrolled in Government schools ; (ii) enrolled in non-Government schools ; and (iii) not attending school.
  2. Whether it is the policy of the Government to provide education for deaf-blind children in separate schools ; if so, what is the number of places—(a) available ; and (b) planned, indicating the years in which planned places are to become available.
  3. Why it has been necessary for groups concerned with the education of deaf-blind children to organize the current " Silent Night " appeal.
  4. What are the precise aims of the appeal, given the Government's obligations to provide education for deaf-blind children under the *Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1973*.
  5. Whether the appeal is being conducted after full consultation with and approval by the Education Department.

693. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What regulations are in force to provide for the adequate sound-proofing of music rooms in Victorian schools.
  2. What steps will be taken to provide for adequate sound-proofing of music rooms at Mitcham high school.
694. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what proposals are currently under consideration to broaden the powers and responsibilities of principals in Victorian primary schools.
695. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare—
1. Whether it is the usual practice of the Social Welfare Department to refuse to help persons who have visited the Melbourne office, rather than a regional office which is zoned as being their area.
  2. Why a resident of Diamond Creek must go to the Preston office of the Department when requiring help or advice, when Preston is an inconvenient suburb to travel to and from by public transport and the city office is more accessible.
697. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Whether any student attending a high or technical school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit.
  2. Whether any student attending a special school or special developmental school is required to leave school by reason only of having reached an upper age limit ; if so, what is the reason for this difference.
  3. Whether parents of handicapped children are advised of their right to assessment of the handicapped child by a Special Education Authority.
  4. How many handicapped children were assessed by a Special Education Authority in 1974 and each subsequent year for which information is available, and in each case what was the number of children whose parents were advised that they should—(a) leave; and (b) continue school as a result of the assessment.
  5. How many children fifteen years of age and over were enrolled at special schools or special developmental schools in each of the five most recent years for which information is available, and in each year, what was the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of these children who left school.
- (Notices received on 12th April, 1978)
700. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each education region in Victoria—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated in the 1976-77 financial year.
  2. What was the amount of unexpended funds in the 1976-77 financial year.
  3. What was the breakdown of total amounts of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance.
  4. What amounts were unexpended in each of the general categories, indicating the reasons for the failure to expend such funds.
  5. Whether unexpended funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  6. Whether any region expended more than the sum of money allocated.
704. MR. CATHE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to question No. 1211 answered on 3rd May, 1977 and the statement that research projects directly funded by the Victorian Government in 1976-77 will require the expenditure of approximately \$700,000—(a) what projects were included ; and (b) what amount was set aside for each project.
705. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the proposed legislation to legalize chiropractors, what steps have been taken or are proposed to amend the definition of " medical service " in the *Workers Compensation Act* 1958 to ensure that workers seeking the services of chiropractors for relief from back pain are not required to do so at their own expense in cases where workers compensation liability exists.
706. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the case put to the Honorable the Chief Secretary by representatives of 42 fire fighters for inclusion in the current superannuation scheme has been referred to him for consideration ; if so—(a) when ; and (b) with what result.
707. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What total amount of funds was allocated to the Preston region in the 1976-77 financial year, indicating the breakdown of funds allocated in the general categories such as capital works and maintenance and the amount unexpended in each category.
  2. Why some funds were not expended in the Preston region and whether the funds were returned to Consolidated Revenue.
  3. Whether the funds were re-directed in any way and used for another purpose ; if so, what purpose.
  4. What assurances exist to ensure that there will be no under-expenditure in the region in 1977-78.

710. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether in May, 1974, the Glenroy West Primary school was recommended for staff administration improvements and provision of art facilities by the operation upgrade task force ; if so, when these improvements will take place.
  2. Whether he will lay on the table of the Library the file and memoranda relating to this matter.
711. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether rents paid by pensioners for Housing Commission accommodation are to be increased following the next half-yearly pension increase.
714. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether there are any regulations which apply to the safe storage and security of poisonous chemicals ; if so, which regulations, and whether the various premises occupied by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey throughout Victoria comply with such regulations.
717. MR. WILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What contracts were cancelled in the northern region in the past financial year which resulted in \$2.11 million of the region's allocation for capital works being unspent.
  2. What contracts were cancelled in other regions during the past financial year, giving the name of the region, the details of the contracts, and the amount of capital funds left unspent in each case.

*(Notices received on 13th April, 1978)*

719. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare in respect of women's refuges or half-way houses—
1. What investigations the Government has undertaken into the needs for such services and whether copies of such investigations will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  2. Whether the State has purchased or intends to purchase, any properties for such use ; if so, where.
  3. Whether the Government proposes to provide additional facilities ; if so, what facilities, indicating when and where.
  4. When money made available by the Commonwealth will be provided to existing services and new services, respectively, indicating on what basis and for which service.
721. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs in respect of the professional complaints mentioned in Appendix "C" of the Report of the Director of Consumer Affairs for the year ended 30th June, 1977—
1. How many of the complaints in each category were justified in the view of the Ministry and what action was taken.
  2. Whether any of the complaints were referred to the relevant State Registration Board ; if so, with what result.
724. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of small-pox injections for children—
1. Whether the World Health Organization, the National Health and Medical Research Council, and medical advisers in the Department of Health, respectively, no longer recommend such injections.
  2. Why the Department of Health is still either encouraging or directing infant welfare sisters and similar persons to give small-pox injections.
725. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of evaluations of the Knox Early Childhood Development Project—
1. Apart from the initial evaluation report already published by the Department of Health, what other evaluation of the project has been carried out, indicating when and by whom.
  2. Whether any other reports have been prepared ; if so, by whom, when they were delivered to the relevant sections of the Department, and when it is expected that the reports will be released.
729. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What is the proposed work programme to eliminate the hazard created by the Tottenham Railway gates.
  2. What contracts have been let to date, indicating the nature of each contract.
  3. When it is expected that the railway gates will be removed and Ashley-street opened to continuous through traffic.
730. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Which schools in the electoral district of Sunshine have been visited by medical and dental units during the past two years for the purposes of checking sight, hearing and teeth, respectively, of pupils, indicating the major areas of problems highlighted by the checks.
  2. Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend school medical services ; if so, how.



731. MR. MCKELLAR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of each of the past five financial years, and in this financial year to date—
1. What countries were visited by the Victorian grower member representatives on the Australian Wheat Board on behalf of that Board and what was the destination in each case.
  2. What was the purpose of each visit.
  3. What staff members of the Board accompanied either of these members on each visit.
  4. What was the total cost of each visit.
  5. What was the individual cost in respect of each grower member.
  6. Whether any other persons were included in these visits at Board expense ; if so—(a) what are their names and addresses ; (b) what was their expertise ; and (c) what was the individual cost of each of their visits.

732. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he is aware of the special problems faced by schools in the inner suburbs.
  2. Whether one of the central recommendations of the task force investigating the needs of schools in the inner suburban areas was that classes in inner suburban schools should have no more than 20 students ; if so—(a) what action has been taken to implement this recommendation ; (b) why staffing in inner suburban schools has never been close to the level recommended ; and (c) why, over the past few weeks, the Education Department has been performing exactly the opposite function to that recommended by the task force, in that it has set arbitrary guidelines in respect of staff ceiling which take no account of the particular problems faced by inner suburban schools.
  3. Whether he will consider returning transferred staff to Gold-street, Abbotsford, Highett-street and Richmond primary schools.

733. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. In respect of the School Medical Service during 1977—(a) how many children were examined ; (b) in respect of the routine initial medical examination, how many children were—(i) examined ; and (ii) not examined ; (c) what specialist examinations were conducted ; and (d) how many schools were not visited by—(i) medical officers, (ii) nursing staff ; and (iii) medical officers and nursing staff.
  2. What was the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at 31st March, 1978.

*(Notices received on 18th April, 1978)*

738. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation in the past two years to date, what levels of lead emissions from motor cars have been recorded in Melbourne, indicating—(a) the points where tests were taken ; (b) how these readings compare with air quality levels in Europe and California ; (c) the amount of lead additives currently allowed in petrol ; and (d) the year when the standard will become more stringent, indicating the level of the proposed standard.
740. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether any research has been undertaken on the breakdown products of current herbicides especially in lakes and streams.
  2. Whether any research has been undertaken into the rate of dilution in streams adjacent to sprayed areas, and whether the Department of Health or any other department takes regular samples of water, testing specifically for dioxin ; if so, with what results.
741. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what has been the cost in each of the past three years of annual ragwort and blackberry control, indicating the cost and amounts respectively, of herbicides used, the amounts charged to landholders, and the estimated labour costs of the programme.
743. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. What principles are laid down in the Pesticides Review Committee Code of practice for large scale applications of 24D and 245T.
  2. What checks of dioxin levels are taken and how regularly.
  3. What checks are taken concerning the display, storage, transport and use of plenoxy herbicides.
744. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands, in respect of the Land Conservation Council report on the Mallee Study Area, how many farmers hold leases in the Pine Plains area, stating in each case—(a) their name ; (b) the period of the lease ; (c) the rental ; (d) the size of the area ; and (e) the value per acre.

748. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many crimes were reported to the Coburg, Pascoe Vale and Fawkner police stations, respectively, during 1977.
750. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the Country Roads Board has obtained the necessary approvals required to realign the section of Boundary-road, Merlynston between Merlyn-street and Sydney-road ; if so, when it is anticipated funds will be available to carry out the realignment.
752. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When it is anticipated work will commence on the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Boundary-road and Sussex-street, North Coburg, listed for construction this financial year.
  2. When the traffic signals recently constructed at the intersection of Sussex-street and O'Heas-street, Coburg will become operative.
757. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether any arrangements have been made by the Motor Registration Branch for the production of drivers licence examination papers in the Arabic and Turkish languages ; if so, when such papers can be expected to be available.
758. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport what sums of money were paid by the Victorian Railways Board to taxi firms in each of the past three years and what are the details concerning these payments.
759. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the sale of analgesics in supermarkets, whether the attention of the Minister and the Department of Health has been drawn to either campaigns advertising cut price analgesics, or the sale of analgesics at special prices ; if so, what action has been taken in relation to this matter, particularly in view of the National Health and Medical Research Council's report on the sale of analgesics.
760. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospital Development programme—
1. Which works were carried out during the 1976-77 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  2. What works are being undertaken in the 1977-78 financial year, specifying—(a) the hospital ; (b) the project ; (c) the amount spent in the financial year ; and (d) whether the project is completed and, if not, when it is expected that it will be completed.
  3. Whether discussions have occurred in respect of the 1978-79 financial year ; if so, when ; if not, why.
761. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of grants from the Youth Fund in the 1977-78 financial year—
1. Whether there was a delay in the assessment and notification of applications from youth groups ; if so, why and what was the time of the delay.
  2. On what basis officers determine grants to individual groups, indicating whether by visit or by discussion with people involved in the youth group, and particularly the Youth Group Programme.
  3. How many grants made in the 1976-77 financial year and in 1977-78 to date, are from—(a) \$1 to \$50 ; (b) \$51 to \$100 ; (c) \$101 to \$200 ; (d) \$201 to \$500 ; (e) \$501 to \$1,000 ; (f) \$1,001 to \$2,000 ; and (g) \$2,001 and over.
  4. When it is expected that applications made before 1st May, 1978 for the 1978-79 financial year will be processed and applicants notified.
762. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer further to the question without notice asked on Thursday, 13th April, concerning family supportive grants through the Social Welfare Department—
1. What funds were made available in the 1976-77 financial year and what funds were originally made available for the 1977-78 financial year.
  2. How much additional funding has so far been made available to the Department and how much further additional money will now be made available.

763. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Merri primary school—
1. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick concerning proposed building works at the school dated 1st July, 1977 and acknowledged on 12th July, 1977.
  2. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 2841 asked on 15th November, 1977.
  3. When he will be in a position to answer question No. 87 placed on the Notice Paper on the first day of the current Sessional period.
  4. When he will be in a position to answer the letter from the Member for Brunswick of 23rd December, 1977 concerning the need for works at the school, which so far has not been acknowledged.
  5. When he will be able to reply to the remarks concerning the school made by the Member for Brunswick during the adjournment debate of 9th March, 1978.
765. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport regarding the amount of \$24,041,489 shown as "management and operating expenses" on page 49 of the 1977 annual report of the Country Roads Board—
1. How much is related to each category of road.
  2. How much is related to specific major projects.
  3. Whether part of this amount is allocated to specific projects in arriving at the declared cost.
768. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply ; how many houses in the electoral district of Knox are—(a) presently serviced by mains sewer ; and (b) expected to be serviced at the end of each of the next ten years, indicating in each case, what percentage of all homes in Knox is represented by these figures.
770. MR. MUTTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many pupils attend each primary, secondary and technical school, respectively, in the electoral district of Coburg.
  2. Whether any of the schools have exceeded their maximum student intake ; if so, which schools.
  3. What is the percentage of migrant students attending each of these schools and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
  4. How many pupils attend the Moomba Park primary school, Fawkner technical school and Moreland high school, respectively, what is the percentage of migrant students attending each school, and how many migrant teachers are employed at each school.
773. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education how many schools in each of the past five years have been provided with covered walkways between class rooms, and between classrooms and toilets, indicating in how many cases the cost was—(a) borne entirely by the Education Department ; and (b) subsidized by the Department on a \$1 for \$1 basis, subject to a maximum of \$5,000.
775. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests, with respect to the agreement pursuant to the *Forests (Pulpwood Agreement) Act 1959*—
1. What is the—(a) minimum annual supply of pulpwood, excluding sawmill wastes, guaranteed under the Act ; and (b) actual annual volume of pulpwood taken.
  2. Whether the minimum annual entitlement has been taken during any calendar year ; if so, which years.
776. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Whether he circulated, in the form of a letter on ministerial letterhead, advice that the proposed link between the South-Eastern and Mulgrave Freeways would not be a freeway and would not involve acquisition or cause loss of recreational areas ; if so, what was—(a) the date of the letter ; (b) the number of copies distributed ; (c) the basis of selection of recipients ; (d) the official status, if any, shown for the signatory ; and (e) the mode of distribution.
  2. What costs, including stationery, were met for the letter, and what Budget appropriation was drawn upon in each case.
- (Notices received on 19th April, 1978)
777. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he will lay on the table of the Library the files and all relevant correspondence and documents concerning the Environment Protection Authority and Lake Colangulac and the decision by the Minister.
780. MR. BIRRELL : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister will ascertain and advise the actual or estimated number of psychosurgery treatments carried out annually in private medical practice.

781. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether the original 1977-78 financial allocations to the Geelong area of the Country Roads Board has been reduced or is planned to be reduced ; if so—(a) why, and by what amount ; and (b) whether the number of Board employees will be reduced in the Geelong district in the present calendar year.
783. MR. BURGIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Whether he is aware of the grave threat facing Victorian dairy farmers and butter producers as a result of the margarine price war operating in Australia since the middle of February this year.
  2. Whether the price war has reached such intensity that butter's share of the spreads market is now approximately 30 per cent nationally, with the remainder of the market being captured by margarine.
  3. Whether he is aware that this price war was initiated by the Melbourne firm Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. through its control of the listed company Marrickville Holdings Ltd. which produces the "Miracle" margarine brand.
  4. Whether, as Victorian dairymen have most to lose from this price war, the Government will intervene to prevent Southern Packers Pty. Ltd. interests causing greater harm to dairy producers of this State.
784. MR. SIDIROPOULOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in relation to the properties being acquired by the Country Roads Board in Alexandra-parade in Collingwood and Fitzroy—
1. Why the provisions of the *Lands Compensation Act* 1958 are not being followed, particularly in respect of the payment of a solatium to compensate for the forced relocation.
  2. Why compensation is not being paid to business people forced to move because of the freeway, particularly the shopkeeper on the corner of Gold-street.
  3. Whether social workers with trained interpreters are being used by the Board to communicate with and deal with the problems of the people who live in Alexandra-parade.
789. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken to give Country Fire Authority Regional Officers voting rights on Local Advisory Committees, as suggested on pages 95 and 188 of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the Occurrence of Bush and Grass Fires in Victoria.
  2. What action has been taken to encourage suggestions for improvements in fire prevention and suppression from brigades which have a unique understanding of the difficulties and dangers of their own localities.
  3. What action has been taken to examine the whole intra-regional structure of the Authority, as recommended on pages 96 and 187 of the above report.
792. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he is now in a position to answer the question which appeared as No. 1978 and was asked at the beginning of the last sessional period, namely—
1. Whether he is aware that the Government's consultants, Kinnaird Hill de Rohan and Young Pty. Ltd. of the Battelle Memorial Institute, who were engaged for the preparation of the Green Paper on Energy, issued an explanatory paper under their name which gave an introduction and objectives of the study.
  2. Whether he is aware that this paper was made available to those parties who indicated that they wished to present a submission to the then Ministry of Fuel and Power for consideration by the above-mentioned consultants in relation to the then second part of a White Paper.
  3. Why the objectives of study were changed, indicating—(a) why the scope of the study as defined in the consultants paper as part 11a Development Alternatives, 11b Policy Considerations, and 11c Policy Options was not the same as that reported on by the Minister as Part 2 of the study on page 3 of the Green Paper.
  4. Why the status of the White Paper was changed to that of a Green Paper.
  5. What was the total cost of the study, indicating the total amount paid to the consultants.
  6. What was the original time table for completion of Part 2 of the study and why it was not adhered to.
  7. Whether, in view of the fact that interested parties who presented submissions to the study did so on the understanding that they were contributing to a White Paper, which in its preparation has a scope of study broader than that reported on by the Minister on page 3 of the Green Paper, those parties were subsequently advised that the status of the study was to be changed from a White Paper to a Green Paper ; if not, why.
  8. Whether the Ministry failed to advise, consult or seek verbal support for the submissions made by those interested parties ; if so, why.

793. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, after the publication by the *Age* of an "Insight" article on the Housing Commission's Sunbury purchase in 1974, a police inquiry was ordered to investigate the sale ; if so, whether there is a report of the inquiry and, in that event, whether he will lay the report on the table of the Library.
794. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what investigations have been made into—(a) the State's coal, oil and gas reserves, respectively, to determine the relative cost of mining various deposits ; (b) how many power stations, oil from coal plants, Lurgi plants, industrial combines and refineries, respectively, could be supported by these deposits ; (c) the likely practical limits of recovery with current technology ; (d) the ultimate limits of recovery at which a net positive production of energy would no longer be possible (at whatever the cost) ; and (e) the availability of water for the power stations, &c. mentioned above and the likely environmental effects in the general area of the deposit if developed for such purposes.
795. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of part two of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy dated March, 1977—
1. Whether this part represents the Government's energy policy.
  2. Why the huge coal requirements of the two coal liquefaction plants mentioned in this part do not appear in the part one projections of primary energy requirements.
  3. How the natural gas supply shortfalls expected in the 1990's are likely to be met.
  4. What contingencies there are to provide motor spirit during interruption or reduction of supplies of Middle East oil before the first proposed coal liquefaction plant is in operation.
  5. Whether it has been claimed that the large value of the projected motor spirit consumption in the 1990's really reflects our likely needs ; if so, whether this implies the complete dismantling of our public transport system.
  6. Whether the continued increase in industrial fuel consumption is likely to lead to still more automation and fewer jobs for unskilled and semi-skilled workers.
  7. When nuclear power is likely to become competitive with electricity produced from Victorian brown coal.
  8. Why the relative costs of nuclear and brown coal generation changed radically between the hearings of the Public Works Committee during the Loy Yang Coal Reserves Inquiry in 1974 and the presentation of the Committee's report to Parliament in 1976.
  9. How long Victoria's brown coal reserves are expected to last assuming all oil and gas requirements have to be produced from brown coal from 1990 and the consumption of oil and gas continues to rise as projected in the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.
797. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the annual cost of auditing the accounts of technical and high school councils.
800. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what interest has been earned from the Swine Compensation Fund in each of the past five years and for what purpose the interest has been used.

*(Notices received on 20th April, 1978)*

802. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board is presently negotiating with firms other than Control Data (Australia) Pty. Ltd. to supply equipment to update the Board's present computer betting service ; if so—(a) how the selection of such firms was made ; and (b) whether it is planned to call for public tenders for such works and, in that event, when.
804. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of a workshop on Early Childhood Development Centres held at the Malvern Town Hall—
1. Whether the organizers of the workshop had submitted a questionnaire to the Department of Health on the subject ; if so, whether this was answered.
  2. Whether the Minister wrote to municipal councils setting out his views on the workshop ; if so, whether a copy of the letter will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
805. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of each existing and proposed Early Childhood Development Centre—
1. What is the current staff establishment, how many of the positions are filled, and whether any expansion of establishments is intended in the current financial year or next financial year.
  2. Whether any municipal council has been asked to provide accommodation and administrative staff, or is in fact providing accommodation or administrative staff ; if so, which councils and what is the estimated expense to those councils.
  3. Whether Early Childhood Development Centres' staff are accountable to the municipal council, or to officers of the Department of Health.
  4. Whether the Department of Health has received requests from municipalities for regular discussions concerning the provision and administration of such centres ; if so, with what result.

806. **MR. ROPER** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister has received a petition from residents of the Shire of Sherbrooke and the surrounding area concerning the use of 245T in the spraying of pesticides throughout the Shire ; if so, what action the Minister proposes to prevent the possibility that danger to humans and to unborn babies might be caused by the use of 245T in a populated area.
809. **MR. CATHIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts what applications have been made to the Ministry for the Arts in the past twelve months for special grants, indicating the names of the applicants, the amount sought in each case, and whether the grants were approved.
810. **MR. CRABB** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in what circumstances owners of properties abutting State highways are required to contribute to the installation of curbing and channelling along such highways.
811. **MR. CULPIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether any schools purchase items from John Scott Educational Books Supply ; if so—(a) which schools ; (b) what percentage discount or benefits these schools have received ; (c) how many years these schools have been trading with this firm ; and (d) whether any amount of money is owing to any school by the firm and, in that event, what action is being taken to recover same.
816. **MR. SIMMONDS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education if he will lay on the table of the Library all correspondence, data, and memoranda relating to the proposed Keon Park West Primary school.

*(Notices received on 2nd May, 1978)*

817. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he has considered the possibility of encouraging teachers taking confinement leave to relinquish their permanent positions by offering them the option of further employment in the same inspectorate area on resumption of duty, thus safeguarding teachers' rights, but providing a more stable staffing situation for students.
818. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether teachers recruited from the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom or other overseas countries have been permitted to extend their contracts after the expiry period ; if so—(a) how many ; and (b) whether it is proposed to discontinue the practice of extending such contracts, given the high rate of unemployment amongst Australian teachers.
822. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. What particular information is supplied by the transportation section of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Planning Department to the Board.
  2. Whether such information can be readily obtained from the Country Roads Board, Road Safety and Traffic Authority or the Ministry of Transport.
824. **MR. SIDIROPOULOS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether blocks of flats built by the Housing Commission have sprinkler systems fitted in case of fire ; if not, why.
825. **MR. REMINGTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many buildings in the inner city area over seven storeys in height are not fitted with fire prevention sprinkler systems.
826. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs by what means his attention is drawn to proposals, policies, decisions and actions of other Ministers which have ethnic significance, and how his views on these matters are communicated to other Ministers.
827. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the date and the substance of each report he has prepared on specific needs of ethnic communities in Victoria, indicating in each case, when the report will be published or otherwise made available.
828. **MR. WILKES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the substance of each television commercial which has been produced for the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, indicating in each case the—(a) name of the production company ; (b) date of the contract ; and (c) cost.

829. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. What is the date and substance of each proposal he has had prepared for the production of multi-lingual, multi-media safety information.
  2. What arrangements he has made for pilot testing proposals in order to determine—(a) their relevance for particular industry situations ; (b) the appropriateness as seen by employees ; and (c) other varieties.
830. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on what dates consideration was given to the Henderson Report recommendations on the provision of services for ethnic communities, indicating with what result, and when the recommendations will be brought into effect.
831. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what consideration has been given to producing a guide to rights and procedures in areas such as employment, accommodation, health care, education and workers' compensation to supplement the existing Migrants' Melbourne Directory.
832. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what is the policy of the Government on advertisement of Public Service and Statutory Authority staff vacancies in the ethnic press.
833. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he is now able to advise how the \$76,185 balance of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs advertising appropriation has been allocated.
834. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether a copy of the report in respect of Computed Tomography Scanners, prepared for the Hospitals and Charities Commission, will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
835. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of schools and pre-schools in the Shire of Melton for the years 1976 and 1977, respectively—
1. Which schools were visited by—(a) the School Medical Service ; and (b) the School Dental Service.
  2. How many students—(a) received ; and (b) did not receive, initial medical examinations.
  3. Which pre-schools were visited by the Pre-School Medical Service and how many students were—(a) examined ; and (b) not examined.
836. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Maroondah Hospital and the William Angliss Hospital, respectively—
1. What number of beds is available at the hospital and what additional services are provided apart from in-patient services.
  2. What works are currently under way at each hospital, specifying the works being carried out, the estimated date of completion, and the cost.
  3. What plans for additional works have been submitted to the Hospitals and Charities Commission, specifying the works to be carried out and whether any approvals have been given by the Commission ; if so, for what additional works and what will be the commencement date.
  4. What is the estimated number of beds for each hospital in 1980 and 1985, and when it is expected that a full range of out-patient and casualty services will be available.
837. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick all files and memoranda relating to the proposed subsidy scheme.
838. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, if he will advise whether schemes overseas have been investigated and, if so, which schemes, by whom, and whether copies of any such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
839. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what consultations have occurred between him or the Department of Health with industry and unions, indicating when such discussions took place and whether any submissions were received from such organizations, and if so, from whom.

840. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what level of support will be maintained for the community child care movement which staffs its centres with parents on a co-operative basis.
841. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether payments to existing centres catering for mothers who do not receive the subsidy will be maintained at their present proportion of total costs, and whether the same entitlement will be extended to new centres as they are opened.
842. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as a disqualification for the purpose of assessing eligibility for tax deductions in respect of dependent wives.
843. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, on what date and by what means the scheme was referred to the Department of Health for study and what was the date of each submission made on the subject from—(a) the Department to the Minister ; and (b) the Minister to Cabinet.
844. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, on what dates he has held consultations about the scheme with interested organizations and community groups, indicating the name of the organization or group in each case.
845. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether subsidies will be payable in these cases where the father stays home to look after the children and the mother accepts paid employment.
846. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether any surveys have been undertaken into the density of traffic and pedestrians in Nepean-highway and Station-street, Chelsea, including the Argyle-avenue crossing, in each of the past five years ; if so, with what results.
848. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Education Department is purchasing a replacement system for that currently processing the departmental payroll ; if so—(a) who is the supplier ; (b) what was the original tender price ; and (c) what is the estimated actual cost at this stage.
851. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children—
1. What is the number of women with—(a) pre-school children ; and (b) children at primary school, who are—(i) not engaged in paid work ; (ii) engaged in paid work on a part-time basis ; and (iii) engaged in full-time paid work.
  2. In respect of women in each of the above categories, what is the number and percentage, respectively, who will be eligible for the subsidy.
852. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on what dates and with what results he made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Social Security requesting the retention and regular monthly publication of the more detailed Commonwealth Employment Service unemployment statistics, including a breakdown according to—(a) country of birth ; and (b) date of arrival in Australia.
853. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as income for the purpose of calculating social security entitlements.
854. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children—
1. What study has been made of the findings of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that the nation-wide incidence of non-accidental physical injury to children under 15 years could be as high as 13,500 cases a year or 37 children injured every day, and that 20 per cent of diagnosed children in the retrospective survey and 67 per cent in the prospective survey suffered serious, possibly permanent, injury.
  2. What percentage of these injuries is attributable to mothers who stay at home to mind their children in unacceptable circumstances, and what arrangements have been developed to ensure that increases in the rate of injury do not take place.



855. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the basis on which he arrives at 25 per cent as the proportion of the community for which the State has an obligation to provide child care.
856. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the basis of his statement that children attending day care centres have an "inherited character" from their parents and an "acquired character" from the centres, and whether this is recognized more as a disturbance than distinctions in character associated with parents and schools.
857. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is—  
(a) the estimated cost of the scheme ; and (b) the proposed date of introduction.
858. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether payments are to be indexed so that increases to the cost of providing child care services are automatically reflected in the level of subsidy.
859. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what is the date and substance of each consultation which has been held with the Commonwealth Government with a view to seeing that subsidy payments are not counted as a disqualification for the purpose of assessing child endowment entitlements.
860. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what arrangements have been made for the 31 per cent of working mothers who are migrants and who have children under six, with a view to seeing that they receive no less encouragement to learn English, and experience no less social isolation, than would be the case if they continued their paid employment.
861. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether the subsidy is to be paid in full for each child in the family who would otherwise be eligible for a place in a child care centre, or whether the subsidy will be limited to a single eligible child.
862. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, what studies have been conducted with a view to seeing whether the stated goals of the scheme can be achieved by greater use of flexi-time, part-time work and shared jobs.
863. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether his attention has been drawn to studies which show that children in day care centres derive a positive stimulation from their inter-action with other adults and children ; if so, what arrangements have been made to strengthen the play groups movement with a view to seeing that this stimulation is maintained.
864. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether comparable schemes in other countries have been studied ; if so, whether there is evidence to suggest that in some circumstances these schemes have led to women being withdrawn from the workforce against their wishes and, in that event, whether adequate safeguards against withdrawal under duress have been developed.
865. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether the subsidy is to be altered when a child attends sessions at a pre-school ; if so, on what basis.
867. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—
1. What multi-lingual arrival orientation services are available on arrival for migrants who choose to settle in Victoria, and how these services are advertised.
  2. Whether he is aware of the plight of many Chilean migrants who, on arrival in Australia, have found that their trade qualifications are not recognized ; if so, whether he has made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs urging the immediate appointment of technical advisers to the main migrant intake centres in Chile and, if so—(a) when these appointments will be made ; (b) how many will be appointed ; and (c) to which cities they will be appointed.
  3. What form of assistance he is providing for Chilean migrants who, having settled in Victoria during the past 12 months, have found that, due to inadequate pre-migration assessment of their qualifications, they are not able to work in their skill area and are consequently—  
(a) unemployed ; or (b) under-employed.
  4. In view of his statement as reported in *The Age* newspaper of 2nd March, 1978 that the communication barriers had also caused more than 40 per cent of industrial accidents in Victoria last year, why the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has not published appropriately detailed multilingual, multi-media safety information either independently, or in conjunction with the Department of Labour and Industry, and when such information will be produced.

868. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in respect of the bombing of the JAT airlines office whether any progress has been made with inquiries as to the—(a) identity and motivation of the persons involved ; (b) nature of explosives used ; (c) extent of the damage ; (d) cost of restoration ; and (e) cost to the airline.
871. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of his announcement of a \$2,000 subsidy scheme to allow mothers to stay at home to look after their children, whether any subsidy will be available for mothers of children of primary school age ; if so, on what basis the subsidy will be determined, and whether the subsidy will be at a reduced amount and, in that event, what amount.
872. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Premier how many applications have been received for consideration and inclusion as Historical Projects, under the Tattersalls Consultation (Gold Lottery Consultations) Regulations 1977, indicating the names of the applicants for projects and the date of application.
873. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport whether shunting operations have been carried out in the vicinity of Champion-road, Newport, by the Railways Department between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. daily ; if so—(a) what are the reasons for the operations ; and (b) whether assurances were given some years ago to residents in the area that no shunting would be carried out during the night.
874. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister or the Department of Health has received reports dealing with recommendations from the Foods Standards Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council to limit the concentration of vinyl chloride monomer in food containers and foodstuffs ; if so—(a) on what grounds the recommendations were based ; and (b) what action has been taken.
  2. Whether the substance is the parent substance from which polyvinyl chloride wrappings are made.
875. MR. CULPIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what is the proposed future use of the Education Department land situated at North-street, Glenroy, currently leased to the Broadmeadows City Council.
876. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in respect of the Arundle-road bridge over the Maribyrnong River in the City of Keilor, whether an inspection has been made of the bridge since its recent repair ; if not, why, indicating when the inspection will be made and the school bus allowed to recommence using the bridge.
877. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport when the Transport Regulation Board will issue the permit to Kastoria Bus Lines for the school bus which uses the Arundle-road bridge over the Maribyrnong River in the City of Keilor.
878. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what loans and/or guarantees have been made to primary produce marketing boards and agricultural co-operatives in Victoria, giving full details in each case.
881. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action is proposed to enforce the laws making the sale of tobacco products to minors illegal.
  2. Whether it is intended to increase the penalties for the offence.
885. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. Whether he is aware that schools have been advised that no further films will be available from the Audio-visual centre owing to recurrent computer failures.
  2. Who supplied the computer and who is responsible for the malfunctions which have been occurring over a period of months.
886. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of secondary schools in the electoral district of Mitcham—
1. Which schools have—(a) a Commonwealth standard library ; (b) a Commonwealth standard science block ; and (c) an assembly hall.
  2. Which schools will undertake capital improvements in the next three years, indicating—(a) the date of construction and basis of financing of each library, science block and assembly hall ; and (b) the nature and cost of improvements.

887. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the Coburn primary school, Melton—
1. What is the present enrolment.
  2. What is the planned enrolment in 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
  3. How many portable classrooms are at the school.
  4. How many additional portable classrooms are to be provided in 1979, 1980 and 1981 ; respectively.
  5. What plans there are for the construction of additional permanent classrooms, and when such works will be undertaken.
  6. What plans there are for the construction of an additional primary school in the area.
888. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing on how many occasions since November, 1975 the Housing Commission has bought land from A. C. and D. Nominees Pty. Ltd., other than the purchase of 70 allotments at Kyabram indicating in respect of each purchase—(a) the location land area of the land ; and (b) the price paid.
889. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing on how many occasions Marash and Company, solicitors, have acted on behalf of the Housing Commission in relation to land purchases since December, 1972, indicating in respect of each of these purchases—(a) the location and area of the land ; and (b) the price paid.
890. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education what is the number of—(a) students who speak a first language other than English ; and (b) migrant education teachers, at the Huntingdale high school.
891. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the Huntingdale high school what were the dates on which—(a) the oil storage tank was reported as unserviceable ; (b) tenders were called for the replacement of the tank ; (c) the successful tenderer was notified ; and (d) installation of the replacement tank was completed.
892. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the re-building of the Wonthaggi North primary school, when it is expected that—(a) tenders will be let ; and (b) work will commence and be completed respectively.
893. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is expected that the proposed post-primary school will be established at Gisborne.
894. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
1. Whether the Government Printer has completed his report on the streamlining of printing activities within Government Departments ; if not, when he expects the report.
  2. Whether the printing section within the Audio-Visual Education Centre is being investigated as part of that report.
  3. Which printing sections within Government Departments are being investigated by the Government Printer.
  4. Whether he is aware of the urgent educational need for a replacement printing press for the Audio-Visual Education Centre.
  5. Whether he will instruct the Tender Board to let a tender for the proposed replacement printing press at the Audio-Visual Education Centre forthwith.

*(Notices received on 3rd May, 1978)*

896. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands, for the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect to the Shires of Echuca, Rochester, Deakin, Rodney, Nathalia, and Swan Hill, Kerang Borough, Kerang Shire, Shepparton Shire and Shepparton City, respectively, whether flood levels have been established for the purpose of defining levels for the issue of building permits and approval of land sub-division ; if so—(a) what is the level and the date of the relevant flood ; (b) who established the flood level and how it was determined ; and (c) whether the flood level has prevented the issue of any building permits or approval of any land sub-division.
897. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, how many senior firemen are employed by the Country Fire Authority, specifying the numbers of 4th to 1st class senior firemen, station officers grades 1 to 5, inclusive, and other senior officers, including regional officers.
898. MR. CATHE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts whether any consideration has been given to purchasing the Princess theatre ; if so, when and with what result

899. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts what subsidies have been received by The Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust in each of the past five years.
900. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what was the cost of dredging at the mouth of the Patterson River in each of the past six years.
901. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation if he will lay on the table of the Library all files and correspondence relating to the Public Works Committee inquiry into the establishment of gas turbines in the Latrobe Valley, including letters to and from other Government Ministers and bodies.
902. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation further to question No. 636 answered on 2nd May, 1978—
1. What are the particular companies and industry groups concerned.
  2. If he will lay on the table of the Library all such correspondence.
905. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation how long the position of Chief Air Quality Officer of the Environment Protection Authority was vacant, indicating—(a) when the position was filled ; (b) why this vacancy was not listed in answer to question No. 3180 furnished to the Member for Carrum ; and (c) what vacancies still exist for senior positions.
906. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many teachers are currently registered for employment with the Education Department for each division.
  2. How many teachers were similarly registered in May, 1976 and May, 1977.
  3. How many additional teachers have been appointed for each division in—(a) March ; (b) April ; and (c) May, 1978.
907. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the head lice programme—
1. How many bottles of malathion lotion were given to each municipal council in February, March and April, 1978, respectively.
  2. Whether he is aware of delays in obtaining supplies of—(a) malathion lotion ; and (b) combs ; if so, what is the reason and what is being done to improve the situation.
  3. Whether additional supplies of lotion have been asked for and supplied to Doncaster and Templestowe City Council ; if so, what quantity was supplied.
908. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
1. What use of phenoxy herbicides 24D and 245T is made by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey—(a) for its own purposes ; (b) on behalf of any other department ; and (c) by provision to farmers, indicating the annual quantities in each case.
  2. What companies have been supplying these herbicides since 1970, indicating—(a) where the herbicides are stored and in what quantity ; (b) for how long the herbicides are stored ; and (c) whether any tests for dioxin levels are undertaken and, if so, with what results.
910. MR. FORDHAM To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Education Department was consulted before an advertisement was placed in *The Age* newspaper on 11th March, 1978, inviting applications for the appointment of audiologists to work with hearing impaired pre-school age children ; if so, when such consultations were held and who was involved.
  2. Whether there is a proposal for the Department of Health to extend its services in the area of hearing impaired children ; if so, whether the Minister's representative on the State Council for Special Education has notified the Council of the Department's proposals ; if not, why.
- (Notices received on 4th May, 1978)
911. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many accidents involving police motor vehicles have occurred in the past 12 months.
  2. How many accidents occurred as a result of police vehicles pursuing other vehicles, indicating in each instance, the reason why the police were pursuing another car and whether other vehicles involved in the collision were being pursued or not.
  3. How many people were—(a) killed ; and (b) injured, specifying whether they were policemen, persons in the vehicle being pursued, or other persons.

912. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will ascertain and advise—
1. Whether the pesticides, Chlordane and Heptachlor, made by Velsicol Chemical Corporation of Chicago, are on sale in Victoria and/or Australia.
  2. Whether the company has been charged by a Federal Grand Jury in the United States of America with "concealing material facts from the Environmental Protection Agency", on the grounds that the company concealed data which showed the pesticides induced tumors in animals and posed a risk to human beings.
  3. Whether the New South Wales Department of Agriculture registrar has made recommendations dealing with the two pesticides ; if so, what is the nature of those recommendations.
  4. What action has been taken by the Victorian Government concerning these pesticides, in the light of these allegations.
913. MR. LIND : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the superannuation rights of technical school and college council employees are to be restored ; if so, when.
914. MR. LIND : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Provincial Sewerage Authorities' Association has requested the Minister to introduce an amendment to Section 83 of the *Health Act* 1958 to give effect to the recommendations of the Meat Industry Committee to permit—(a) the slaughtering of sewerage authority cattle at any abattoir where meat inspection is carried out by the Victorian Department of Agriculture or the Commonwealth Department for Primary Industry ; (b) the mixing of sewerage authority cattle with other cattle during transport, sale and slaughter ; (c) the sale of sewerage authority cattle for purposes other than slaughter after they have reached eighteen months of age ; and (d) the transfer of stock between sewerage authorities ; if so, whether it is intended to accede to the request and, in that event, when or, if not, why.
915. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation with regard to State Rivers and Water Supply Commission acting as an agent of the Environment Protection Authority—
1. What studies have been undertaken to determine the contribution by volume to the total volume at Lake Colangulac from both industry and the local sewerage authority, indicating the result of such studies.
  2. What funds have been allocated to the Camperdown Sewerage Authority for treatment of wastes in each of the past five years to date.
  3. Whether the Commission pollution control section was consulted by the Minister prior to his decision to lift restrictions on the discharge of wastes to Lake Colangulac ; if not, why.
  4. Whether existing licences to industry for discharging wastes into Lake Colangulac are being enforced ; if not, why.
916. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. What were the results in each of the past five years of bacteriological sampling of the River Yarra and its tributaries, indicating the location of the sampling points.
  2. Whether any other Authorities check the water quality of the river ; if so, which Authorities.
917. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether he will approach the Bureau of Meteorology and request the issue of more detailed and frequent weather forecasts during the summer period for Port Phillip and Westernport Bays.
918. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether there are any plans for a hydraulic model study to assess the effect of port works on Westernport Bay ; if so—(a) what representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government for funds, and with what results ; (b) what land is available for the construction of the model ; (c) what advisers have been contacted ; and (d) what allocation of funds has been made from State Treasury, or has been requested.
919. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Director of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division or any other officer has expressed views, or made submissions for statutory rights for water for wildlife and waterfowl ; if so, what action is proposed.
920. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands which companies submit samples of herbicides for testing to the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, indicating which companies are currently tendering for supply of herbicides.

(Notices received on 9th May, 1978)

921. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. How many members of the Police Force will be relocated in the Geelong State Public Offices.
  2. Whether this move will delay plans to extend the present police building in Fenwick-street, Geelong
  3. Whether police personnel will continue to be located at the Geelong police station at the rear of the law courts ; if so, why.
922. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether he will cause a review to be made of the Country Roads Board allocations to the Shire of Bellarine.
  2. Whether he will review the decision to not allocate funds to seal Coppards-road between Portarlington-road and Queenscliff-road.
923. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. When work will commence on new traffic signals at the Alcoa-road and Point Henry-road intersection.
  2. Whether approval has been given to the Shire of Bellarine to carry out these works ; if not, when such approval will be given.
924. MR. SIMPSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission has purchased any land since 1970 from any of the following companies :—Obras Pty. Ltd., Barry Brown Pty. Ltd., Elnic Pty. Ltd., Sarbo Securities Pty. Ltd., J. W. Booth Investments Pty. Ltd., and Lincourt Pty. Ltd ; if so, what is the—(a) location ; (b) area of land ; and (c) price paid, in each case.
925. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in view of his recent visit to Geelong when it was announced that an extra officer would be added to the Geelong staff on a trial basis, when such an appointment will be made.
926. MR. TREZISE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. How many of the 216 fines of \$9 each for parking offences at the Geelong station car parking area at Latrobe-terrace, Geelong have been refunded to date.
  2. How many of such fines already paid have not been the subject of an application to the Railways Department for a refund.
927. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of the North West primary school in Brunswick, whether it is still intended to proceed with works concerning the upgrading of existing library facilities, as promised in answer to question No. 674 on 21st November, 1974 ; if so—(a) what has been the reason for the delay ; and (b) when it is proposed that work will commence.
928. MR. CATHE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honorable the Minister for State Development and Decentralization, what approaches have been made for funds for the establishment of a fish cannery processing plant at Newhaven, indicating by whom, when, what conditions were proposed, and what was the decision.
929. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether the Watsonia South primary school provides for many children from the Watsonia Army Barracks ; if so, whether any special consideration is given to children of members of the armed forces because of the frequent change of school due to the mobility of their parents and, if not, why, and whether he will examine the situation at the school with a view to considering the need for a remedial teacher or such other aid as may be required.
930. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the announcement of the Member for Werribee on 23rd November, 1977, that capital funds of approximately \$60,000 and operating funds in the vicinity of \$100,000 a year had been allocated to the Werribee Community Health Service, that staff to be employed by the service would include therapists and their aides, a nurse, a social worker, and domestic and clerical staff, and that further staff would be added as the need arose—
1. What Capital funds have been allocated to the Service.
  2. What annual operating funds have been allocated to the Service.
  3. What staff—(a) have been ; and (b) will be appointed to the Service in 1977-78.

931. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether primary teachers are disadvantaged relative to high school, technical and kindergarten teachers in the area of administration and planning time.
  2. On what dates discussions have been held on making available time for the release of primary teachers from face-to-face teaching for administration and planning, and what was—(a) the names of the participants ; and (b) the outcome in each case.
932. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. How many primary teachers are currently unable to obtain work in the profession for which they have been trained at public expense.
  2. What immediate plans he has to overcome the problem of unemployment among primary teachers, given that there is a proven shortage of primary teachers to enable long service leave to be taken and to adequately staff schools.
933. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the funding of day nurseries and child care centres—
1. Whether discussions between State and Commonwealth officers concerning the recurrent funding of such centres have yet been concluded ; if so, on what basis.
  2. Whether the State is now prepared to provide funds towards the recurrent costs of centres established with Commonwealth Capital Grants ; if not, why.
934. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the ready availability of travel sickness tablets such as Avil, whether the Poisons Advisory Committee has now discussed amendments to the Schedules to the *Poisons Act 1962* ; if so, whether it has made a recommendation to the Minister and what action has been taken.
935. MR. GUDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. Whether he is aware of the continuing problem of car parking at Geelong railway station.
  2. Whether there are unused parking spaces at the South Geelong, North Geelong, Corio and Lara stations.
  3. Whether an investigation will be made into the actual number of spaces unused at stations other than Geelong.
  4. Whether he will arrange for a review to be made of the present timetable with a view to easing the present problem at Geelong station.
  5. Whether a study of car parking needs at Geelong railway station will be undertaken with the aim of providing a considerable number of new spaces for the future.
936. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy if he will lay on the table of the Library the files and all relevant correspondence concerning the extractive leases abutting the Pines Forest housing estate, including all requests to end these leases.
937. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. What were the recommendations of the 75th Session (1972) of the National Health and Medical Research Council concerning the herbicide 245T, indicating what action was taken at the time as a result of these recommendations and when.
  2. What were the recommendations of the 82nd Session (1975) of the Council concerning 245T, indicating what action was taken, and when this action was taken.
  3. Whether current regulations on dioxin only relate to TCDD ; if so, what other action is being contemplated to control other forms of dioxin apart from TCDD, indicating how many other forms there are.
  4. Whether there is any scientific evidence that pure 245T has produced fetotoxic and teratogenic effects in mammals.
938. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Housing—
1. How many purchase applications for the Patterson Lakes housing estate are still outstanding, indicating the number already allocated and the total number received,
  2. What is the average waiting time for house purchases on this estate.
  3. Whether Mrs. P. Fox has been transferred from the tenancy list to the waiting list for purchase on the Patterson Lakes estate ; if so, when.
939. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation what approaches have been made to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division concerning development of the Newhaven swamp, indicating when and by whom.
940. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what approaches have been made to the Department of Crown Lands and Survey to acquire land at the Newhaven Swamp, Phillip Island, indicating—(a) by whom ; (b) when ; and (c) what conditions were proposed.

941. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 34 given on 21st March, 1978, in connection with the Mooroopna and District Base Hospital—
1. Whether every part of stage 2, except the midwifery section, has to be altered ; if so, what is the cost of these alterations and when they will be completed.
  2. Whether it is intended to transfer the day hospital which currently functions in the Administrative building at Shepparton to a ward area at Mooroopna ; if so, when that will occur.
  3. Whether permission has been sought to plan renovations and alterations to the Mooroopna buildings to make them suitable for their future role ; if so, what has been the response of the Hospitals and Charities Commission and when permission will be granted.
942. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 742 given on the 2nd May, 1978, whether he will make available the minute concerning the decision of the Environment Protection Authority on Lake Colangulac.
943. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children attending special schools who are “migrant children” as defined by the Child Migrant Education Branch, indicating the comparable information for each special school and the source of the information in each case.
  2. What is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage of children attending special schools who are not of Anglo-Saxon descent, indicating the comparable information for each special school and the source of the information in each case.
944. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or his officers are aware of comments made by the Bendigo City Coroner, Mr. F. X. Clancy, concerning the anaesthetic “Alfathesin” and its possible connection with the death of Sharon Louise Davey ; if so, whether an investigation has been made into the drug, indicating with what result, and whether a copy of any report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
945. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in respect of children who are not of Anglo-Saxon descent, what services are available from the—(a) Special Education Branch ; (b) Ethnic Education Branch ; (c) Counselling, Guidance and Clinical Services Branch ; and (d) Division of Planning Services.
946. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What were the reasons for the imposition of staff ceilings in the teaching service in 1976.
  2. What criteria were used in determining the ceiling for employment of teachers.
  3. Whether the decision discriminated against the Primary Schools Division, in that the overall pupil/teacher ratio in the Division was relatively unsatisfactory, compared with the Post Primary Divisions.
  4. How many Primary teachers with ten and eleven years of service have applied for long service leave, and what is the—(a) number ; and (b) percentage who have been refused as a result of the imposition of staff ceilings.
  5. Whether, unless several hundred additional primary teachers are employed, many more teachers may be denied long service leave in 1979 and school programmes will be disrupted by unnecessary transfer of staff.
947. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether statistics relating to zoonoses are accepted as a complete record of all human cases diagnosed in Victoria ; if not, why.
  2. Whether all cases of zoonoses and other notifiable diseases confirmed by serology, bacteriology or other testing by pathology laboratories in Victoria are notified or otherwise referred to the Commission of Public Health.
  3. Whether a survey of cases of hydatidosis diagnosed or treated in Victorian hospitals in recent years has been published in *The Medical Journal of Australia* ; if so, whether there were discrepancies with annual notifications.
  4. What are the details of the control of the feeding of sheep offal to dogs in Victoria.
  5. Whether statistics relating to notifications of brucellosis and hydatidosis, respectively, record—(a) the geographic distribution ; and (b) the occupations of human cases ; if so, what are the details for each of the past ten years.
948. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation whether the Fisheries and Wildlife Division recommended that Victoria abalone divers undergo medical tests and x-rays ; if so, what are the recommended guidelines and what is the extent and frequency of medical checks.



949. MR. WHITING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport in each of the financial years from 1970-71 to 1976-77 inclusive—
1. What revenue was earned on the Wodonga to Cudgewa railway line.
  2. What were the operating costs of the line.
  3. What major items of freight in tonnes were transported on the line.
950. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in respect of each school in the electoral district of Westernport, what was the enrolment and staffing levels, respectively, for 1977 and 1978.
951. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education which schools in the electoral district of Westernport have—(a) assembly halls ; (b) gymnasiums ; (c) library facilities ; and (d) career guidance officers.
952. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education what library facilities are available to pupils at the French Island primary school.
953. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when the Koo-wee-rup primary school will receive library facilities.
954. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he intends to personally approve replacement staff lists in future in the Technical Schools Division or to hand this responsibility back to the Technical Schools Division administration so that the operation can proceed smoothly and without unnecessary bureaucratic delay.
955. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Why the employment of additional teachers of mathematics/science in the Technical Schools Division was not approved following the request from the deputation from the Benalla, Wangaratta and Wodonga technical schools.
  2. Whether he acknowledged that there is a shortage of mathematics/science teachers at Wangaratta, and in the Technical Schools Division generally, and whether he was informed of the names of qualified unemployed teachers that were available.
956. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in regard to the Wonthaggi high school—
1. What is the current enrolment.
  2. When a female physical education teacher and a music teacher, respectively, will be appointed to the school.
957. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many resource or remedial teachers are in—(a) primary schools; and (b) special education units, and what is the ratio of resource or remedial teachers to students in each case.
  2. When he expects that there will be enough resource or remedial teachers to deploy one to each primary school of 100-300 students, with proportionately higher allocations for larger primary schools.
958. MR. GINIFER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Consumer Affairs—
1. In the years 1976 and 1977, respectively, how often the Director of Consumer affairs has sought the consent of the Minister to prosecute under the *Consumer Affairs Act 1972*, indicating how often he has given his consent to prosecutions by the Director.
  2. In what circumstances the Minister and the Director exercise their respective powers under the Act.
  3. As Rena-Ware Distributors Pty. Ltd. has been named in the past two years as a constant offender against consumers, why prosecutions have not been launched against that organization.

(Notices received on 10th May, 1978)

959. MR. SIMMONDS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. What action has been taken or is proposed by the Country Fire Authority in respect of "La France" ladders which resulted in the death of a fire fighter, and which have been the subject of a union ban for several years.
  2. What the Authority deems to be "minimum manning" of permanent fire fighters and officers in the Authority.
  3. Whether the Chief Fire Officer has tabled a report on these matters ; if so—(a) to whom ; and (b) what are the contents.

960. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether he is aware of the drug awareness campaign being conducted by Rotary International in conjunction with other service clubs ; if so, whether a request was made to the Government some 12 months ago via the Minister of Health seeking financial assistance towards the cost of this campaign and particularly the supplying and distribution of booklets, indicating what are the full details of the request and why the Government has refused to accede to the request.
  2. Whether the Government is providing any financial assistance towards this campaign or any other drug awareness campaign ; if so, what amount.
961. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what were the conclusions of the study undertaken by Mr. R. Edgar of the Department of Agriculture into an economic evaluation of the use of intensive sheep grazing as an alternative to herbicides for the control of ragwort in the Albert River Valley, and what decision was made.
962. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Social Welfare whether there are any circumstances in which a mother can be required to give up her child for adoption ; if so, whether he is aware of any instances in which such a requirements has been imposed.
963. MR. EDMUNDS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer in respect of each of the financial years from 1965-66 to 1976-77, inclusive—
1. What total sum was received in motor registration fees.
  2. What amount of the funds so received was applied to the costs of making and maintaining roads, indicating the proportion as a percentage of total fees.
964. MR. STIRLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, further to the answer to question No. 492 given on 9th May, 1978, how many schools have a more urgent priority than North Williamstown primary school for migrant education teachers, giving the name of the each school.
965. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the considerable disruption that will result if any present member of staff is transferred from Orbost primary school, whether he will review the proposal to transfer a teacher at the end of Term 1.
966. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education—
1. How many additional music teachers are required to meet the needs of Victorian schools.
  2. What steps have been taken by the Education Department to—(a) recruit additional teachers ; and (b) increase teacher training opportunities in the State.
967. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education in regard to grants to schools for libraries under the school grants scheme—
1. What is the present level of grants to schools and what formula was used in determining the grants.
  2. When the present level of grants was introduced.
  3. Whether, as the volume of these grants has been significantly eroded by inflation— (a) there will be a significant increase in grants for the 1978-79 year ; and (c) grants will be indexed in future.
968. MR. FOGARTY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission has purchased any farms or other land in each of the past five years ; if so, in each case what was the—(a) name of the vendor ; (b) area and location of the land ; (c) date of purchase, purchase price, and source of funds ; (d) details of vendor sale or sales ; and (e) authority under which the purchase was made.
969. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
1. What is the total hectarage of blackberry infestation in Victoria.
  2. Whether there is any scientific evidence to indicate that blackberry infestation is spreading in Victoria ; if so, what evidence.
  3. Whether there is any scientific evidence to indicate that logging operations lead to the spread of blackberries ; if so, what evidence.
  4. How many hectares of forests have been killed by blackberries.
  5. How many—(a) foresters ; and (b) Forests Commission personnel, are engaged in— (i) blackberry research ; and (ii) blackberry eradication programmes, indicating what measures are used to control blackberries, and how and where these measures are being carried out.
  6. What herbicides are used for blackberry eradication, indicating the results in each case.
  7. Whether any research programmes have been undertaken into the possibilities of biological control of blackberries, indicating with what results.

970. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in regard to the School Dental Service—
1. How many dental therapists are currently working in the service and at what locations.
  2. How many additional therapists will be appointed in 1979 and 1980, respectively, and what are the planned locations.
  3. How many dental clinics are currently in operation, indicating at what locations, and what additional clinics will be opened in 1979 and 1980, respectively.
  4. What progress has been made in the provision of mobile surgeries and what proposed areas are to be covered by these facilities.
  5. What body is responsible for determining the location of dental clinics and therapists.
  6. What is the estimated cost of the service for the 1977-78 year and what proportion of this expenditure is met by the—(a) State ; and (b) Commonwealth Government.
971. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, why people presenting themselves to dental mechanics for dentures cannot obtain partial dentures which are essential to the satisfactory functioning of both upper and lower occlusion.
972. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, why dental mechanics are not permitted to construct mouth guards, which are not artificial appliances but are designed to protect the natural teeth from accidents and are freely available from pharmacists.
973. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when it is expected that the Superannuation Board's electronic data processing programme for producing cheques will be re-written, in view of his admission that at present no provision is made for regular statements to public servants on superannuation.
974. MR. PLOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in relation to the employment by the Education Department of primary, secondary and technical teachers, respectively—
1. What are the hours of employment, indicating the starting and finishing times.
  2. How many weeks in a year teachers are employed.
  3. Whether there is any arrangement for the payment of overtime where teachers work in excess of the hours required.
  4. Whether any system similar to flexi-time applies in any Victorian State school.
975. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation—
1. What funding was provided to the Victorian Chess Club in 1975-76 and 1976-77—(a) for the promotion of chess in schools ; and (b) for any other purpose.
  2. Why no funding was provided to the club in 1977-78.
  3. Whether chess is recognized as a recreation or sport for the purpose of financial grants.

*(Notices received on 11th May, 1978)*

- \*976. MRS. TONER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honorable the Minister for Local Government—
1. Whether it is proposed to introduce legislation to provide for swimming pool safety ; if so, when.
  2. Whether the Minister is aware that the Standards Association of Australia has provided relevant standards and that the Association released AS 1926 in 1976 and AS 2020 early in 1977, thus enabling him to comply with the Government's promise made in 1974 to introduce legislation when the Association produced relevant standards.
  3. Whether the Minister is aware that products are available which meet the standards set by the Association.
- \*977. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. Whether any record is kept of the amount of money in the various "poor boxes" in Magistrates' Courts in Victoria ; if so, what amount was paid in each of the years 1973 to 1977, inclusive.
  2. What auditing procedures are followed with regard to these accounts.
  3. What criteria are used by Clerks of Magistrates' Courts in distributing the money in the poor box.
  4. Whether there is any official report of the amount and the use made of money in poor boxes in such Courts.
  5. To whom the money in the poor box is generally given, and for what reason it is normally given.

- \*978. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. In each month since the coming into operation of Part XIII. of the *Magistrates (Summary Proceedings) Act 1975* dealing with the attachment of earnings procedure, how many applications for attachment of earnings orders have been made to Magistrates' Courts, indicating in respect of each month, the subsequent number of orders made.
  2. How many applications for attachment of earnings orders have been dismissed.
  3. How many attachment of earnings orders have been made *ex parte* as permitted by Section 131 (4) of the Act.
  4. How many variations of an attachment of earnings order have been—(a) applied for ; and (b) made.
- \*979. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. In the years 1970 to 1977 inclusive how many *nolle prosequi's* have been granted to persons charged with a criminal offence.
  2. In each of these years, how many of the *nolle prosequi's* have been granted—(a) after the committal hearing ; and (b) after a trial which resulted in a "hung" jury.
  3. In respect of what offences the *nolle prosequi's* have been granted in each of these years.
  4. In how many cases the *nolle prosequi's* have been granted as a result of representations made by solicitors or counsel acting for a defendant.
- \*980. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. In the years 1970 to 1977, inclusive, how many trials in—(a) the Supreme Court ; and (b) the County Court, have resulted in a "hung" jury.
  2. For each of these "hung" juries, what was the offence or what were the offences with which the defendant or defendants had been charged.
  3. In each of the "hung" jury trials, whether the resultant action taken was—(a) a re-trial, and if so, what was the result of the re-trial ; (b) the granting of a *nolle prosequi* ; or (c) the Crown withdrawing the charge without the formal granting of a *nolle prosequi*.
- \*981. MR. FOGARTY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture how many prosecutions the Victorian Egg Board has initiated against egg producers who exceed their quotas.
- \*982. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General—
1. How many summonses under the *Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors Act 1958* were issued during the past year in—(a) the Magistrates' Courts ; (b) the County Court ; and (c) the Supreme Court.
  2. In how many of these cases a fraud order was made.
  3. In how many cases in each of these courts a warrant of commitment has been issued because of a default in compliance with a fraud order.
  4. In how many cases a debtor has been gaoled pursuant to a warrant of commitment issued in respect of a default in complying with a fraud order.
  5. In each of these cases for how long the debtor was actually in gaol.
  6. In how many cases a debtor has been imprisoned as a result of a failure to attend a court in answer to a subpoena issued with a fraud summons.
- \*983. MR. CAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the Minister received a letter on or about 16th September, 1977, from the Huntington's Disease Association seeking financial assistance ; if so, when the Minister will reply to the letter.
  2. What assistance is given by the Department of Health to persons suffering from Huntington's disease.
- \*984. MR. CATHIE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation—
1. On how many occasions and at what frequency the air quality monitoring equipment in the Latrobe Valley has been calibrated and standardized since 1973.
  2. What methods have been used to calibrate the air quality monitoring installations.
  3. On what dates calibration and standardization has taken place.
  4. What is the recommended time between calibrations.

- \*985. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. On how many occasions and at what frequency the air quality monitoring equipment under the control of the Ministry in the Latrobe Valley has been calibrated and standardized since 1973.
  2. What methods have been used to calibrate the air quality monitoring installations.
  3. On what dates calibration and standardization has taken place.
  4. What is the recommended time between calibration.
- \*986. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Whether any agreements have been or are being made or investigated between the Victorian Government and a Japanese firm or firms concerning solvent refined coal ; if so, what company or companies, and with what commitment of Victorian Government Funds
  2. Whether any agreements have been or are being made or investigated between the Victorian Government and Conzinc Riotinto of Australia Ltd., concerning solvent refined coal ; if so, with what commitment of Victorian Government funds.
- \*987. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the proposed Commonwealth legislation on freedom of information, the Victorian Government has any plans to introduce similar legislation.
- \*988. MR. CRABB : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Transport—
1. What was the expenditure on freeways within the Melbourne metropolitan area for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 and what are the estimates for 1977-78 and 1978-79.
  2. In respect of the moneys provided by the Commonwealth Government under the *Roads Grants Act 1974*, the *States Grants (Roads Interim Assistance) Act 1977* and the *States Grants (Roads) Act 1977* for the category "Urban Arterials", what amounts of money were spent on main roads, State highways, freeways and unclassified roads for the years 1975-76, and 1976-77, and what are the estimates for 1977-78.
- \*989. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether he received a detailed submission from Koonung high school regarding the urgent need for additional assistance from the Education Department in respect of the library, migrant and remedial staff, hall/theatre administration and drama teaching, respectively ; if so, what additional assistance is to be provided in each of the four areas.
- \*990. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what is the Government policy with respect to the printing of material by the Government Printing Office and other Government Instrumentalities and, in particular, whether printing by instrumentalities is to be reduced in favour of the Government Printing Office ; if so, why.
- \*991. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer which Government instrumentalities maintain printing facilities, indicating the type and capacity of printing machinery in each case.
- \*992. MR. WILKES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what are the figures for the Government Printing Office for each of the past five years, the estimates for 1977-78, and projected for 1978-79, in respect of the—(a) quantity of publications produced in each category ; (b) number of staff in each classification ; (c) number and capacity of printing machines of each type ; (d) number and capacity of new printing machines of each type installed or to be installed ; (e) quantity of publications printed under contract or other arrangement by organizations outside the Public Service ; and (f) average time between receipt and completion of printing orders for each category of publication.
- \*993. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to the agreement reached on 25th March, 1977, between him and teacher organizations on school staffing, and in particular point 3 of the agreement—
1. Why no serious discussions were held between the Technical Schools Division and the Technical Teachers Association of Victoria in respect of 1978 staffing of technical schools, thus resulting in the creation of disputes over forced transfers and moving of staff notionally in excess.
  2. Whether the Minister will provide for the holding of discussions between officers of the Education Department and the Association in relation to the staffing establishment for 1979.
- \*994. MR. LIND : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. What steps have been taken, or are proposed, by the Government and the Hospitals Superannuation Board, respectively, to rectify the anomolous situation created by amendments to Section 35ZF of the *Hospitals Superannuation Act 1965* resulting from the enactment of the *Hospitals Superannuation (Amendment) Act 1977* which imposed a six months limit on the break between any past and present service.
  2. What solution, other than a refund of contributions, has been or will be offered to contributors who, acting on information supplied by the Board, elected to contribute for benefits to which they had been led to believe they were entitled.

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. Crabb, The Hon. V. J. Doube, Mr. Hann, Mr. Mackinnon, Mrs. Patrick, Mr. Reese, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Trezise.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT)—Mr. Billing, Mr. Burgin, Mr. Culpin, Mr. McArthur, and Mr. Mutton.

STANDING ORDERS—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fordham, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Reese, Mr. Ross-Edwards, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Wilkes.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—Mr. Ebery, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Evans (*Ballarat North*), Mr. McInnes, Mr. Skeggs, Mr. Smith (*South Barwon*), and Mr. Wilton.

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (JOINT)—Mr. Birrell, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Roper, and Mr. Williams.

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Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—Report of the Board of Inquiry (No. 7).

Ombudsman—Quarterly Reports—

July-September, 1977. (No. 1).

October-December, 1977. (No. 2).

Subordinate Legislation Committee—Report upon Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund Regulations 1977 (S.R. No. 105/1977) (D.26).

Victoria Institute of Colleges—Report, 1976. (No. 115).

Youth, Sport and Recreation—Report of the Director-General, 1976-77 (No. 3).



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 24

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 1978

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Notices of Motion

1. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.
2. MR. SCANLAN : To move, That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Operation of the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.

#### Orders of the Day

1. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (PASSENGER SERVICES) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. RACING (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. CLUSTER TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. WATER DRAINAGE BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. VICTORIA CONSERVATION TRUST BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
11. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (RATE EXEMPTION) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (ADMINISTRATION AND RATES) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
14. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
15. DANDENONG VALLEY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
16. MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS (MERBEIN) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*17. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (RECONSTITUTION) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
- \*18. WORKERS COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
19. POUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
20. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
21. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
22. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
23. CREDIT REPORTING BILL—(*from Council*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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33. LABOUR AND INDUSTRY BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
- \*34. COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO TOWN PLANNING COMPENSATION—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT THEREON—To be considered.
35. BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT THEREON—To be considered.
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5. MR. WILTON : To move, That this House expresses its grave concern over the findings of the Cresap, McCormick and Paget Inquiry into the Ministry of Housing, particularly—(a) the failure of the Government to ensure sufficient staff to—(i) prepare long range housing and urban development strategies ; (ii) monitor performance ; and (iii) link housing operations with other Government departments ; and (b) the failure of the Minister of Housing to—(i) ensure a clear pattern of executive responsibility ; and (ii) co-ordinate public information.
6. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House disagrees with the ruling of Mr. Speaker on 11th May, 1978 that the motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 26 was out of order.
7. MR. CATHE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes ”.
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10. MR. HANN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes ”.

#### Orders of the Day

1. PETITION RELATING TO ST. ALBANS PUBLIC TRANSPORT—To be considered.
2. ILLEGAL DRUGS IN VICTORIA—Resumption of debate on the question—That this House expresses its extreme concern at the proliferation of illegal drugs in Victoria, and calls on both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, every member of the Victorian community and all law enforcement agencies to use every means, resource and endeavour available to—(a) educate the public about the deleterious effects of the use of illegal drugs of addiction ; (b) control the distribution of these drugs ; (c) prevent the unfortunate citizens who are the victims of drugs from receiving supplies ; (d) encourage drug addicted persons to receive treatment ; and (e) resolve that young Victorians resist experimentation with all drugs ; and therefore prevent forever the rampant spread of harmful, illegal drugs in Victoria.

## QUESTIONS

*(Notices received on 16th May, 1978)*

- \*995. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he received a letter from the Member for Brunswick dated 17th January, 1978 in which representations were made on behalf of the Family Planning Association of Victoria for special consideration relating to pay-roll tax ; if so—(a) why the letter has not been acknowledged ; (b) when the letter will be replied to ; and (c) what are the reasons for the delay.
- \*996. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the State's Occupational Health Service, whether the Minister received a letter from the Member for Brunswick dated 2nd February, 1978 in which a request was made for a discussion between the Member and the occupational health officer of the Department of Health ; if so, what is the reason for the delay in acknowledging this letter, and whether it is the Minister's intention to—(a) acknowledge the letter ; (b) agree to the holding of discussions ; or (c) not agree to the discussions and, if so, why.
- \*997. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the evaluation of the Knox Early Childhood Development Complex, when Ms. Wadsworth submitted a report on the subject, indicating—(a) what action has been taken to publish the report and what is the reason for the delay ; (b) when it will be published ; and (c) whether the Member for Brunswick can obtain a copy immediately.
- \*998. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the model of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital at Clayton, which was placed on public exhibition in August, 1975, what was—(a) the name of the person or authority who first commissioned the model ; (b) the date of construction ; (c) the cost ; and (d) the design actually depicted.
- \*999. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of funding of pre-schools and day care centres—
1. What amount was allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1976-77 and 1977-78, respectively, detailing any conditions placed on the grants.
  2. Whether the effective percentage contribution towards pre-school costs for the Commonwealth has been reduced in 1977-78 ; if so, by how much.
  3. Whether representations have been made to the Commonwealth Minister for Social Security ; if so, when, on what basis and with what result.
- \*1000. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the development of family planning services in the South Western Region, whether there have been further developments since the proposal was rejected by the City of Warrnambool ; if so, what developments and what family planning services are now available, or will be made available, in the region.
- \*1001. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of recent press publicity concerning pregnancy testing kits—
1. Whether officers of the Department of Health have examined these kits ; if so, when ; if not, why.
  2. Whether the officers have ascertained that such kits are effective and can be used safely and reliably by members of the public.
  3. Whether any action is proposed to control the sale or use of such kits.
- \*1002. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Committee on Cost Containment set up in 1977—
1. On how many occasions the Committee has met.
  2. What reports the Committee has sent to the Minister or Departmental officers, and whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  3. What recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Minister and Departmental officers.
  4. Whether the Minister will agree to the Member for Brunswick being briefed by the Committee as to their functions and ideas for cost containment in hospitals.
- \*1003. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the report of the Committee on Road Trauma and Casualty Services—
1. Whether the report was submitted to the Minister on 22nd August, 1977.
  2. Whether the Minister received a letter from the Member for Brunswick dated 2nd December, 1977 requesting a copy of the report ; if so, why there has been neither acknowledgement nor response to the letter.
  3. When the report will be made public.
  4. Whether a copy of the report will be immediately made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  5. What action the Government has taken on the report.

- \*1004. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal for the charging of fees by doctors at community health centres—
1. Whether a decision to introduce fees has yet been made ; if so, on what basis and when such fees will be introduced.
  2. Whether community health centres will receive additional administrative personnel in order that fees can be collected.
  3. Whether such charging of fees will alter the centres exemption from pay-roll tax.
- \*1005. MR. JASPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary, because of the inadequacies found in the *Volunteer Civil Defence Workers Compensation Act 1972* under which the State Emergency Service operates, whether the Government intends introducing legislation covering the operation of the State Emergency Service ; if so, when ; if not, why.
- \*1006. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Conservation if he will lay on the table of the Library, Environment Protection Authority files 77/195, 77/1372, and 78/191.
- \*1007. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—
1. What subsidies and financial inducements have previously been made available by the State Electricity Commission.
  2. What subsidies and/or financial inducements the Commission has withdrawn from its marketing and distribution organizations, indicating on what dates they were withdrawn.
- \*1008. MR. CATHIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he will make available a copy of the study commissioned by the Land Conservation Council entitled "Report—Alpine Towns Survey", undertaken by the School of Business and Social Studies at the Gippsland Institute of Technology.
- \*1009. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of submissions received on the funding of existing day care centres—
1. Whether he or a standing committee met with representatives in November, 1977 ; if so, with what result.
  2. Whether a submission for additional funds was made to the Treasury : if so, when, on what basis and with what result.
- \*1010. MR. LIND : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the funding of day nurseries—
1. What progress, if any, has been made by State and Commonwealth officers towards reaching agreement on the funding of those nurseries which were established with Commonwealth capital grants.
  2. Whether the Dandenong Day Nursery is to receive recurrent funding ; if so, when this funding will commence, and at what rate per annum.
- \*1011. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether the Minister or his officers are aware of reports that patients are being turned away from the Frankston Community hospital because of lack of space ; if so, how many patients have been so affected in the past three months and what proposals the Hospitals and Charities Commission has to overcome the difficulty.
- \*1012. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect to the Queen Victoria Memorial hospital at Clayton, what are the dates on which—(a) town planning permits have been—(i) sought ; and (ii) granted ; (b) plans—(i) have been commissioned ; and (ii) are to be completed ; (c) tenders for construction are to be—(i) opened ; and (ii) closed ; (d) construction is to—(i) commence ; and (ii) be completed ; and (e) patients are to be admitted for the first time.
- \*1013. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of the McCulloch House project in Warrigal-road, Burwood, what are the dates on which—(a) town planning permits have been—(i) sought ; and (ii) granted ; (b) plans—(i) have been commissioned ; and (ii) are to be completed ; (c) tenders for construction are to be—(i) opened ; and (ii) closed ; (d) construction is to—(i) commence ; and (ii) be completed ; and (e) patients are to be admitted for the first time.
- \*1014. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, whether a course of training for licensed dental technicians has been set up as contemplated under the provisions of Section 21 of the *Dental Technicians Act 1972* ; if not—(a) when it is expected that the course will be established ; (b) how many licensed dental technicians will be able to attend the course each year following establishment ; and (c) what provisions will be made for those persons who have all the qualifications required under Section 21, but are to be excluded from the course following establishment because of limitations in numbers.

- \*1015. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Spécial Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether information concerning criminal histories is furnished by the Police Department to any persons other than members of the Police Force ; if so—(a) to which members of what Government Departments or public Authorities ; (b) to which private organizations ; and (c) to which private individuals.
  2. What conditions, if any, apply to the supply of such information.
- \*1016. MR. CAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education, for the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. Whether the Minister is aware that the definition of “ small business ” in the *Estate Agents Act* 1958 is related to the sale price of a business not exceeding \$30,000.
  2. Whether the Minister will take steps to amend the definition to ensure that categories of businesses which fall within the 1958 definition continue to fall within the provisions of the Act, and, in particular, Section 34 of the Act.
- \*1017. MR. HANN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture in relation to premises licensed under the Commonwealth Department of Primary Industry Export Meat Regulations—
1. How many meat inspectors and veterinary officers of the Victorian Department of Agriculture are stationed at these premises.
  2. What duties these meat inspectors and veterinary officers perform.
  3. How much overtime, in both hours and amount of money paid, was worked by these meat inspectors and veterinary officers in supervising the slaughtering of diseased animals outside normal working hours.
- \*1018. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions : and (b) dental officers and related dentist positions in the Department of Health—
1. How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether they are permanent or temporary, and whether they are currently filled.
  2. Whether applications have been made to the—(a) Treasury ; and (b) Public Service Board, for additional staff ; if so, what staff, and with what result.
- \*1019. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, in respect of refugee screening—
1. How many doctors and nurses have been taken off other duties to attend to refugees, specifying which activities have been affected.
  2. Whether doctors have had to be taken off the school medical service ; if so, how many and for what period of time.
  3. Whether his submissions to the conference of State Ministers of Immigration has had any positive result ; if so, what result.
- \*1020. MR. AMOS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, whether an inspector was appointed to investigate all the affairs of Lefroy Minerals Limited and North Deborah Mining and Industrial Limited during the period 1st January, 1972 to 8th October, 1973 ; if so—(a) when the appointment was made ; (b) when the report of the inspector was received and what action has been taken by the Corporate Affairs Commission or any other body since its reception ; (c) whether the report will be tabled in Parliament and, if not, why ; and (d) whether the Member for Morwell will be permitted to see the report.
- \*1021. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 8 given on 9th May, 1978, which works were funded at each hospital.
- \*1022. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 723, given on 4th May, 1978, on what basis the School Dental Therapy Scheme will be established in the Geelong and Bellarine areas in 1979, indicating—(a) what services will be provided during 1979 and in what locations ; and (b) from which schools pupils will be treated during 1979.
- \*1023. MR. ROPER : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honorable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 43 given on 2nd May, 1978—
1. Who are the members of the committee appointed to investigate and report on the current level of Government subsidy to municipal councils in respect of immunization campaigns.
  2. What are the terms of reference of the committee.
  3. When the committee was set up and when the first meeting was held.
  4. When it is expected that the committee will report to the Commission of Public Health.
  5. Whether a copy of the report, when available, will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- \*1024. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education with regard to maternity leave available to teaching staff in the Education Department—
1. How many women have taken leave each year since the inception of the scheme.
  2. What has been the average duration of leave for each year.
  3. Whether the scheme is currently under revision.
- \*1025. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether he has received representation from the Parents and Friends Association of the Princess Elizabeth Junior School for Deaf Children expressing concern at the long period spent by many young children in travelling to and from the school ; if so, what steps are to be taken to alleviate the plight of these young children.
- \*1026. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education, in view of the widespread concern expressed by schools at the unsatisfactory staff establishment figures determined for 1978, whether he will seek the advice of individual school councils on establishment levels for 1979, based on need.
- \*1027. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education in view of the enactment of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1977*, whether he will ensure that adequate facilities are provided to enable the teaching of all craft subjects in girl's high schools.
- \*1028. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will ensure that staff absent from schools due to illness can be replaced by emergency staff irrespective of staff establishment levels.
- \*1029. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education :—
1. When tenders for construction of the education and para-medical blocks of the Nepean Special School were—(a) called ; and (b) closed.
  2. What are the dates on which construction is to—(a) commence ; and (b) be completed.
- \*1030. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. Whether he will make available to interested members the results of a manpower survey undertaken by the Assistant Director-General (Personnel) in late 1976.
  2. Whether any similar surveys have been undertaken since 1976.
- \*1031. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education—
1. What is the extent of funds provided by the Commonwealth Government for in-service education.
  2. Whether he will give an undertaking that all schools will be able to employ replacement emergency staff for staff involvement in in-service education, irrespective of staff establishment.
- \*1032. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education.
1. Whether a contract has been let to a firm of consultants to publicly promote the work of the Education Department ; if so—(a) who was awarded the contract ; (b) what is the fee ; (c) what is the duration of the contract ; and (d) what are the other terms of the contract.
  2. Whether tenders were called for the contract ; if so—(a) when ; (b) where ; and (c) how many applications were received ; if not, why.
  3. What other publicity promotion is planned for—(a) this financial year ; and (b) the 1978–79 year.
- \*1033. MR. FORDHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Special Education whether the current procedures of ascertaining deaf children and advising on the educational needs of children are considered to be unsatisfactory ; if so, in what respect ; if not, why the present system is likely to be altered.
- \*1034. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he is aware that since 1974 the number of applicants approved for entry to apprenticeships has increased to 17,377 in 1977, whilst the number of new indentures relative to approvals has fallen in 1977 to 10,241, giving a percentage of 41.06 approved but unindentured potential apprentices ; if so—(a) what are the reasons for the increasing percentage of approved persons not being indentured ; (b) what measures have been taken to ensure that these suitably qualified young people are able to pursue the skilled trade of their choice as indentured apprentices ; and (c) whether he will introduce legislation to ensure that a system, similar to the existing German system requiring employers to take a quota of apprentices, is implemented in Victoria.
- \*1035. MR. SIMMONDS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether, in view of the reported shortages of persons qualified in particular skilled trades, the concern expressed at the dearth of young persons qualified in skilled trades areas where there are shortages, and the currently disproportionate numbers of unemployed young people who are unskilled, he will give assurances that all those approved for apprenticeships for 1978, will be indentured, and that those who were not indentured during 1977 will be indentured in 1978.

\*1036. MR. SIMMONDS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry what measures have been taken to ensure that the 1978 apprenticeship intake reaches at least the Department of Labour and Industry's State target of 15,000.

\*1037. MR. SIMMONDS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry—

1. How many of the 36,000 apprentices in Victoria are overseas born, indicating—(a) how many have a first language other than English; and (b) how many are from non-English speaking countries.
2. For each year from 1970 to 1977, inclusive, how many applicants for apprenticeships have been refused entry because of—(a) inadequate literacy in English; and (b) low literacy levels.
3. What provisions there are for the introduction of—(a) special apprenticeship orientated literacy and numeracy courses; and (b) intensive English language courses for interested apprenticeship applicants whose command of the English language is below entry criteria.
4. What specific services the Department of Labour and Industry provides for migrants from non-English speaking backgrounds.
5. What information services are provided by the Department to workers in industry, indicating whether any of these services are multi-lingual.

\*1038. MR. AMOS: To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy—

1. Whether his attention has been drawn to complaints made by many Latrobe Valley residents who claim that they have received telephone calls from persons identifying themselves as members of a survey team, and who ask questions about industrial relations and their attitude to the State Electricity Commission.
2. Whether the Commission has been involved in a recent telephone survey of Latrobe Valley residents; if so—(a) why; and (b) whether he will lay a copy of the questions used by the telephone callers on the table of the Library.

\*1039. MR. AMOS: To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether any permits have been given to companies to explore for uranium in the Wannon district; if so, whether he will provide a list of all property owners covered by the exploration permits and the name or names of the company or companies involved.

\*1040. MR. AMOS: To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. Whether the State Electricity Commission has ignored a written direction by him aimed at finalizing the negotiations between the Commission and the Association of Municipal Electricity Authorities, and instead has now produced a new set of conditions which are totally unacceptable to the Councils and from which the Commission states it will not deviate.
2. Whether, unless a guarantee and a firm date for a satisfactory conclusion to the negotiations can be given, he will immediately seek the appointment of a Royal Commission aimed at establishing reasons for the State Electricity Commission's inflexibility in relation to all issues involved, and especially in relation to its tactics in pursuing a policy of takeover of the eleven municipal council electricity supply operations.

\*1041. MR. AMOS: To ask the Honorable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether, in view of the State Electricity Commission's attitude and tactics, no formal financial arrangement concerning electricity supply has existed between municipal councils and the Commission for nearly two years, despite the fact that the councils are the Commission's best customers and last year purchased \$92.265 million worth of electricity.

J. H. CAMPBELL,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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- Victoria Institute of Colleges—Report, 1976. (No. 115).
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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 25

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3. MR. ROSS-EDWARDS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all liability to pay gift duty in respect of gifts made on or after 1st July, 1978, should be abolished and that such gifts be not taken into consideration for the purpose of assessing gift duty or determining a rate of gift duty with respect to gifts made before that date.
4. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House—(a) is of the opinion that it is opposed to the Atomic Energy Amendment Bill, the National Parks and Wildlife Amendment Bill and the Environment Protection (Nuclear Codes) Bill, introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament, on the grounds that they are inadequate to control uranium mining, protect the environment and implement adequate safeguards for the State of Victoria ; (b) notes that each of the Bills being debated in the Federal Parliament is directly in conflict with the constitutional responsibilities of the States ; and (c) believes that the Bills should not be proceeded with.
5. MR. WILTON : To move, That this House expresses its grave concern over the findings of the Cresap, McCormick and Paget Inquiry into the Ministry of Housing, particularly—(a) the failure of the Government to ensure sufficient staff to—(i) prepare long range housing and urban development strategies ; (ii) monitor performance ; and (iii) link housing operations with other Government departments ; and (b) the failure of the Minister of Housing to—(i) ensure a clear pattern of executive responsibility ; and (ii) co-ordinate public information.
6. MR. WILKES : To move, That this House disagrees with the ruling of Mr. Speaker on 11th May, 1978 that the motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 26 was out of order.
7. MR. CATHIE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of or under the control of the Government of the State of Victoria, and for other purposes* ”.
8. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 925 of the ‘ Local Government Act 1958 ’ with respect to the Installation of Bullet-resistant Glass in Premises used for Banking or the Receipt of Money from the Public* ”.
9. MR. EDMUNDS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section 10 of the ‘ Public Records Act 1973 ’ with respect to reducing the Maximum Period for which Public Records may be withheld from Access by the Public* ”.
10. MR. HANN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to constitute the Victorian Meat Industry Authority, to make provision with respect to the objects and powers of the Authority, and for other purposes* ”.

#### Orders of the Day

1. PETITION RELATING TO ST. ALBANS PUBLIC TRANSPORT—To be considered.
2. ILLEGAL DRUGS IN VICTORIA—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House expresses its extreme concern at the proliferation of illegal drugs in Victoria, and calls on both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, every member of the Victorian community and all law enforcement agencies to use every means, resource and endeavour available to—(a) educate the public about the deleterious effects of the use of illegal drugs of addiction ; (b) control the distribution of these drugs ; (c) prevent the unfortunate citizens who are the victims of drugs from receiving supplies ; (d) encourage drug addicted persons to receive treatment ; and (e) resolve that young Victorians resist experimentation with all drugs ; and therefore prevent forever the rampant spread of harmful, illegal drugs in Victoria.

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time



## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Orders of the Day

1. WORKERS COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. GEELONG REGIONAL INTERIM DEVELOPMENT ORDER (VALIDATION) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. CREDIT REPORTING BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. MAGISTRATES' COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. WRONGS (ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. MAGISTRATES (INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. CRIMES (HIJACKINGS AND OTHER OFFENCES) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. BAIL (AMENDMENT) BILL—(from Council)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. MOTOR CAR TRADERS (AMENDMENT) BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
14. MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
15. POUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
16. LABOUR AND INDUSTRY BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
17. COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO TOWN PLANNING COMPENSATION—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT THEREON—To be considered.
18. BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT THEREON—To be considered.
- \*19. BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.
- \*20. BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT 1968—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House takes note of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Operation of the *Liquor Control Act* 1968 and the Ministerial Statement made thereon on 20th April, 1978.
21. PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE REPORT—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House takes note of the Report of the Privileges Committee tabled in the House on 20th April, 1978.

## QUESTIONS

(Notices received on 17th May, 1978)

- \*1042. **MR. TREZISE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether he will investigate the urgent need for a migrant English teacher at the Norlane high school with a view to appointing such a teacher at the earliest opportunity.
- \*1043. **MRS. TONER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether he has considered a submission from the Victorian Chess Association for a grant to assist junior chess players to travel interstate and overseas for chess tournaments ; if so, what consideration has been given to such submission.
- \*1044. **MR. EVANS (Ballarat North)** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour and Industry, for the Honorable the Attorney-General, what progress has been made with a proposal to bring down legislation to control the operations of companies formed and controlled by solicitors for the purposes of investing clients funds, including mortgage funds.
- \*1045. **MR. FORDHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Assistant Minister of Health with regard to the School Medical Service—
1. What is the current staffing establishment, by categories of staff.
  2. What are the actual number of personnel appointed to each category.
  3. What additional appointments are needed in order to provide a desirable level of service.
  4. To what extent present staff were diverted to other responsibilities in the Department of Health during the current financial year and what was the impact on the Service.
  5. To what extent doctors and other personnel outside the service were requested to undertake duties on behalf of the Service.
- \*1046. **MR. SIMPSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of the Arts whether it is the intention of the Government to assist in the establishment of an international film centre at Port Melbourne ; if so, whether any assurances of assistance have been given to any company involved in establishing this centre and, in that event, what is the name of the company and what was the nature of the assurances.

J. H. CAMPBELL,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

KENNETH H. WHEELER,  
Speaker

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