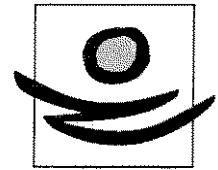


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Dear Ms Gell

Questions on Notice arising out VLA's Evidence to the Public Hearing of the Senate Inquiry into Legal Aid

Thank you for inviting Victoria Legal Aid to provide answers to questions asked by Committee members during the public hearing in Melbourne in November 2003.

Question 1: Has VLA undertaken statistical analysis of the anecdotal evidence referred to in relation to Melton?

Attached is a statistical table of the location of the firms who have undertaken Commonwealth funded legally aided work (almost all of which is family law work) between 1997 and 2002. The table also records the number of grants of legal aid assigned to firms in those regions. Although six law firms operate there, in Melton there has been only one firm that has undertaken legally aided work over that five-year period but the number of grants to that firm and that region has decreased from 21 in 1997-98 to 2 in 2001-02. In the most recent Census, however, there was a population of 51,823 for the Shire of Melton. The SEIFA (Socio Economic Index For Australia) rating recorded by the ABS for the area (based on the Census data) is 997.36 where the Victorian average is 1012.42, therefore clearly signifying Melton as an area of disadvantage. I would venture to submit that the drop in legal aid to that region is a reflection of the reluctance of practitioners to undertake the work rather than a reduction in need.

Question 2: How does the cost of administration of the Commonwealth funded legal aid program compare to the cost of administering the State funded legal aid program at VLA?

In 2002-03 VLA reported revenue of \$79.8m including \$27.9 from the Commonwealth, \$32.7 from the State and \$19.2 from other sources (public purpose fund, client contributions, etc.).

Administration costs amounted to \$11.8m or 14.8% of total Revenue. Administration costs as a proportion of grant funding was divided as follows

- Commonwealth - \$5.2m or 6.5% of Revenue
- State - \$6.6m or 8.3% of Revenue

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Under the current funding agreement the Commonwealth permits VLA to take 4.5% of the annual Commonwealth grant (approximately \$1.25m) as a "strategic services" fee which is a contribution made by the Commonwealth to VLA in recognition of the administrative cost borne by VLA to deliver the Commonwealth's legal aid program in this State.

In the future, if funding from the Commonwealth was not tied to particular law types, VLA would be relieved of some administrative expense. However if the amount of funding from the Commonwealth remained the same, VLA would nevertheless still be required to meet administrative costs of the same order of magnitude as present administrative expenditure.

Question 3: If the Commonwealth decides on a national funding distribution formula for the new round of agreements, could the Committee be informed?

To date the Commonwealth has not proposed a formula for distribution of funding under the new agreements so I am unable to provide the committee with VLA's views on the Commonwealth's preferred model. As soon as the Commonwealth has settled upon a model and informs me of such, I will provide the Committee with a copy of the model and VLA's views about it.

Question 4: Could VLA provide examples of new or amended Commonwealth legislation or policies that have had a financial consequence for legal aid commissions but where the Commonwealth has made no consequential adjustment in funding for Commissions?

During the life of current funding agreements between commissions and the Commonwealth (July 2000 to the present) the Commonwealth has not compensated legal aid commissions for the financial impact of changes in Commonwealth laws and policies that have had a direct effect on the cost of commission operations. A review of Commonwealth legislative or policy changes over the past year reveals that the following have had or will have negative financial impacts on legal aid commissions:

- Changes to the rules concerning expert evidence procedures in the Family Court
- Changes to the guidelines for child representatives in the Family Court
- Changes to the legal aid guidelines dealing with grants of aid in matters affecting national security - cost of practitioner security clearances to be borne by commissions
- Changes to the superannuation provisions of the Family Law Act - the cost of financial analysis and expert reports about superannuation assets to be borne by commissions
- Changes to legal aid guidelines in respect of Proceeds of Crime Act matters - cost of new processes to be borne by commissions.

I hope this information is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Parsons", written over a horizontal line.

TONY PARSONS

Managing Director

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No. of matters worked on

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		97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02
ABBOTSFORD	3067		1		1		0		1		0		1		0	
AIRPORT WEST/MIDDIE	3042	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-1		1	1	1	-1
ALBURY	2640	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	14	-2	13	6	8	9	-5
ALEXANDRA	3714	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	11	10
ALTONA	3018	1	2		1		1		1	1	-1	3		1		-1
ALTONA NORTH	3025										1					1
ARARAT	3377	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	0	3	4	9	7	3
ASCOT VALE/MARIBYNONG	3032	5	3	4	2	5	2	5	2	16	0	14	8	4	8	-8
ASHWOOD	3147		2	1							0	3	1			0
AVONDALE HEIGHTS	3034		2								0	2				0
BACCHUS MARSH	3340	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	32	-1	37	21	27	12	-20
BAIRNSDALE	3875	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	70	0	63	85	111	90	20
BALACLAVA	3183	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	5	2	6	4	2
BALLARAT	3350	15	17	16	15	16	15	16	15	321	1	356	317	496	494	173
BALWYN NORTH	3104				1						0			2		0
BANNOCKBURN	3331			1							0		2			0
BARHAM	2732		1	1							0	1	1			0
BEAUFORT	3373	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	0	9	15	34	47	40
BEECHWORTH VIC	3747	1	1	1						1	0	1	1		3	2
BELGRAVE	3160	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	-2	17	13	17	31	21
BELMONT/HIGHTON	3216	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	13	-2	4	15	11	12	-1
BENALLA	3672	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	39	-2	36	35	20	29	-10
BENDIGO	3550	16	14	11	12	10	12	10	12	334	-6	277	298	259	251	-83
BENDIGO	3552	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	21	8	3	2	0
BENTLEIGH EAST	3165	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	4	5	9		-1
BENTLEIGH/MCKINNON	3204	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	13	-1	13	28	16	24	11
BERWICK	3806	2	2		2					5	-2	2		2		-5
BLACK ROCK	3193	1	1		1					2	0	1		8	5	3
BLACKBURN	3130	8	7	5	5	4	5	4	5	82	-4	126	182	115	109	27
BORONIA	3155	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	53	0	55	68	66	55	2
BOX HILL	3128	8	6	9	7	8	7	8	7	131	0	95	102	91	98	-33
BOX HILL NORTH	3129			1	2	1	2	1	2		1		1	2	3	3
BRIGHT	3741	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	5	8	4	2	-1
BRIGHTON	3186	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	18	-1	21	38	59	33	15
BROADMEADOWS	3047	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	116	1	121	143	102	35	-81
BRUNSWICK	3056	9	7	5	7	4	7	4	7	21	-5	36	30	40	41	20
BRUNSWICK EAST	3057	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	0		8	12	17	14
BULLEEN	3105	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	-1	4	1	1		-4
BUNDOORA/KINGSBURY	3083	3	4	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	-2	11	14	20	11	8
BURWOOD EAST	3151	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	-1	17	34	28	20	-4
CAMBERWELL	3124	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	3	18	-1	25	13	7	5	-13

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		97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	Difference between 1997 & 2002			97/98	98/99		99/00	00/01	01/02		
CAMPBELLFIELD	3061	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	6	4	3	10	8
CAMPERDOWN	3260	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	5	4	4	2	4	9	4
CANBERRA	2601	1															
CARLTON	3053	4	3	4	6	7	3	3	7	3	10	21	32	24	30	20	
CARLTON NORTH	3054				1		0	0		0				2		0	
CASTERTON	3311		1				0	0		0		1				0	
CASTLEMAINE	3450	3	3	2	2	2	-1	-1	2	-1	54	72	51	47	52	-2	
CAULFIELD EAST	3145	1	1	1			-1	-1		-1	2	1	1			-2	
CAULFIELD NORTH	3161	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	2	0	4	5	5	3	8	4	
CAULFIELD SOUTH	3162	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	7	5	5	7	4	-3	
CHELSEA	3196	1	1				-1	-1		-1	5	5				-5	
CHELTENHAM	3192	1	1		1		-1	-1		-1	1	1		1		-1	
CHILTERN	3683			1			0	0		0			1			0	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3116	1	1				-1	-1		-1	10	10				-10	
CLAYTON	3168	6	6	6	6	4	-2	-2	4	-2	118	61	115	104	110	-8	
CLAYTON SOUTH	3169		1				0	0		0		1				0	
CLIFTON HILL	3068	2	1	1	2	1	-1	-1	1	-1	7	11	3	7	6	-1	
COBDEN	3266				1		0	0		0				3		0	
COBRAM	3644	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	7	5	2	1	-4	
COBURG	3058	7	7	4	5	5	-2	-2	5	-2	19	16	16	25	26	7	
COHUNA	3568	1	1	1			0	0	1	0	4		1		1	-3	
COLAC	3250	4	4	4	5	5	1	1	5	1	29	55	52	74	48	19	
COLLINGWOOD	3066	2	3	2	1	2	0	0	2	0	7	13	9	4	13	6	
CORIO	3214	1	1	1			-1	-1		-1	18	29	17			-18	
CORRYONG	3707	1					-1	-1		-1	1					-1	
COWES	3922	1	1	1			-1	-1		-1	6		1			-6	
CRAIGIEBURN	3064	1	1		1		-1	-1		-1	5	1		1		-5	
CRANBOURNE	3977	5	5	5	4	5	0	0	5	0	127	149	146	143	155	28	
CROYDON	3136	3	3	3	4	5	2	2	5	2	49	67	54	56	69	20	
DANDENONG	3175	25	26	26	23	26	1	1	26	1	697	774	666	825	914	217	
DAYLESFORD	3460	1	1				-1	-1		-1	3	8				-3	
DEER PARK	3023	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	2	7	6	
DENILQUIN	2710	1	2	1	1		-1	-1		-1	1	3	5	1		-1	
DIAMOND CREEK	3089	1	1	1			-1	-1		-1	3	2	2			-3	
DIMBOOLA	3414	1					-1	-1		-1	1					-1	
DINGLEY	3172	1	1				-1	-1		-1	5	2				-5	
DONALD	3480	1		1	1		-1	-1		-1	1		2	2		-1	
DONCASTER	3108	1	1	1	1		-1	-1		-1	1	2	1	1		-1	
DONCASTER EAST	3109	2					-2	-2		-2	4					-4	
DOOVETON	3177	2	2	1			-2	-2		-2	3	12	2			-3	
DROUIN	3818	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	7	4	4	6	1	-6	

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EAGLEHAWK	3556	1	1				-1	2	1				-2
EAST MELBOURNE	3002	2	2	3	1		-2	14	4	12	4		-14
ECHUCA	3564	4	3	3	3	5	1	59	66	33	17	17	-42
EDENHOPE	3318	1					-1	2					-2
ELSTERNWICK	3185	2	1	3	2	1	-1	9	2	6	6	2	-7
ELTHAM	3095	3	1	1	1	1	-2	3	1	10	8	3	0
ELWOOD	3184	1					0	1					2
EMERALD	3782	2	3	3	2	2	0	18	20	16	21	19	1
ENDEAVOUR HILLS	3802				1		0				1		0
EPPING	3076	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	11	5	4
ESSENDON	3040	3	2	2	3	1	-2	4	4	4	8	1	-3
ESSENDON NORTH	3041	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	12	9
EUROA	3666	1					0	2		5	15	2	0
FAIRFIELD	3078	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	6	7	4
FAWKNER	3060	1	1		1	1	0	3	1		1	1	-2
FERN TREE GULLY /UPPER FE	3156	4	5	5	4	3	-1	11	16	24	16	23	12
FINLEY	2713	1					-1	3					-3
FITZROY	3065	8	7	10	9	8	0	95	121	114	127	151	56
FLEMINGTON	3031	1	2	1	1	1	0	3	5	2	6	3	0
FOOTSCRAY	3011	13	11	10	12	9	-4	101	83	102	92	76	-25
FOREST HILL	3131	1	1	1	2	2	-1	1	2	2	3	2	-1
FOSTER	3960						0			1			0
FRANKSTON	3199	14	13	14	10	12	-2	182	221	250	249	297	115
GEELONG	3220	23	22	22	20	22	-1	647	786	817	774	799	152
GEELONG WEST	3218	2	2	2	1	2	0	46	64	43	61	46	0
GISBORNE	3437	1	1	1	1	1	-1	2	2	2	3	2	-2
GLADSTONE PARK	3043	1	1	1	1	1	0	105	100	97	75	147	42
GLEN IRIS VIC	3146	1	1				1	1	1			1	1
GLEN WAVERLEY/WHEELERS	3150	2	4	4	3	2	0	6	17	26	39	22	16
GLENHUNTLY	3163	2			1	2	0	5			5	4	-1
GLENROY/OAK PARK	3046	5	6	4	4	4	-1	114	121	108	159	138	24
GREENSBOROUGH	3088	4	4	5	5	3	-1	48	69	52	53	67	19
HAMILTON	3300	4	5	5	5	4	0	74	77	70	88	84	10
HAMPTON	3188				3	1	1	5	5	3	4	2	2
HAMPTON PARK	3976	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	10	7	10	10	7
HASTINGS	3915	2	3	5	3	3	1	31	34	39	37	54	23
HAWTHORN	3122	3	2		1	1	-2	7	6		3	2	-5
HEALESVILLE	3777	1	1	2	2	2	1	20	30	26	24	23	3
HEIDELBERG WEST	3081	2	1	2	2	2	0	21	13	27	25	31	10
HEIDELBERG/ROSANNA	3084	6	7	6	6	7	1	49	52	91	104	80	31
HEPBURN SPRINGS	3461					1	1					2	2

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HEYFIELD	3858	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	1	5	8	3		
HIGHETT	3190	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	4	6	4			
HOBART	7000	1				-1								
HOPPERS CROSSINGS/WERF	3030	7	10	6	9	8	1	77	95	199	233	219		
HORSHAM	3400	5	6	5	5	5	0	91	121	123	108	152		
HUGHESDALE/OAKLEIGH	3166	4	4	4	4	4	0	17	16	19	35	12		
HUONVILLE	7109						0							
INVERGORDON	3632	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	17	1	7	8		
INVERLOCH	3996	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	26	29	20	18		
IVANHOE	3079	4	4	3	3	2	-2	11	9	17	8	15		
KEILOR	3036	1	1	1	1	1	-1	1	4	3				
KEILOR EAST	3033	2	1	1	1	1	-1	2		1	3	9		
KERANG	3579	2	1	1	1	1	-2	6	6	9	9	6		
KEW	3101	2	2	1	2	2	-2	2	3	1	3	3		
KEW EAST	3102	4	2	3	2	2	-2	13	6	6	6	5		
KILMORE	3764	2	2	2	1	2	0	4	6	6	3	6		
KILSYTH	3137	1	2	1	1	1	0	3	7	2	9	10		
KOO WEE RUP	3981						1							
KORUMBURRA	3950	2	2	2	1	1	-1	16	7	4	6	2		
KYABRAM	3620	2	2	2	2	2	0	136	150	175	219	195		
KYNETON	3444	2	1	1	1	1	-1	19	24	40	19	11		
LAKES ENTRANCE	3909	1	1	1	1	1	0	9	12	16	25	12		
LALOR	3075	1	1	1	2	1	0	6	5	11	16	16		
LARA	3212	1					0							
LALUNCESTON	7250	1					-1	1						
LAW COURTS	8010	1	1	1	1	1	0	32	12		1	4		
LEONGATHA	3953	2	1	2	1	2	0	25	28	10	17	20		
LILYDALE	3140	4	5	4	3	3	-1	92	87	86	46	13		
LOWER TEMPLESTOWE	3107	2	1	1	1	1	-1	3	9	22	12	7		
MAFFRA	3860	1	2	2	1	1	0	2	4	4	1	1		
MALDON	3463	1					-1	1						
MALVERN	3144	1					0							
MANSFIELD	3722	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	1	2	10	8		
MARYBOROUGH	3465	4	4	5	5	6	2	51	43	39	56	44		
MELBOURNE	3000	123	106	111	96	93	-30	872	899	995	1010	1049		
MELTON	3337	1	1	1	1	1	0	21	21	17	13	2		
MENTONE	3194	2	1	1	1	1	-1	6	10	7	7	3		
MIDDLE PARK	3206	1	1	1	1	1	-1	2	6					
MILDURA	3500	7	5	6	5	6	-1	227	280	293	280	271		
MILL PARK	3082	1	1	1	1	1	0	10	7	5	10	2		
MITCHAM	3132	3	2	1	2	1	-2	63	42	59	115	107		

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MOE	3825	5	4	4	4	5	0	173	137	109	131	110	-63	
MONBULK	3793	1	4	3	3	2	1	3	10	13	15	10	7	
MONT ALBERT/SURREY HILLS	3127	3	2	1	3	1	-2	4	4	1	3	1	-3	
MONTMORENCY	3094			1			0						0	
MOONEE PONDS	3039	8	4	4	7	6	-2	31	21	25	72	66	35	
MOORABBIN	3189	3	1	1	1		-3	7	1	5	11		-7	
MOOROOLBARK	3138	2	3	2	2	2	0	17	15	5	11	12	-5	
MORANG SOUTH	3752	1			1		-1	1			2		-1	
MORDIALLOC	3195	2	2	2	2	2	0	23	27	28	38	36	13	
MORNINGTON	3931	6	6	4	6	4	-2	49	43	49	84	105	56	
MORWELL	3840	6	6	6	6	6	0	133	165	189	122	171	38	
MOUNT ELIZA	3930	2	1	1	1	2	0	10	9	4	7	10	0	
MOUNT EVELYN	3796	2	1	1	1	1	-1	9	7	1	3	4	-5	
MOUNT GAMBIER	5290	1	1	1	1		-1	7	3	3			-7	
MOUNT WAVERLEY	3149	4	3	3	2	2	-2	15	10	6	15	10	-5	
MURCHISON	3610	1	1	1	1	1	0	4	3	3			-3	
MYRTLEFORD	3737	2	1	2	1	1	-1	11	2	5	17	29	18	
NARRE WARREN	3805	2	2	1	2	2	0	11	12	16	20	37	26	
NEWCOMB	3219		1	1	1	1	1			2	3	6	6	
NEWPORT	3015	1	1	1	1		-1	9	7	12	2		-9	
NOBLE PARK	3174	2	1	2	1	1	-1	3	2	8	1	2	-1	
NORTH MELBOURNE	3051	4	3	4	2	3	-1	17	14	9	12	16	-1	
NORTHCOTE	3070	3	2	4	3	3	0	6	3	8	11	55	49	
NUMURKAH	3636	2			2	1	-1	25			3	3	-22	
OCEAN GROVE	3226	1	2	1	1	2	1	16	15	9	8	3	-13	
OCEAN REEF	6027	1					-1	2					-2	
OFFICER	3809	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	12	10	7	5	
ORBOST	3888		1				0		1				0	
PAKENHAM	3810	3	3	4	3	3	0	18	22	12	10	9	-9	
PARKVILLE	3052	1					-1	1					-1	
PASCOE VALE	3044	1		1		1	0	1		2		1	0	
PORT MELBOURNE	3207	3	1	1	1	1	-2	22	19	34	25	28	6	
PORTLAND	3305	4	4	4	3	3	-1	44	53	70	69	66	22	
PRAHRAN/WINDSOR	3181	3	1	1	1	1	-2	7	4	2	3	1	-6	
PRESTON	3072	7	7	10	8	6	-1	145	199	162	214	269	124	
RED CLIFFS	3496			1			0			1			0	
RESERVOIR	3073	2	3	4	4	4	2	29	24	49	39	57	28	
RICHMOND	3121	5	4	8	4	4	-1	93	156	132	182	187	94	
RINGWOOD	3134	8	8	7	6	7	-1	215	247	261	197	186	-29	
ROBINVALE	3549	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	8	2	6	4	3	
ROMSEY	3434			1	1		0			5			0	

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ROSEBUD	3939	3	3	3	3	3	0	46	37	30	53	22	-24
RUTHERGLEN	3685	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	3		4	1
RYE	3941	3	3	2	1	1	-2	8	5	8	23	33	25
SALE	3850	5	5	5	7	6	1	87	92	84	115	121	34
SANDRINGHAM	3191	2	2	1	1		-2	33	24	18	11		-33
SCORESBY	3179	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	19	21	10	1	-6
SEAFORD	3198				1	1	1				3	5	5
SEVILLE	3139	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	6	2	-1
SEYMOUR	3660	2	2	1	2	2	0	56	37	40	31	45	-11
SHEPPARTON	3630	9	7	7	5	5	-4	117	115	111	151	168	51
SOMERVILLE	3912	1	1				-1	14	12				-14
SOUTH MELBOURNE	3205	3	3	4	4	2	-1	8	5	5	6	3	-5
SOUTH YARRA	3141	6	5	3	1	4	-2	17	11	6	2	6	-11
SPRINGVALE	3171	6	4	3	4	3	-3	21	18	19	37	49	28
ST ALBANS	3021	3	2	2	4	2	-1	73	95	53	91	105	32
ST ARNAUD	3478	4	2	2	2	2	-2	30	17	14	9	12	-18
ST KILDA	3182	4	3	6	2	4	0	157	126	80	96	161	4
ST KILDA ROAD CENTRA	3004	1	1	1	1	3	2	16	15	15	17	17	1
STAWELL	3380	3	2	3	3	2	-1	12	7	13	12	12	0
SUNBURY	3429	4	5	4	4	4	0	23	23	15	34	31	8
SUNSHINE	3020	4	6	4	5	5	1	87	75	83	158	111	24
SWAN HILL	3585	3	2	2	2	2	-1	31	53	42	68	106	75
SYDNEY	2000	1					-1	1					-1
TATURA	3616	1	1	1	1	1	0	8	4		1	3	-5
TEMPLESTOWE	3106		1				0		1				0
TERANG	3264			1		1	1			1		8	8
THOMASTOWN	3074	1			1		-1	3			1		-3
THORBURY	3071			1			0			2			0
TINAMBA	3859			1		1	1			3	7	4	4
TOONGABBIE	3856				1		0				4		0
TOORAK	3142	2	3	2	2	1	-1	7	9	6	23	26	19
TRAFALGAR	3824	1			1	1	0	1			1	1	0
TRARALGON	3844	5	6	4	4	4	-1	108	98	126	110	113	5
VERMONT SOUTH	3133			1			0			2	3		0
WALLAN	3756			1			0			1			0
WANGARATTA	3677	7	7	7	8	6	-1	88	75	86	111	102	14
WANTIRNA	3152	6	3	2	4	2	-4	14	4	2	7	10	-4
WARRACKNABEAL	3393	1					-1	1					-1
WARRAGUL	3820	5	3	4	4	4	-1	58	47	42	38	26	-32
WARRANDYTE	3113	1	1				-1	1	1				-1
WARRENBAYNE	3670				1	1	1				1	3	3

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WARRNAMBOOL	12	11	12	9	9	-3	165	152	174	174	168	3	
WEST FOOTSCRAY			1			0			1			0	
WEST MELBOURNE	2	2	2	2	2	0	14	20	22	20	56	42	
WHITTLESEA	1		1	2	2	1	1		5	5	17	16	
WILLIAMSTOWN	4	5	5	3	2	-2	74	71	47	38	23	-51	
WODONGA	8	6	7	5	7	-1	81	77	101	99	81	0	
WODONGA (PO BOX)				1	1	1			1		5	5	
WONTHAGGI	3	4	3	2	2	-1	18	24	18	18	11	-7	
WOODEND	2	1	2	1	1	-1	8	6	4	10	4	-4	
WOODVILLE		1				0		1				0	
YARRA JUNCTION	2	2	1	2	2	0	8	10	5	4	2	-6	
YARRAM	2	1	1	1	1	-1	2	4	9	4	11	9	
YARRAVILLE				1	1	1			3		9	9	
YARRAWONGA	2	2	2	2	2	0	19	11	14	16	22	3	
YEA	1		1	1	1	0	3		2	3	3	0	
0	2		2			-2	2		2			-2	
	784	702	686	648	618	-166	8825	9311	9514	10291	10518	1693	