

opportunities, state government formal recognition, a task force being established and even the Governor's visits but really little else.

Initially the government made a commitment of \$500 000 for an Indian cultural precinct in the CBD. There were three consultations that were established — one in Dandenong, one Werribee and one in Melbourne. Since then the number of precincts seems to have mushroomed in concept but certainly not in delivery. In the Indian cultural precinct in Wyndham there was a feasibility study that is now, as I said, several years in the making that comes up with three options but still no conclusions and certainly no unified view as to where it ought to be. In Dandenong \$500 000 was committed but not a dollar spent. Much more was achieved under the Liberal government in the four years that we were in government than since that time.

We have seen nothing except that the task force is largely dominated by Labor personnel. For example, the one in Dandenong has a Labor MP, a brother-in-law of a Labor MP, the husband of a Labor candidate, a Labor candidate and state government appointments. More than 50 per cent of course are friends, family members and employees of the Labor government. It is no wonder that they actually cannot get outcomes that the community can get behind.

What I am doing is calling on the minister to take some action and to do anything rather than just rolling money over from one year to the next and extracting and squeezing whatever publicity they can from it. Let us see some actual outcomes and decisions taken. I call on the minister to clarify where he is going with the cultural precincts. With the Wyndham feasibility study, which option does he support? Where is it going to be? With Dandenong, where is the \$500 000 that has been promised? What is happening in Monash? And there has not been a word of the one that was mentioned for Casey. The journey and the publicity have been long and protracted. The words need to end and the action needs to begin.

**The PRESIDENT** — Mrs Peulich, can I just clarify which one of those things you really wanted?

**Mrs PEULICH** — The matter that I raised was the commitments made to Indian cultural precincts. That was the umbrella under which there were three options that have been investigated.

**The PRESIDENT** — And the action you seek is?

**Mrs PEULICH** — For the minister to make a decision and to clarify his position — clarify his

commitment. No-one knows what is happening. There has been money that has been committed. What has been spent has been largely on consultations and reports. No decisions have been taken and there is no evidence on the ground.

### Bus services

**Mr DALLA-RIVA** (Eastern Metropolitan) (00:33) — My adjournment matter tonight is for the Minister for Public Transport and relates to each of the contracts the government is negotiating with metropolitan bus owners for the provision of bus services from 1 July this year. This includes the municipalities of Sunbury, Cardinia, Casey, the Mornington Peninsula, the Yarra Ranges, Nillumbik, Monash, Glen Eira, Kingston and Frankston. The action I seek from the minister is for him to make known to the public the process and content of these negotiations by, firstly, publicly releasing a schedule of the bus renegotiations, by providing the public with an explanation as to why the Andrews Labor government is trying to compulsorily acquire bus owners' assets as part of those negotiations and by indicating publicly the terms of the government's nationalisation of the assets of private bus lines and whether these nationalisations will involve full, independent valuations.

**The PRESIDENT** — It got dangerously close to multichoice there as well.

### Responses

00:35:00

**Ms PULFORD** (Minister for Agriculture) (00:34) — I have adjournment matters this evening from Ms Wooldridge, Mr Gepp, Ms Lovell, Mr Davis, Ms Pennicuik, Mr Ondarchie, Ms Fitzherbert, Mr Finn, Mr Dalla-Riva, Mrs Peulich and Mr O'Donohue for a variety of ministers, and I will pass them all on and seek a response.

Mr O'Sullivan raised an adjournment matter for my attention. He sought that I have Agriculture Victoria on alert in relation to mice population numbers and controls and measures for farmers, particularly in northern Victoria. I can certainly assure Mr O'Sullivan that the department is monitoring this very closely, that I am monitoring this very closely and that we are all very much on alert. As for Mr O'Sullivan's suggestion about a task force, if the situation gets to a point where that is something that would be a valuable addition to the measures and monitoring that are currently being undertaken, then I would be very open to that idea. I thank Mr O'Sullivan for raising that matter.