

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Financial and Performance Outcomes, 2023-24

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This presentation focuses on:

1. DJSIR Ministers, purpose, operating context
2. DJSIR FY2023-24 achievements

On 2 October 2023, the Premier announced Machinery of Government changes as a result of Ministerial portfolio changes.

Changes were effective 1 February 2024:

- The Medical Research portfolio transferred to DJSIR from the Department of Health.
- The Suburban Development portfolio transferred from DJSIR to the Department of Transport and Planning (now known as the Suburbs portfolio).



# Current DJSIR Ministers and Portfolios

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DJSIR Ministers and Portfolios effective from 1 February 2024



**THE HON. NATALIE HUTCHINS MP**

Minister for Jobs and Industry  
DJSIR Coordinating Minister



**MR TIM PALLAS MP**

Minister for Economic Growth



**THE HON. COLIN BROOKS MP**

Minister for Creative Industries



**THE HON. ROS SPENCE MP**

Minister for Community Sport



**THE HON. BEN CARROLL MP**

Minister for Medical Research



**THE HON. NATALIE SULEYMAN MP**

Minister for Small Business



**MR STEVE DIMOPOULOS MP**

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events  
Minister for Outdoor Recreation



**THE HON. GAYLE TIERNEY MP**

Minister for Skills and TAFE  
Minister for Regional Development



**MS VICKI WARD MP**

Minister for Employment

# In 2023-24, DJSIR supported numerous entities attached to our portfolios

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## Creative Industries

- Arts Centre Melbourne
- Australian Centre for the Moving Image
- Docklands Studios Melbourne
- VicScreen
- Geelong Arts Centre
- Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation
- Melbourne Recital Centre
- Museums Victoria
- National Gallery of Victoria
- State Library Victoria
- The Wheeler Centre

## Economic Growth

- Breakthrough Victoria
- LaunchVic
- Invest Victoria <sup>(1)</sup>

## Jobs and Industry

- Defence Council Victoria
- Office of the Local Jobs First Commissioner

## Small Business

- Victorian Small Business Commission

## Regional Development

- Latrobe Valley Authority
- Office of the Cross-Border Commissioner
- Regional Development Victoria
- Victoria 2026 <sup>(2)</sup>

## Outdoor Recreation

- Game Management Authority
- Victorian Fisheries Authority

## Tourism, Sport and Major Events

- Australian Grand Prix Corporation
- Kardinia Park Stadium Trust
- Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust
- Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust
- Melbourne Convention Bureau
- Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust
- Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board
- Puffing Billy Railway Board
- State Sport Centres Trust
- Victorian Institute of Sport
- Visit Victoria

## Skills and TAFE

- Adult, Community and Further Education Board
- AMES Australia
- Bendigo Kangan Institute
- Box Hill Institute
- Chisholm Institute
- Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE)
- Holmesglen Institute
- Melbourne Polytechnic
- South West Institute of TAFE
- Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (SuniTAFE)
- TAFE Gippsland
- The Gordon Institute of TAFE
- VET Development Centre
- Victorian Skills Authority
- William Angliss Institute
- Wodonga TAFE

1. On 18 June 2024, the Governor in Council issued an order under section 11(b) of the *Public Administration Act 2004* to abolish Invest Victoria as an Administrative Office of DJSIR, which came into effect on 30 June 2024. Invest Victoria continues as a business unit of the department.
2. In August 2024, the Australian Securities and Investment Commission approved the voluntary deregistration of Victoria 2026 Pty Ltd under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

## DJSIR's purpose

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DJSIR is focused on growing Victoria's **prosperity**, building the **productive capacity** of the economy, and increasing Victorians **participation** in the labour market, creative industries, sport and recreation.



Creating opportunities for people through skills and jobs



Helping businesses and industries thrive



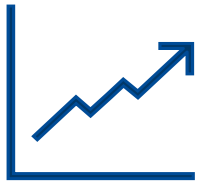
Supporting vibrant communities and regions

As at 30 June 2024, DJSIR had 1,772 staff working across 27 offices in Victoria and 23 overseas offices as part of the Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office network.



# Challenges and opportunities in 2023-24

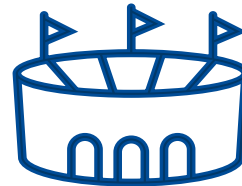
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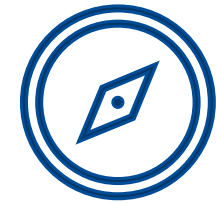
**Supporting metro and regional Victorian businesses in a dynamic economic environment**



**Improving access to training to increase the training system's ability to respond to skills shortages**



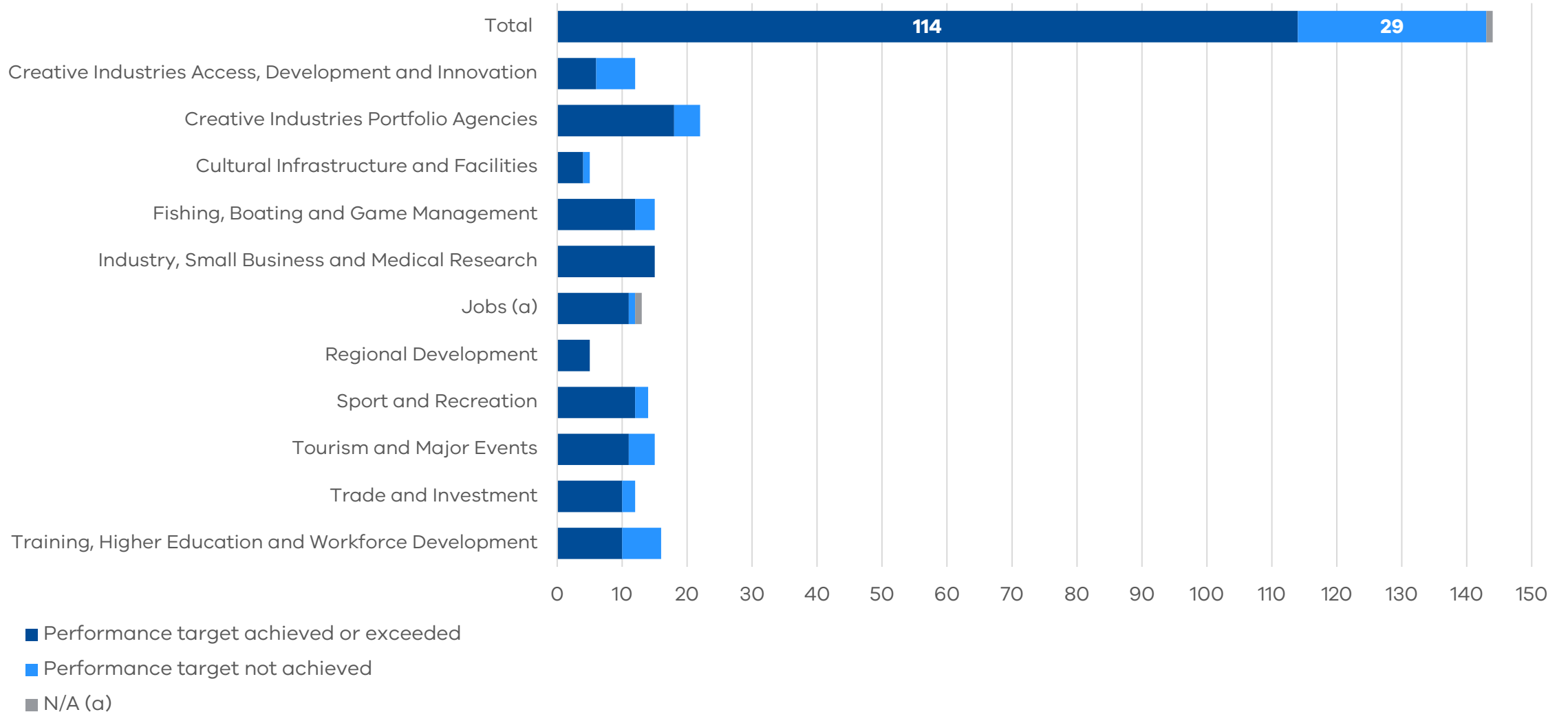
**Upgrading infrastructure to maintain Victoria's position as the creative, sporting and events capital**



**Delivering for Victorians while navigating a tight fiscal environment and organisational change**

# DJSIR met or exceeded 79% of the 144 performance measure targets for 2023/24

## 2023-24 DJSIR Output Performance Measure results



(a) One measure did not have a 2023-24 target as it was proposed to be discontinued, but then reinstated on the recommendation of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee following publication of the 2023-24 State Budget

# Achievements 2023-24

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*Growing prosperity by creating more opportunities for people through skills and jobs*

## Create jobs and attract investment

- ▶ Facilitated the **creation of 5,378 jobs** and **capital expenditure of \$805 million** in Victoria's economy
- ▶ Secured a 10-year partnership with **BioNTech** to establish a **clinical-scale mRNA manufacturing facility** at La Trobe University's Bundoora campus and **BioNTech's mRNA Innovation Centre** to enable commercialisation of local research
- ▶ **Employed 2,000+ apprentices and trainees** through Big Build Projects
- ▶ **Hanwha Defence Australia secured the contract** with the Australian Department of Defence to provide 129 Redback Infantry Fighting Vehicles. **Over 1,000 jobs** and **\$170 million in capital expenditure** will be created over the lifetime of Hanwha's projects in Geelong
- ▶ **Engaged with 1,507 firms to support investment, innovation linkages and insights** into areas such as energy transition, supply chain and digital technology

## Identify and address current and future workforce needs

- ▶ **Delivered the 2023-24 Victorian Skills Plan** which identified actions for a more inclusive VET system which responds to both state-wide and regional skill challenges
- ▶ **Extended eligibility of Free TAFE and government-subsidised training** to increase accessibility of courses, skilling priority sectors and equitable access
- ▶ Negotiated and **signed the National Skills Agreement** with the Australian Government
- ▶ **Nominated 3,300 skilled migrants** including 650+ migrants for work in Victoria's health, social services and education sectors
- ▶ **Supported 2,200+ workers through Digital Jobs and Digital Jobs for Manufacturing** to develop specialist digital skills and move into jobs in the digital economy
- ▶ **Advised 25,000+ Victorians** on joining the workforce, transiting roles, starting training, reskilling or upskilling through Skills and Jobs Centres



# Achievements 2023-24

*Building the productive capacity of our economy to help businesses and industries thrive*

## Strengthen the business environment and develop key industries

- ▶ Opened the **Cremorne Digital Hub** to drive the growth of Victoria's digital innovation ecosystem, including launching the online **Digital Talent Pathways Platform**
- ▶ Supported **Victorian supply chains** by launching the *Made in Victoria Steel Supply Chain Directory* and delivering *Timber Supply Chain Resilience Package*
- ▶ **Strengthened the Fair Jobs Code** by lowering the application threshold to **\$1m**, and issued a further **2,225** Fair Jobs Code pre-assessment certificates
- ▶ Supported small businesses to start, develop and grow by providing free business advisory and capability building to **6,460+ participants**, including **170 Small Business Bus visits** statewide
- ▶ Commenced construction of Stage 2 of the **Ballarat West Employment Zone**, building on the **130 hectares** of industrial land supplied to date

## Strengthen Victoria's global connections

- ▶ Supported **2,816 Victorian businesses** to engage in international markets and generated **over \$1 billion** in export sales for the state, including through the delivery of **21 trade missions globally**
- ▶ Established **\$10 million Food and Fibre Export Program**, providing support for new and established food and fibre exporters to enter and expand in priority markets
- ▶ Implemented Victoria's **International Education Recovery Plan 2025** through delivery of international student wellbeing and support programs, advocacy for international student employment outcomes and improved global connections across offshore markets
- ▶ Reinforced Victoria's global engagement and connections through **425 international engagements**, including with the diplomatic corps, bilateral chambers of commerce and foreign delegations, in addition to supporting 217 women from 194 companies to increase their trade capabilities

# Achievements 2023-24

*Increasing participation and supporting vibrant communities and regions*

## Build prosperous and liveable regions and communities

- ▶ Progressed delivery of the **Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre Precinct** and the **Twelve Apostles Precinct Redevelopment project**
- ▶ **Improved regional sporting venues**, completing the **\$142 million** redevelopment of **Kardinia Park Stadium** and commenced planning and delivery of **15 new and redeveloped community sports venues**
- ▶ Completed the **\$140 million** transformation of the **Geelong Arts Centre**, now Australia's largest regional performing arts venue
- ▶ Jobs Victoria supported **1500+ people** experiencing long term unemployment into work, and a further **2,500+ people** in earn and learn jobs
- ▶ Delivered **18 events** for the **Festival of Big Ideas**, **700+ participants** across industry, government, education sector and community to plan for Gippsland's future
- ▶ **Introduced regulatory reforms** as part of government's response to the *Select Committee Inquiry into Victoria's Recreational Native Bird Hunting Arrangements*

## Enhance participation in the creative industries, sport and recreation

- ▶ Achieved record setting attendance across major sporting events, including **1+ million** at the **Australian Open**, **452,000+** at the **Formula 1 Grand Prix** and **3+ million** at the **MCG** over the 2023 AFL season
- ▶ **Distributed more than 31,500 Get Active Kids Vouchers** supporting Victorian families with the cost of children's sport
- ▶ Supported **119 organisations** via **Change Our Game Community Activation Grants** to support women and girl's participation in sport and active recreation
- ▶ Awarded **\$59+ million** in funding to **96** community sport infrastructure projects
- ▶ Welcomed **11.2 million visitors** to Victoria's Creative Agencies
- ▶ **Delivered 30+ live music events in flood-impacted regional communities**, supporting community recovery and boosting local business and creative jobs
- ▶ **Film, television and digital games projects supported through VicScreen** generated **\$331 million** and **6,970 jobs** for Victorians in 2023-24

# Achievements 2023-24

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*Increasing participation and supporting vibrant communities and regions*

## Support Aboriginal Economic Development

- ▶ **Introduced a full tuition fee waiver for Skills First training for Aboriginal Victorians**, with **1,930** Aboriginal Victorians accessing the waiver since introduction
- ▶ Launched the **Victorian First Peoples Art and Design Fair concept** at the 2024 Melbourne Art Fair
- ▶ Supported Aboriginal businesses **to attend trade missions and key domestic events** through the Yuma Yirramboi Program's Events and International Trade initiatives
- ▶ **Supported the function of the Yuma Yirramboi Council**, which guides DJSIR's approach to Aboriginal economic development and identifies areas for future reform
- ▶ Supported **2 Registered Aboriginal Parties** to identify their visitor economy priorities and develop tourism plans through the **First Peoples Tourism Pilot**
- ▶ Established the **Victorian Aboriginal Sporting Partnership Working Group**

## Contribute to the transition to a net zero economy

- ▶ Progressed implementation of the **CarbonNet project**, including delivering the initial engineering to enable costing and design of the construction stage to inform final investment decisions, and planning, scheduling and regulatory actions
- ▶ Facilitated training of **450+ electricians** in electric vehicle charging infrastructure installation
- ▶ Published the ***Training for the Clean Economy – the TAFE Network Clean Economy Prospectus 2024*** showcasing current TAFE delivery and opportunities for industry partnerships
- ▶ Delivered the **New Energy Priority Workforce Project** in partnership with Jobs Victoria, Solar Victoria and Maxima to create new entry level jobs in Gippsland for priority cohorts – having established relationships with **170+ employers and industry partners** and placed **91 jobseekers** into employment to date