

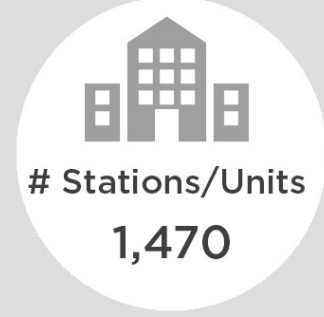
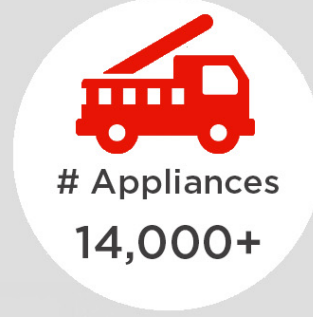
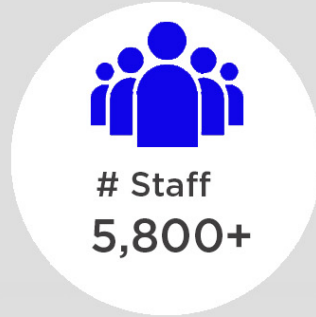
2017-18 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon. James Merlino MP
Minister for Emergency Services

Emergency Services Portfolio Overview

- Country Fire Authority
- Emergency Management Victoria
- Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority
- Life Saving Victoria
- Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board
- Victoria State Emergency Service



2017/18 Output funding of over \$1.1b

“All Emergencies, All Communities”



1 July 2016 – 30 April 2017

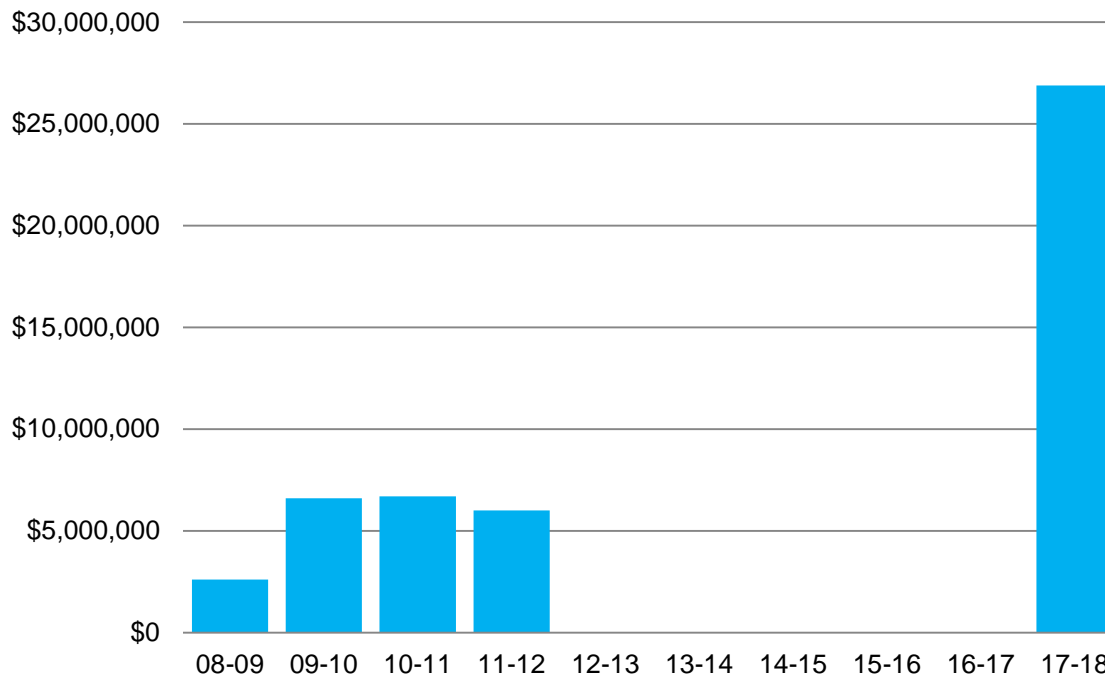
Achievements

- Emergency Medical Response
- Support for Volunteers
- New Country Fire Authority Appliances
- 244 additional firefighters (50 MFB and 194 CFA) will be recruited by June 2017.
- Acquisition of the former Australian Emergency Management Institute at Mt Macedon.
- Ballan – Central Highlands Training Centre

2017-18 Budget Initiatives

Victoria State Emergency Service

- \$34.3 million investment (inc \$26.85 million in capital)
 - 6 new units plus relocation or redevelopment of other units
 - replacement of critical vehicles and equipment



The Government's investment in VICSES's assets is the largest ever, with VICSES receiving no State Budget funding in the last five years.

2017-18 Budget Initiatives

Life Saving Victoria

- \$6 million investment
 - Redevelopment of three sites:
 - ♦ Jan Juc; Point Lonsdale; and Brighton.
 - Funding for urgent repairs and maintenance.

Funding to support improved communications with the community and across the sector

- Upgrades and support for ESTA's call taking and dispatch
- Improving operational communications
- Future Emergency Alert

Warning Platforms

Total
Warnings and
community information
for All Emergencies

2,881



Advice

1,925



Watch and Act

355



Emergency
Warnings

192



Evacuations

15



Community
Updates

394

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