



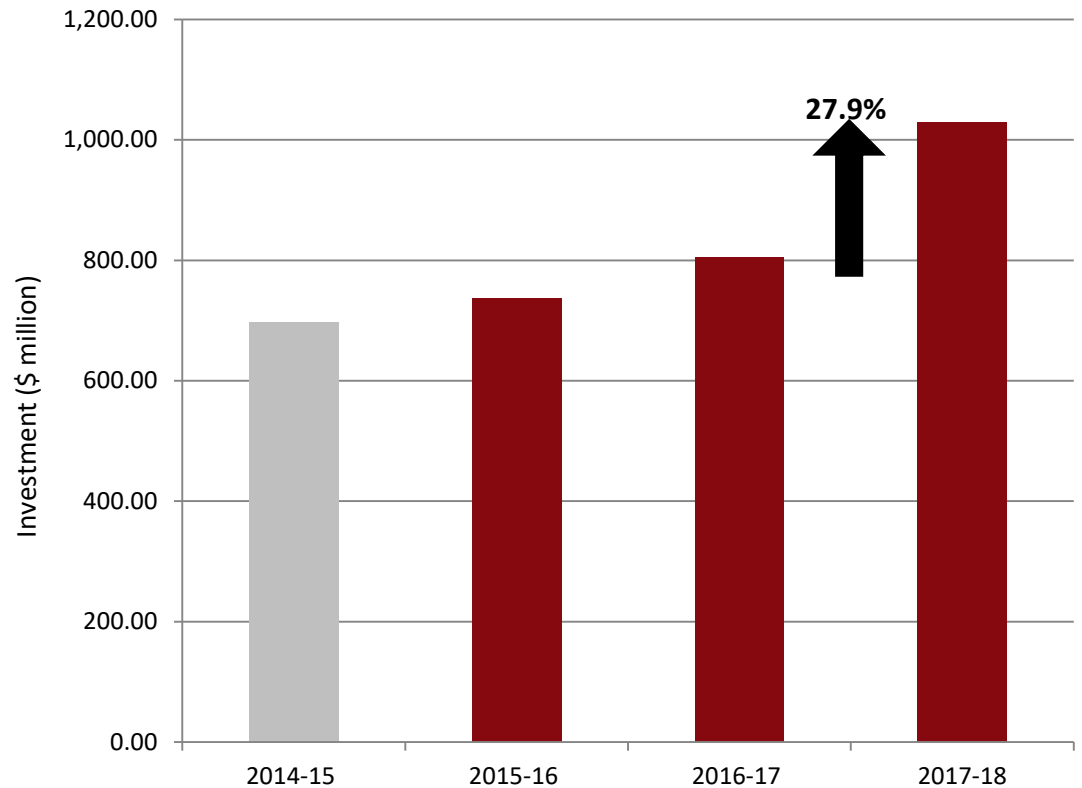
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Minister for Ambulance Services

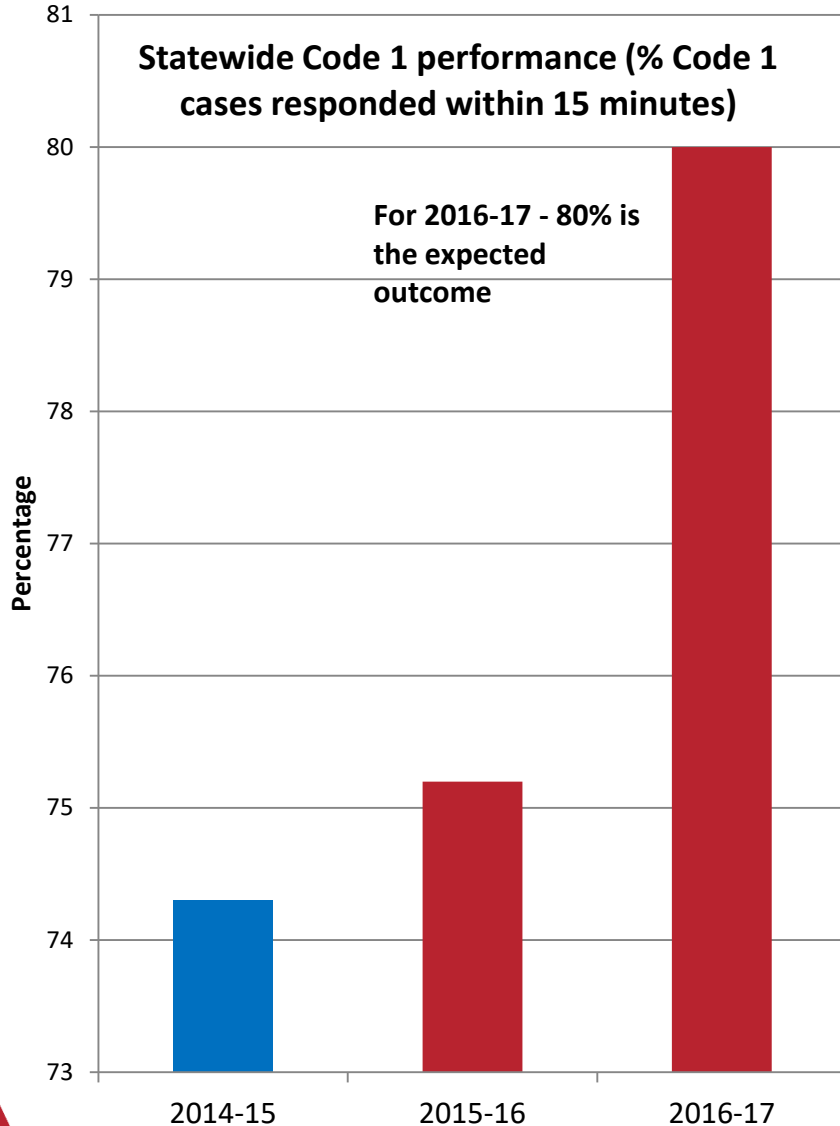


Investing in Ambulance Services

- Total funding for ambulance services is budgeted at \$1.028 billion in 2017-18.
- This includes the **\$500 million package** announced in December 2016 which is already being rolled out.
- It also includes **\$26.5 million** in 2017-18 Budget funding to meet growth in demand.
- **Real progress** is being made on implementing *Victoria's ambulance action plan*.



Improving ambulance response times



- Statewide ambulance response times are at their **best level in five years.**
- Code 1, 15-minute response times have **risen above 80 per cent** for the first time since the previous State Labor Government.
- Clinical outcomes are improving –with survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest rising by 2 per cent on the previous year to a record **31 per cent.**
- Our **\$500 million** package will recruit **450 additional paramedics**, build new branches and improve response times further.

New and expanded branches will improve response times further



Investing in our ambulance workforce



- During this year, **372 new paramedic graduates** have been recruited.
- This is in addition to the **180 paramedics** hired this year as part of our \$500 million package.
- We are rolling out improved health and safety support and training.
- Partnering with Beyondblue to improve paramedics' mental health.
- Public awareness campaign to combat occupational violence to roll out.
- New stretchers have been rolled out across the fleet to improve OH&S.