

2017-18 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Budget Estimates Hearing

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Minister for Corrections

Corrections Overview: *investment to date*

The Government is addressing unprecedented growth in Victoria's prisons & community corrections system

We are managing this growth & enhancing community safety by:

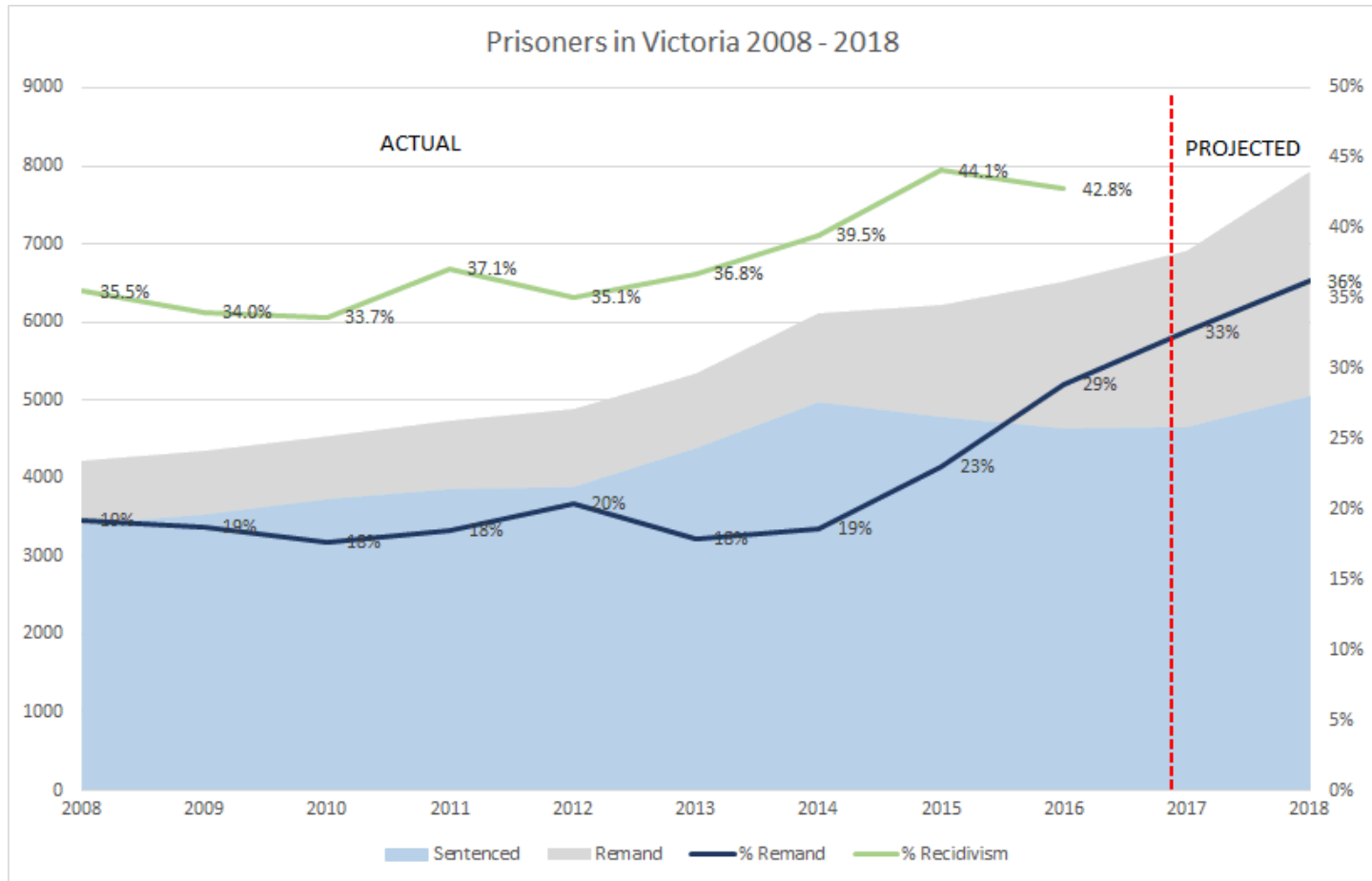
- significantly expanding and strengthening the *community corrections system* across the State
- modernising the *prison system*, better managing remand prisoners and improving rehabilitation; and
- reducing recidivism

Corrections Overview: *dividends to date*

Government policy settings and investment are paying dividends

- Improvement in prisoner recidivism:
 - from 44.1% in 2014/15 to 42.8% in 2015/16
- Increase in the successful completion of parole orders:
 - 54.9% in 2015/16 to an expected outcome of 74.8% in 2016/17

Corrections Overview: *managing future growth*



2017-18 Budget Outcomes

1. Management of serious offenders - \$308.1 million
2. Forensic mental health implementation plan - \$15.8 million for DJR and Victoria Police
3. Essential services to manage growth in prisons - \$145.2 million
4. Programs and services to reduce reoffending - \$41.1 million
5. Family violence allocation for corrections - \$10 million

Management of serious offenders

The Government has committed \$308 million in the 2017-18 Budget to strengthen the management of serious offenders and implement all remaining recommendations of the Harper Review.

Multi-
agency
panel

10-bed
detention unit

Victoria Police
Specialist
Response Unit

Security
works at
Corella Place

20-bed
secure
facility

Courts,
Victoria Legal
Aid and Office
of Public
Prosecutions

New
Authority

Staff and
resources for
Corrections to
expand scheme
to violent
offenders

Earlier and
more targeted
treatment

Community and
supported
disability
accommodation

Critical activities to end 2017

Stronger management and governance

Introduce legislation to Parliament to establish new authority and multi-agency panel

Develop operating model for new Authority

Appoint key members and staff to new Authority

Develop operating model for new multi-agency panel

Expansion of the scheme to serious violent offenders

Develop legislation to expand post-sentence scheme to serious violent offenders

Commence expansion of police and corrections Specialist Response Unit

Develop new case management model for serious violent offenders on post-sentence orders

Develop new clinical model for serious violent offenders on post-sentence orders

Reforms to service delivery and operations

Redevelop assessment and treatment model for serious offenders in prison

Deliver threat assessment training

Develop and implement workforce strategy

Recruit clinical staff to deliver earlier, targeted interventions

Specialist facilities & accommodation options

Finalise design and appoint builder of 10-bed detention unit

Appoint builder and commence construction of 20-bed secure residential facility

Finalise design and commence construction of 8-bed disability facility

Develop flexible community accommodation options for serious offenders

Major milestones in 2018

