



# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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## Youth Affairs portfolio

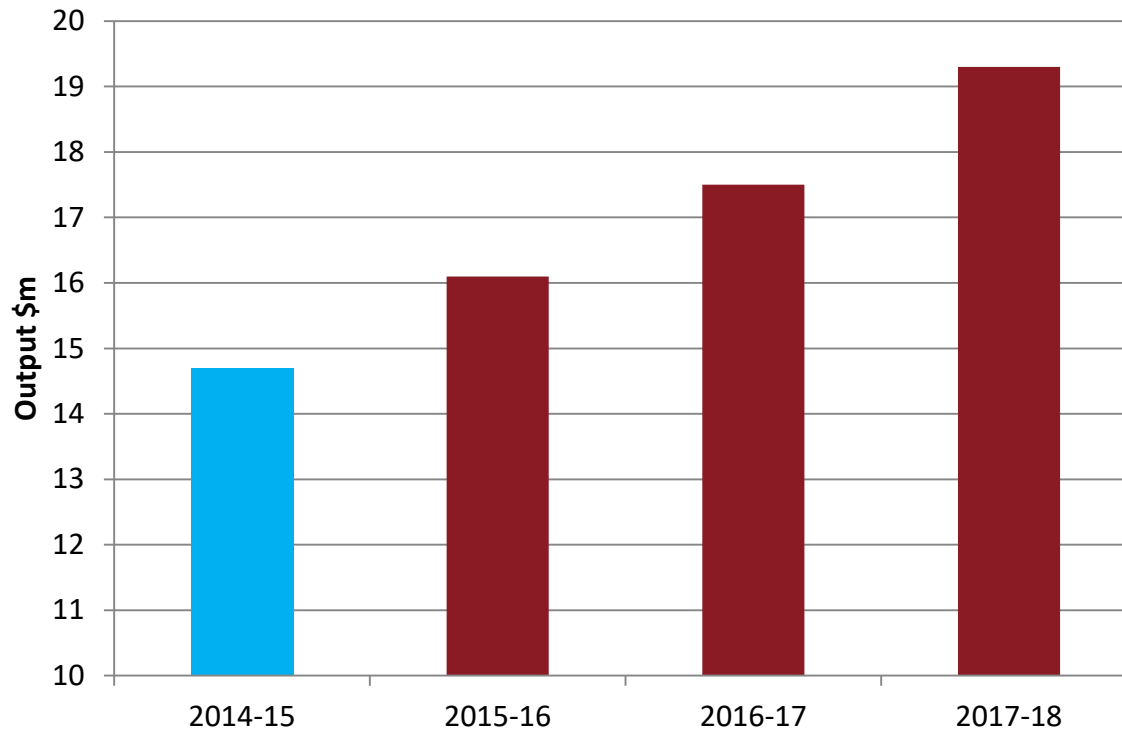
Strengthening our engagement with young people and investing in initiatives that support and empower young people is a priority for the Andrews Labor Government.

Since 2015, we have been delivering programs that support youth engagement and participation in community and economic life underpinned by an investment of over **\$52 million**.



# Investing in Victoria's young people

## Youth Affairs investment



Source: Victorian Budget Papers

- **2017-18 investment of \$19.3m** in youth affairs output
- **Over 30% growth** since 2014-15

# Youth Policy

- The Andrews Labor Government's Youth Policy strengthens our engagement with young people and embeds their voice in policy and program development
- The policy is underpinned by principles in the Youth Engagement Charter.
- Flagship projects include the Youth Summit and Youth Congress which will engage in dialogue with Ministers on priority issues.

## Youth Policy

Building Stronger  
Youth Engagement  
in Victoria





# Refocused support for young people

**New initiatives to support young people in areas of greatest need :**

- Empower Youth
- Young Pasifika
- Aboriginal Youth Mentoring
- Youth Space – Morwell



## 2017-18 Victorian Budget – Improving outcomes for young people

This budget provides **\$5.8 million over four years** to strengthen the engagement and empowerment of young people in Aboriginal communities, from multicultural backgrounds and in rural and regional Victoria.

- **\$2 million** over two years for youth advocacy, programs and referrals in Swan Hill, Warrnambool, Morwell and Ballarat.
- **\$1.8 million** over two years to continue and expand the Aboriginal Youth Mentoring program.
- **\$2 million** over four years to support the social participation of young people through Scouts Victoria and Girl Guides Victoria.