



Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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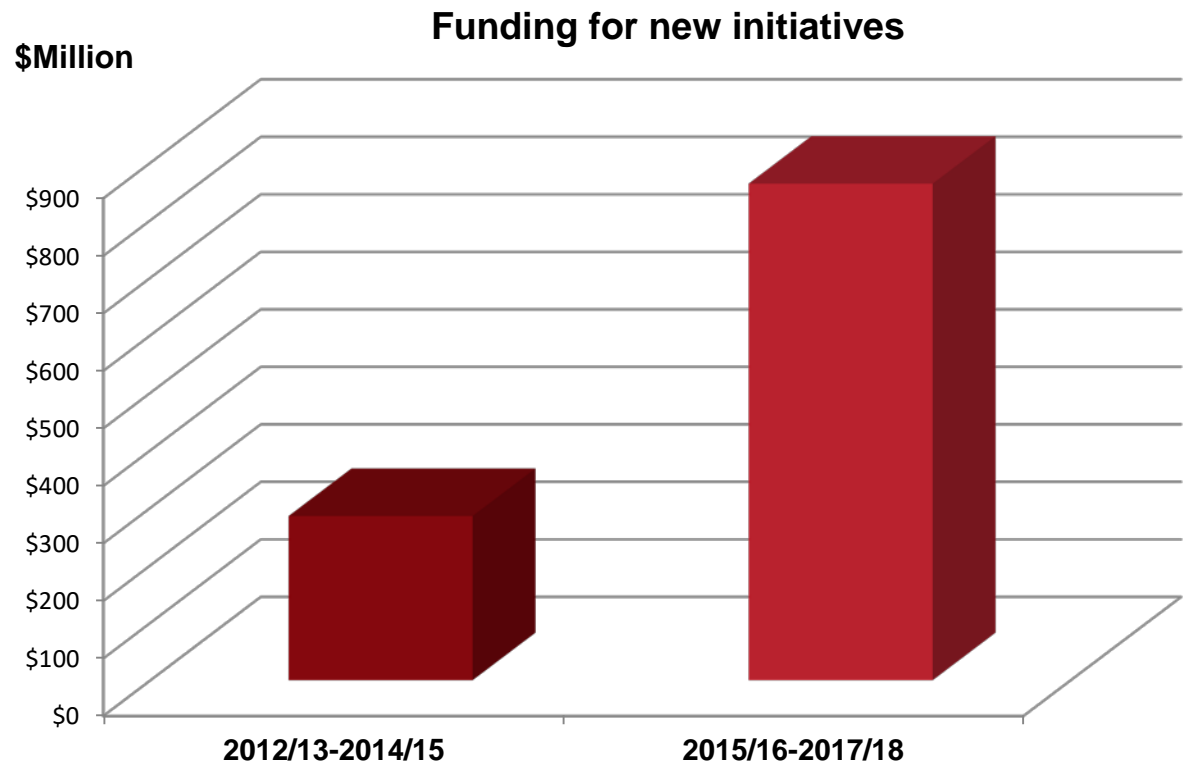
Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing

Victorian Budget 2017/18

Housing and Homelessness

The Government is investing to support vulnerable Victorians to access safe, affordable and secure housing.

The 2017-18 Budget includes a funding boost of more than **13 per cent** compared to the 2016-17 Budget, and an increase over three years of **202.4 per cent** compared to the previous three years



Homes for Victorians

The Government's significant investment in housing and homelessness support through Homes for Victorians is cemented in the 2017-18 Budget.

- **\$1 billion** to establish a new Social Housing Growth Fund, to deliver 2,200 new social housing homes
- **\$1 billion** community housing loan guarantee
- **\$100 million** loan facility for community housing
- **\$3 million** to support the transfer of 4,000 public housing dwellings to the community sector
- **\$20 million** for upgrading rooming houses to ensure tenants have safe and secure accommodation



Victoria's biggest
ever investment
in social housing

This builds on recent initiatives funded prior to the 2017-18 Budget, including:

- **\$185 million** to renew public housing assets, increasing social housing by 10%
- **\$109 million** to help 19000 homeless Victorians access stable housing
- **\$9.8 million** to give rough sleepers a direct path to housing through *Towards Home*

Giving victims of Family Violence a roof over their head

The 2017/18 Budget contains further support for victims and survivors of family violence, with **\$297.9 million** in housing support.



- **\$126.6 million** for case management
- **\$48 million** towards delivering 110 public housing properties
- **\$2 million** to expand the headleasing program
- **\$19.4 million** for statewide 24/7 crisis services
- **\$18.6 million** for intake services, after hours support and flexible support packages
- **\$83.2 million** to redevelop all Victorian refuges to core and cluster facilities, construct two new Aboriginal refuges in the new model, and provide greater support to those in refuges.

Disability and Ageing

The Government is delivering on its commitment to Victorians with a disability with an investment of over **\$72.6 million** in disability programs and **\$106.6 million** to support older Victorians, including:

- **\$36.3 million** to further support the transition of Victorians to the NDIS
- **\$19.9 million** to provide additional packages for young adults
- **\$8.7 million** for an increase in the oversight powers of the Disability Services Commissioner
- **\$4.9 million** to support greater inclusion of people with disabilities in the workforce and community as part of the State Disability Plan
- **\$2.9 million** to increase available places for the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program for Younger People
- **\$81 million** to help vulnerable and older Victorians pay their utility bills
- **\$25.6 million** stop the Aged care sell off



Growth over previous years

Across the portfolios of Housing, Disability and Ageing the last three budgets have seen an increase of **46.2 percent** compared to previous three years.

