

Inquiry into the 2017-18 Budget Estimates

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Minister for Equality

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2017-18 State budget



\$2 million investment in Equality portfolio

\$2m

Over 2017-18 and 2018-19. Intention to spend on:

- continuing rural and regional roadshow
- promoting jobs and economic inclusion for LGBTI Victorians, with a focus on the most disadvantaged members of LGBTI communities

\$6.63 million investment in the Family Violence portfolio

\$5.28m

Supporting LGBTI people experiencing or at risk of family violence, including:

- LGBTI specialist family violence services
- Rolling out the HOW2 Program ('Rainbow Tick Ready') for all funded family violence service providers
- Specialist LGBTI family violence training for frontline workers
- Virtual LGBTI Family Violence Centre for Excellence (including research grants)

\$1.35

Trialling and evaluating LGBTI-specific practitioners for both applicants and respondents in the Magistrates' Court at two locations.

Equality Highlights:

Pride Centre

The centre will co-locate and support LGBTI organisations to collaborate and build capacity.

16-17 progress:
Major Projects Victoria

Victorian Pride Centre
Pty Ltd (VPC)

St Kilda location

- strong business case developed
- location announced following expression of interest process
- established to design, build and operate the centre
- independent not for profit company
- chaired by Jude Munro AO
- to be built on corner of Fitzroy St and Jackson St
- City of Port Phillip contributing freehold title (\$12.45m value)



Equality Highlights:

LGBTI Community Grants Program

Building organisational capacity and supporting leadership development

\$900,000

Allocated in March 2017 through first grant allocation round

27 organisations

Received grants, totalling \$867,118

11 individuals

Received grants, totalling \$32,882

rainbow families



VICTORIA



Recipients include:

Rainbow Families Victoria - \$130,000
Rainbow Families supports LGBTI parents, co-parents, carers and their children

Switchboard Victoria - \$109,000
Switchboard provides a free telephone and web counselling, referral and information service for LGBTI Victorians

Equality Highlights: Rural and Regional LGBTI Roadshow

20 towns
visited

between Nov 2016
and June 2017

3,000

estimated
participants

Over 200
events and
activities

including leaders' breakfasts, service
provider workshops, networking dinners
and community planning sessions

Using a unique community development model, the roadshow works with communities before, during and after visits to understand priorities and co-design a tailored program

The roadshow aims to:

- **Educate** on reducing discrimination and promoting inclusion
- **Inform** on best practice and latest research
- **Celebrate** the great work happening in rural communities



Other highlights: 2016-17



State apology



Kunghah

Historical Convictions

Implemented a scheme to expunge historical convictions for consensual homosexual acts, followed by a formal State apology

Same-sex relationship recognition

Improved recognition of same-sex relationships in Victoria, including recognising same-sex marriages formalised overseas

Safe Schools

Progressed our commitment for all government secondary schools to be Safe Schools by the end of 2018

Kunghah

Facilitated Kunghah, a weekend retreat for 67 trans and gender diverse Aboriginal people from across Australia