

2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearing

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

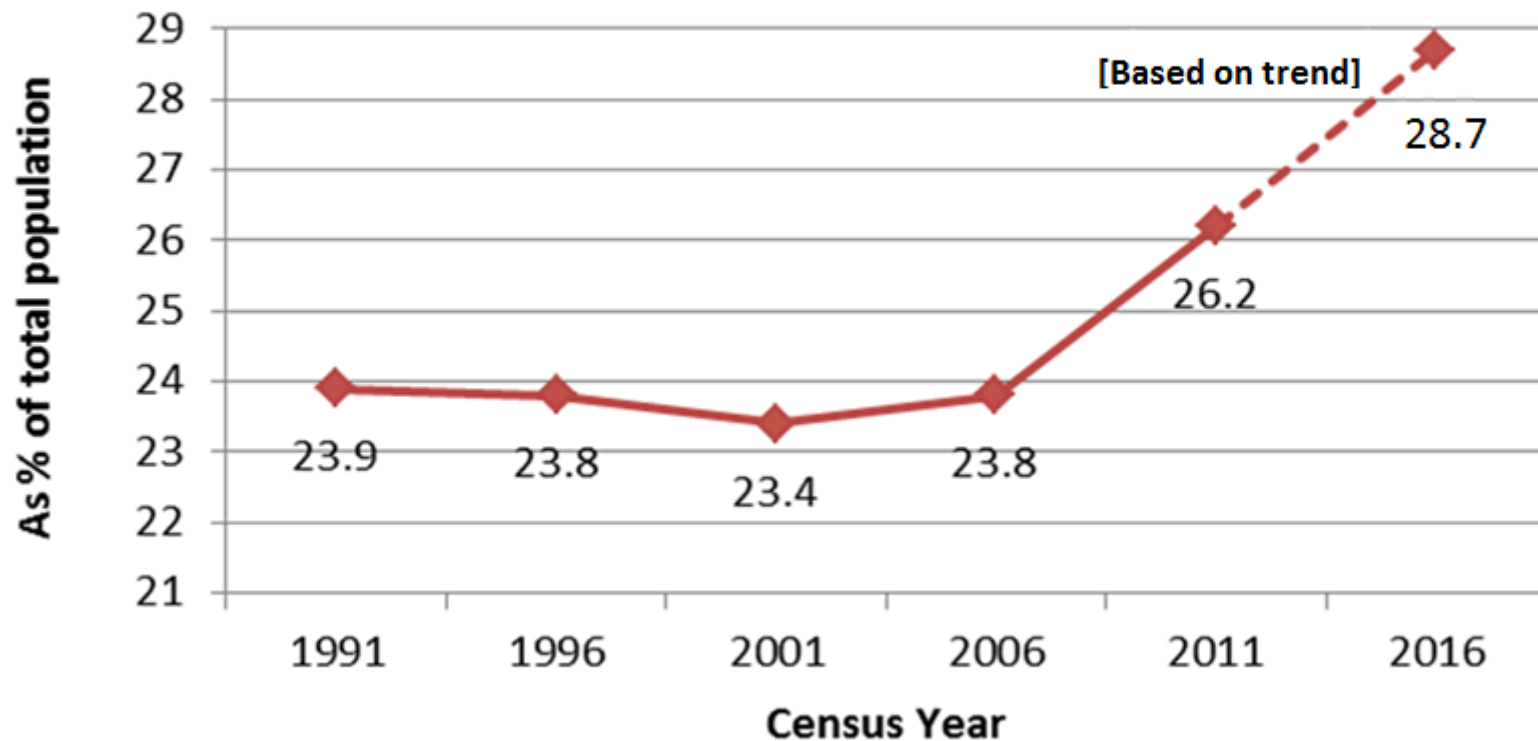
The Hon Robin Scott MP

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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Victoria's multicultural diversity is growing

**Victoria: Overseas-born as % of Total Population
1991 to 2016 Census**



(The 2016 Census year projection is based on trend, we anticipate to receive the data from the ABS in July 2017.)

Key Achievements in 2016-17

‘Victorian. And proud of It.’ Multicultural Policy Statement and Campaign.

- Victorian Values Statement promotes a shared sense of belonging, respect, acceptance and contribution.
- Campaign evaluation has shown a significant positive shift towards a sense of belonging.

Multicultural Sports Fund

- \$4 million to support and maximise grassroots sporting participation for culturally diverse communities, including refugees and asylum seekers, women and girls, young people from emerging communities and disengaged or disadvantaged young people.

Jobs Victoria

- \$2 million to assist disadvantaged culturally diverse members of the community gain employment, in partnership with DEDJTR.

Major budget boost in 2017-18

A \$51.8 million investment to build on one of the state's greatest strengths, cultural diversity.

- **\$21.8 million for interpreting services to:**
 - Support new migrants to access education and training, find employment and understand important health care information.
 - Improve the quality of services and working conditions for interpreters.
- **\$2 million for a new Migrant Workers Centre** to prevent workers being exploited through under-payments and poor working conditions.
- \$19 million to implement the actions outlined in the vision of the ***'Victorian. And Proud of It'*** Multicultural Policy Statement to help build a cohesive and harmonious society.

An additional \$9 million over four years will strengthen and build capacity in family violence services for culturally diverse communities.

Budget growth to match our growing diversity

Multicultural Affairs Portfolio Budget History

