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As we work to ensure Victorian Aboriginal communities continue to thrive, the Government acknowledges the invaluable contributions of generations that have come before us, who have fought tirelessly for the rights of their people and communities towards self-determination. We reflect on the continuing impact of government policies and practices and recognise our responsibility to work together with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples towards improved cultural, social and economic outcomes.



'lim-ba nindee thana warn-ga-ilee'
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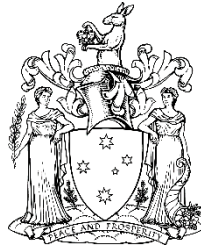
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CHAPTER 1 – OUTPUT, ASSET INVESTMENT, SAVINGS AND REVENUE INITIATIVES

Budget Paper No. 3 Service Delivery outlines the Government’s priorities for the goods and services it provides to Victorians and details the Government’s budget decisions. The *2025-26 Budget* provides funding of \$22.2 billion over five years in output initiatives since the *2024-25 Budget Update* and \$8.1 billion TEI in new capital investment.

Budget Paper No. 3 Service Delivery also provides information on the objectives departments seek to achieve over the medium term and the associated outputs (goods and services) for which they receive funding to achieve these objectives.

Table 1.1: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
First Peoples	0.3	50.2	40.7	23.4	21.9
Economic Growth Statement	37.4	74.1	53.0	36.8	8.6
Education	81.6	814.0	547.7	1 076.2	1 212.8
Energy, Environment and Climate Action	160.1	255.8	122.6	76.7	76.4
Families Fairness and Housing	65.8	510.9	211.1	37.3	14.8
Government Services	30.7	93.0	62.2	19.6	5.1
Health	16.0	2 833.6	2 658.2	2 670.7	2 674.1
Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	72.0	407.8	473.0	173.4	161.2
Justice and Community Safety	106.8	536.9	686.8	211.0	167.3
Premier and Cabinet	1.4	12.6	8.7	4.4	4.4
Transport and Planning	178.0	822.3	513.1	425.1	327.2
Treasury and Finance	36.9	10.4	4.7	1.8	1.8
Parliament and Integrity Agencies	..	0.3	..	..	..
Court Services Victoria	2.6	45.7	46.8	36.3	33.5
Total output initiatives	789.5	6 467.7	5 428.5	4 792.8	4 709.0

Table 1.2: Asset summary**(\$ million)**

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
First Peoples	4.0	11.7	..	..	..	15.7
Economic Growth Statement	..	1.0	8.0	21.0	..	30.0
Education	..	472.5	532.4	133.1	8.2	1 146.2
Energy, Environment and Climate Action	1.6	16.4	5.2	0.5	..	23.7
Families Fairness and Housing	15.5	40.3	54.9	4.8	4.8	120.3
Government Services	..	..	..	..	..	..
Health	..	149.5	12.3	34.2	8.7	204.7
Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	1.5	7.0	7.6	..	..	16.1
Justice and Community Safety	4.8	38.3	42.9	34.9	28.7	154.6
Premier and Cabinet	..	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	12.0
Transport and Planning	2.1	854.3	693.2	1 309.7	1 028.7	6 404.1
Treasury and Finance	..	..	..	..	..	..
Parliament and Integrity Agencies	..	..	..	..	..	..
Court Services Victoria	..	2.1	..	..	..	2.1
Total asset initiatives ^(a)	29.5	1 596.2	1 359.4	1 541.1	1 082.0	8 129.4

Note:

(a) TEI includes funding beyond 2028-29.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT – FIRST PEOPLES

Output initiatives

Table 1.3: Output initiatives – First Peoples (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Advancing First Peoples' interests and delivering on Victoria's commitment to Closing the Gap	..	6.7	6.7	..	..
Advancing Self-determination for Aboriginal children and families	..	5.6	7.3	5.8	6.1
Closing the Gap for First Nations Victorians in VET ^(a)	..	6.8	4.4	4.4	2.0
Continuing support for First Nations organisations and events	..	2.2	1.6	..	..
Dandenong and Districts Aborigines Co-operative accommodation	..	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Delivering First Nations community infrastructure	..	5.3	0.1	..	..
Delivering on the Burra Lotjpa Dunguludja Aboriginal Justice Agreement	0.3	0.9	0.3	..	..
Enabling Traditional Owner participation in Recognition and Settlement Agreements with the State	..	1.0	..	..	..
Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trusts essential service delivery	..	2.7	..	..	..
Joint Management of Barmah National Park	..	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Koorie literacy and numeracy program	..	4.1	4.4	4.8	5.2
Maintaining investment in Aboriginal community-based justice solutions	..	6.9	7.1	..	..
Self-determination for Aboriginal early childhood education	..	0.7	1.4	1.6	1.7
Support for Wamba Wamba Aboriginal Corporation	..	0.8	0.8	..	..
Supporting Aboriginal women on their journey into motherhood	..	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2
Total output initiatives	0.3	50.2	40.7	23.4	21.9

Note:

(a) This initiative is funded from the National Skills Agreement (NSA) Commonwealth Revenue.

Advancing First Peoples' interests and delivering on Victoria's commitment to Closing the Gap

Funding is provided to ensure Victoria can continue to meet its commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap to improve life outcomes of First Peoples. Funding will also support the Victorian Government's formal Closing the Gap implementation partner.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Self-determination Policy and Reform Advice and Programs output.

Advancing Self-determination for Aboriginal children and families

Funding is provided to promote Aboriginal self-determination by:

- increasing capacity for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to undertake child protection investigations and to lead case planning and case management for children subject to statutory child protection involvement
- continuing the Aboriginal Children's Forum to develop and monitor the Wungurilwil Gagapduir action activities
- supporting the Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance to work with and represent its member Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to build capability in the design and delivery of Aboriginal-led child and family services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Child Protection and Family Services output.

Closing the Gap for First Nations Victorians in VET

Funding is provided to support Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled and First Nations owned training sector to design training models to improve VET completion rates of First Nations Victorians.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

Continuing support for First Nations organisations and events

Funding is provided to continue investment in First Nations organisations and continue delivering the First Nations cultural events and awards program, including the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll, Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service and the NAIDOC State Reception.

The Koorie Youth Council and Koorie Heritage Trust will receive support to continue critical service delivery for First Nations young people and members of the Stolen Generations.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Traditional Owner Engagement and Cultural Heritage Management Programs output.

Dandenong and Districts Aborigines Co-operative accommodation

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Delivering First Nations community infrastructure

Funding is provided to continue delivering critical services to First Nations communities across Victoria through investment in infrastructure for First Nations organisations. Funding to extend the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program will empower First Peoples in Victoria by returning decision-making and resources to Aboriginal communities and organisations, building economic sustainability and prioritising Aboriginal-led service delivery solutions.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Traditional Owner Engagement and Cultural Heritage Management Programs output.

Delivering on the Burra Lotjpa Dunguludja Aboriginal Justice Agreement

Funding is provided to complete a commitment under the *Burra Lotjpa Dunguludja Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase 4* to review and redesign the Aboriginal Independent Prison Visitor Scheme. Funding is also provided to commence development of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase 5.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's:

- Justice Policy, Services and Law Reform output
- Prisoner Supervision and Support output.

Enabling Traditional Owner participation in Recognition and Settlement Agreements with the State

Funding is provided to support Traditional Owner corporations when negotiating a Recognition and Settlement Agreement package under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) with the State. This will make sure corporations are resourced to prepare for and participate in negotiations.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Traditional Owner Engagement and Cultural Heritage Management Programs output.

Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trusts essential service delivery

Funding is provided for delivery of municipal and essential services and to continue core operations to support the Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trusts. Funding will enable the Trust communities to carry out day-to-day activities, provide services to residents and meet statutory obligations under the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1970*.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Self-determination Policy and Reform Advice and Programs output.

Joint Management of Barmah National Park

Funding is provided to continue joint land management of the Barmah National Park in partnership with the Yorta Yorta people.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Koorie literacy and numeracy program

Funding is provided to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Victorian government schools.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

Maintaining investment in Aboriginal community-based justice solutions

Funding is provided to enable Aboriginal organisations to continue programs that improve Aboriginal justice outcomes and reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system through:

- regional legal services hubs operated by Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services in Mildura, Bendigo, Morwell, Warrnambool and West Metro
- Koori men's and women's diversion programs delivered by Aboriginal organisations in areas of highest need.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Justice Policy, Services and Law Reform output.

Self-determination for Aboriginal early childhood education

Funding is provided for kindergartens and other early years services run by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to support self-determination through implementing culturally sensitive and flexible approaches to kindergarten curriculum and service delivery.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Kindergarten Delivery output.

Support for Wamba Wamba Aboriginal Corporation

Funding is provided to the Wamba Wamba Aboriginal Corporation as a newly established Registered Aboriginal Party to sustain its operations and undertake its statutory functions under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Traditional Owner Engagement and Cultural Heritage Management Programs output.

Supporting Aboriginal women on their journey into motherhood

Funding is provided to give more Aboriginal women culturally safe care and support during their journey into motherhood. This investment in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations will boost capacity to deliver culturally safe antenatal and postnatal care, establish Shared Care Arrangements with hospitals and midwifery group practices, and increase continuity between perinatal care and maternal and child health services, delivering on the priorities and commitments in the Victorian Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Agreement.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.4: Asset initiatives – First Peoples (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Dandenong and Districts Aborigines Co-operative accommodation	..	9.7	..	..	..	9.7
Housing Support Program – Priority Works ^(a)	4.0	2.0	..	..	..	6.0
Total asset initiatives	4.0	11.7	..	..	..	15.7

Note:

(a) This initiative is fully funded by the Commonwealth Government.

Dandenong and Districts Aborigines Co-operative accommodation

Funding is provided to fit-out and lease accommodation for the Dandenong and Districts Aborigines Co-operative Limited to deliver clinical, social and emotional wellbeing services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Melbourne’s south-east.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health’s Community Health Care output.

Housing Support Program – Priority Works

Refer to the Department of Transport and Planning for a description of this initiative.

ECONOMIC GROWTH STATEMENT

Output initiatives

Table 1.5: Output initiatives – Economic Growth Statement (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Accelerating the Environmental Effects Statement process	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	..
Boosting Business Skills Mentoring	0.3	0.8	..	..	..
Boosting Victorian Exports Package	0.8	11.4	10.7	6.0	6.0
Committing to release a 10-year supply of industrial land	8.5	2.1	0.9	0.9	..
Creating a First Peoples Leadership Academy	0.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	..
Delivering a Future of Housing Construction TAFE Centre of Excellence ^(a)	..	12.6	7.5	2.3	2.6
Driving growth in clinical trials to boost medical research	..	1.0	1.4	2.6	..
Enhancing destination marketing through an industry-government cooperative fund	7.0	..	..	..	..
Establishing an investment front door	0.4	2.3	1.8	..	..
Extending the Digital Jobs program	0.2	1.9	2.2	..	..
Extending Skills Solutions Partnerships	0.2	4.6	..	..	..
Halving the number of business regulators by 2030	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	..
Implementing commitments under the India Strategy and a refreshed China Strategy	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	..
Incorporating renewable energy zones to the State Planning Policy Framework	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	..
Investment Coordinator-General	0.6	1.2	0.6	..	..
Launching a regulatory digitisation and AI program	0.5	2.8	3.5	4.3	..
New priority assessment teams to fast-track the assessment of priority projects	0.2	1.2	1.1	0.2	..
Piloting the use of AI to support the recognition of prior learning	2.6	0.4	..	..	..
Reducing red tape in the regions	..	3.5	..	..	..
Regional Launching Pad	..	0.4	..	..	..
Setting a regulatory burden reduction target of \$500 million by 2030	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	..
Supporting more Aboriginal business to compete locally and globally	0.2	2.2	2.4	..	..
Supporting investment in the resources sector	2.2	3.6	1.0	0.7	..
Supporting the delivery of agriculture mRNA research programs	..	1.7	1.3	1.3	..
Supporting Victoria's defence-oriented supply chain	..	1.3	1.3	1.3	..
Trunk infrastructure to unlock regional economic growth	..	2.5	3.8	3.8	..
Victorian Industry Development Fund	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	..
Yes to International Students Fund	2.0	3.0	..	..	..
Total output initiatives	37.4	74.1	53.0	36.8	8.6

Note:

(a) This initiative is partially funded from the National Skills Agreement (NSA) Commonwealth Revenue.

Accelerating the Environmental Effects Statement process

Funding is provided to speed up Environmental Effects Statement (EES) processes to target an assessment review of no longer than 18 months. This will be achieved by sharper assessment scopes; better utilisation of Environmental Reports as a quicker alternative to a full EES process; providing extra support to proponents where they are responsible for delays; and speeding up the public engagement process by facilitating online engagement and more focused public inquiries and engagement phases.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Planning and Heritage output.

Boosting Business Skills Mentoring

Funding is provided for up to 1 000 small business owners across the Government's five priority sectors to participate in up to three 1-hour mentoring sessions with a professional.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Boosting Victorian Exports Package

Funding is provided for a package to support small and medium-sized businesses to identify new markets and diversify their customer base, including through one-to-one facilitation services. Funding is also provided to support trade missions to continue helping exporters to expand and strengthen their connection to international markets.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Committing to release a 10-year supply of industrial land

Funding is provided to deliver a 10-year plan to unlock industrial land to give business more certainty on how and when land will be released.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Planning and Heritage output.

Creating a First Peoples Leadership Academy

Funding is provided to support future First Peoples leaders in business, government and communities through a First Peoples Leadership Academy.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Jobs output.

Delivering a Future of Housing Construction TAFE Centre of Excellence

Funding is provided to deliver a Future of Housing Construction TAFE Centre of Excellence at Melbourne Polytechnic TAFE to train workers in modern construction technologies, such as prefabricated and modular construction.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

Driving growth in clinical trials to boost medical research

Funding is provided to enable industry-sponsored clinical trials that will deliver a new statewide fellowship program to support participation, awareness and capability-building in clinical trials.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Enhancing destination marketing through an industry-government cooperative fund

Funding is provided for a cooperative fund for government to match industry investment in Victorian destination marketing, up to \$7 million.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Tourism and Major Events output.

Establishing an investment front door

Funding is provided for a single-entry point for business on all investment-related engagements within the Victorian Government, including for institutional investment in housing. Invest Victoria will provide dedicated facilitation support to businesses looking to invest in Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Extending the Digital Jobs program

Funding is provided to extend the Digital Jobs program to offer training in digital skills that are critical for innovation and technology adoption in construction and advanced manufacturing.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Extending Skills Solutions Partnerships

Funding is provided to support industry to partner with TAFEs and universities to design and pilot new short courses and on-the-job training to quickly address skills gaps in priority sectors.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Jobs output.

Halving the number of business regulators by 2030

Funding is provided to halve the number of business regulators in Victoria down to at least 18 from 37 regulators currently. This will make it easier for businesses to interact with government by offering clearer points of contact, fewer processes and forms to deal with, and fewer interactions with regulators.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance's Economic Policy and Advice output.

Implementing commitments under the India Strategy and a refreshed China Strategy

Funding is provided to deliver on commitments under the India Strategy, and guide engagement with China through a new strategy to be released in 2025.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Economic Policy Advice and Support output.

Incorporating renewable energy zones to the State Planning Policy Framework

Funding is provided to enable faster planning approvals for renewable energy projects in Victoria by incorporating them in the State Planning Policy Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Energy output.

Investment Coordinator-General

Funding is provided to establish an Investment Coordinator-General as an escalation point to ensure agencies, regulators and statutory authorities meet all required approvals deadlines for major projects of state significance. This new oversight will reduce delays, and enhance accountability across government departments and agencies.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Launching a regulatory digitisation and AI program

Funding is provided to launch a new digitisation and Artificial Intelligence program with a focus on replacing paper-based or outdated digital processes, streamlining licensing and other approvals.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance's Economic Policy and Advice output.

New priority assessment teams to fast-track the assessment of priority projects

Funding is provided to establish priority assessment teams within key regulators to provide dedicated support for high-value, higher-complexity projects. These teams will chaperone applications and applicants through the assessment process.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Piloting the use of AI to support the recognition of prior learning

Funding is provided to pilot the use of Artificial Intelligence to improve recognition of prior learning in partnership with the Victorian TAFE Network, led by Bendigo Kangan Institute of TAFE. This will help skilled workers avoid unnecessary training and fast-track learning for students.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

Reducing red tape in the regions

Funding is provided to address regulatory challenges faced by businesses in Victoria's regional communities. Opportunities could include streamlining regulation of regionally focused industries (e.g. freight and logistics, or food production) and digitising regional council systems.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance's Economic Policy and Advice output.

Regional Launching Pad

Funding is provided to pilot Regional Launching Pads that will offer shared collaboration spaces, enabling regional businesses, entrepreneurs and investors to meet, work and collaborate. The pilot will deliver five regional and one metro Launching Pad.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Regional Development output.

Setting a regulatory burden reduction target of \$500 million by 2030

Funding is provided to reduce the regulatory burden facing businesses. Actions will include reducing regulatory duplication, speeding up and digitising application processes, removing unnecessary permits, and updating regulations to be simpler.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance's Economic Policy and Advice output.

Supporting more Aboriginal business to compete locally and globally

Funding is provided for domestic and overseas trade initiatives, including hosting the World Indigenous Business Forum in 2025. Funding will also be provided to Kinaway Chamber of Commerce and Ngarrimili to help support more Aboriginal businesses.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Jobs output.

Supporting investment in the resources sector

Funding is provided to extend the Resources Victoria Approval Coordinator until 2027, for actions to support new critical minerals projects (including developing maps that identify areas that have the highest likelihood of developing successful critical minerals operations), and to provide dedicated support to facilitate engagement with community and Traditional Owners.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Resources output.

Supporting the delivery of agriculture mRNA research programs

Funding is provided for research into the agricultural applications of mRNA technology and manufacturing feasibility.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Supporting Victoria's defence-oriented supply chain

Funding is provided to support Victorian businesses to win work in defence and ancillary supply chains and support AUKUS. Initiatives include trade and investment facilitation, small and medium-sized enterprises capability uplift programs, workforce development initiatives, and supporting industry networks.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Trunk infrastructure to unlock regional economic growth

Funding is provided for competitive funding rounds to deliver trunk infrastructure (such as water supply, sewerage, roads and electricity) in regional Victoria that will open up more industrial land for use.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Regional Development output.

Victorian Industry Development Fund

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Yes to International Students Fund

Funding is provided to establish a fund to support Victorian universities and TAFEs to establish global partnerships to deliver international and transnational education.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Executive Government Advice and Services output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.6: Asset initiatives – Economic Growth Statement (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Delivering a Future of Housing Construction TAFE Centre of Excellence ^(a)	..	0.5	6.5	18.0	..	25.0
Victorian Industry Development Fund	..	0.5	1.5	3.0	..	5.0
Total asset initiatives	..	1.0	8.0	21.0	..	30.0

Note:

(a) This initiative is partially funded from the National Skills Agreement (NSA) Commonwealth Revenue.

Delivering a Future of Housing Construction TAFE Centre of Excellence

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

Victorian Industry Development Fund

Funding is provided to partner with commercial lenders to establish a loan facility for innovative Victorian start-ups and scale-ups.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output and Trade and Investment output.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Output initiatives

Table 1.7: Output initiatives – Education

(\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities					
Statewide rollout of Disability Inclusion	..	237.3	22.9	27.4	32.2
Students with disabilities transport program	..	33.4	..	..	..
Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation					
Early childhood intervention services for non-permanent residents	..	3.1	..	..	..
Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes	..	4.2	4.3	..	..
Kindergarten Building Blocks improvement and inclusion grants	..	4.2	10.1	0.7	..
Supporting equal participation in early education and care	..	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.1
Kindergarten Delivery					
Best Start, Best Life	..	160.3	92.5	767.0	937.7
Promoting Equal Access to Education					
Address chronic absenteeism and support students to remain in learning	..	3.0	6.8	7.6	8.2
Continue education supports for children in out of home care	..	6.2	13.6	7.4	3.5
English as an Additional Language	..	28.3	28.3	..	..
Increasing the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund	..	38.1	38.1	38.1	38.1
Locally Driven Education Programs	0.3	5.9	3.5	3.2	2.7
Supporting rural and regional students	..	1.4	0.3	..	..
Targeted investment to improve educational outcomes in youth justice	..	0.7	0.3	..	..
School Education					
Advanced professional training to teachers and leaders	..	25.3	..	..	..
Enabling equitable pathways reform	..	11.3	11.3	2.2	2.2
Excellence in mathematics education	..	15.3	15.3	8.9	7.0
Excellence in reading and writing education	5.0	10.7	9.9	4.5	4.5
Increasing community use of school facilities	..	0.6	0.9	..	..
Operational support for Tech Schools	..	..	..	4.4	4.7
School enrolment-based funding	41.9	84.8	86.9	89.1	91.3
Student Excellence Program	..	12.7	11.9	..	..
Supports for Schools and Staff					
Career Start program	..	29.2	..	..	..
Coordinated facilities, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and workers compensation support for small schools	..	..	7.1	3.6	..
Essential maintenance and compliance	34.4	30.6	137.2	72.5	48.3
Keeping school staff safe from violence	..	0.9	1.4	3.4	3.6
Modular Classrooms Program	..	26.1	4.2	4.3	4.4

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
New schools construction	..	0.1	5.4	9.5	9.8
Precincts and Activity Centres Planning Fund	..	0.5	0.5	..	..
School upgrades: expansions	..	..	..	0.7	1.4
School workforce reforms	..	27.9	22.8	10.8	6.0
Securing connected learners	..	3.0	3.0	3.0	..
Supporting schools with curriculum implementation	..	2.7	2.6	0.9	..
Wellbeing Supports for Students					
School-wide positive behaviour support	..	2.3	2.3	2.7	3.1
Total output initiatives	81.6	814.0	547.7	1 076.2	1 212.8

Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities

Statewide rollout of Disability Inclusion

Funding is provided to continue the rollout of improved disability and inclusion practices in Victorian government schools. Since 2021, Disability Inclusion has introduced:

- a new tiered funding model for students with a disability, with additional funding for schools to help students with a disability take part in their education on the same basis as their peers
- system initiatives that increase access to specialist expertise, coaching, evidence-based guidance and resources to help build knowledge and skills across the school system.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities output.

Students with disabilities transport program

Funding is provided to continue transport assistance for eligible students to travel to their government specialist school. New services will also be introduced from the 2026 school year to meet growth in demand.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities output.

Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation

Early childhood intervention services for non-permanent residents

Funding is provided to deliver early childhood intervention services, such as inclusive education and therapy supports, to children with disability or developmental delay who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) due to their residency status.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation output.

Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes

Refer to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing for a description of this initiative.

Kindergarten Building Blocks improvement and inclusion grants

Funding is provided for grants to local government and other eligible providers to improve and upgrade early childhood infrastructure, enhancing the quality and amenity of learning environments.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation output.

Supporting equal participation in early education and care

Funding is provided to continue delivery of a range of tailored programs to support vulnerable children to access early childhood education. This includes:

- Access to Early Learning program
- Flexible support packages
- LOOKOUT program
- Yalingbu Yirramboi – The Royal Children's Hospital School.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation output.

Kindergarten Delivery

Best Start, Best Life

Funding is provided to continue the Best Start, Best Life reforms, including Free Kinder, Pre-Prep, 50 government-owned Early Learning and Care Centres and Three-Year-Old Kindergarten.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Kindergarten Delivery output.

Promoting Equal Access to Education

Address chronic absenteeism and support students to remain in learning

Funding is provided to continue to address chronic student absenteeism and support disengaged young people to re-engage in education through the Navigator program. Navigator will continue to provide identification, outreach and case management services to schools to improve outcomes for vulnerable students.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

Continue education supports for children in out of home care

Funding is provided to continue education supports for children in out-of-home care. This includes continuation of the:

- Education Support for Children in Care program
- Education Needs Analysis process
- LOOKOUT program.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

English as an Additional Language

Funding is provided to increase the number of students supported by the English as an Additional Language program for the 2026 school year, in line with growth in enrolments. The program supports government school students who do not speak English as their first language at home to become proficient in English, including Australian-born students, newly arrived migrants and students from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

Increasing the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Funding is provided to increase payments from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to \$400 for eligible government and non-government school students, to assist families with the cost of camps, sporting activities and excursions at schools.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

Locally Driven Education Programs

Funding is provided for a suite of programs, including the:

- School Lawyer Program, delivered by Westjustice
- Safe Socials Program
- Passions and Pathways Program
- Learning for Life Program, delivered by the Smith Family.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

Supporting rural and regional students

Funding is provided for outreach and aspiration programs to continue to address the barriers that contribute to educational performance differences across Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

Targeted investment to improve educational outcomes in youth justice

Funding is provided to continue targeted support for young people involved in or at risk of involvement in the youth justice system. This includes continued funding for Education Early Intervention Support Officers to re-engage young people with their education and facilitate supports to improve educational achievement and outcomes.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Promoting Equal Access to Education output.

School Education

Advanced professional training to teachers and leaders

Funding is provided to the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership to continue delivering quality, evidence-informed professional learning that enhances the capability and performance of Victorian teachers and school leaders.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Primary and School Education – Secondary outputs.

Enabling equitable pathways reform

Funding is provided to continue the delivery of initiatives under the Senior Secondary Pathways Reform agenda, including Jobs, Skills and Pathways Coordination funding and the Victorian Pathways Certificate. Funding will also assist schools to ensure that students who leave school early are supported into alternative pathways in the labour force or further education.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Secondary output.

Excellence in mathematics education

Funding is provided to enhance the delivery of numeracy curriculum in Victorian schools by:

- implementing a new Year 1 numeracy check
- providing micro-credentials in mathematics to upskill secondary school teachers
- continuing to deploy leading teachers to support schools
- delivering advanced mathematics camps for Year 9 and 10 students
- supporting small group tutoring for numeracy in primary schools.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Primary and School Education – Secondary outputs.

Excellence in reading and writing education

Funding is provided to enhance the delivery of literacy curriculum in Victorian schools by:

- providing universal phonics education
- implementing a new on-entry literacy test and Year 1 phonics check
- continuing to deploy leading teachers to support schools
- supporting small group tutoring for literacy in primary schools.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Primary and School Education – Secondary outputs.

Increasing community use of school facilities

Funding is provided for a dedicated support team to assist up to 40 recently opened schools in Melbourne's west and south-west Victoria to enable community use of their facilities by coordinating local community outreach, brokering agreements and administrative support.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Primary and School Education – Secondary outputs.

Operational support for Tech Schools

Funding is provided to support the operations of two new Tech Schools in Dandenong and Warrnambool. These Tech Schools will provide free, immersive and high-tech STEM learning programs to local students from 49 partner schools.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Primary and School Education – Secondary outputs.

School enrolment-based funding

Funding is provided to meet student enrolment growth in government and non-government schools.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Primary and School Education – Secondary outputs.

Student Excellence Program

Funding is provided for schools to continue support for high-ability students and access high-ability practice school leaders through the Victorian High-Ability Program and the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series.

These programs provide guidance and expertise for high-ability students in classrooms all across Victoria.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's School Education – Primary and School Education – Secondary outputs.

Supports for Schools and Staff

Career Start program

Funding is provided to continue supporting Victorian teachers in the early stages of their career by:

- allowing time release from face-to-face teaching to participate in practice-focused mentoring and other professional learning sessions
- providing area-based support and facilitating teaching graduate networks through the local Graduate Learning Alliance
- developing further resources for the teaching Learning Alliance Leaders.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Supports for Schools and Staff output.

Coordinated facilities, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and workers compensation support for small schools

Funding is provided to continue to support small schools in rural and regional Victoria by providing facilities, OHS and workers' compensation support. This will reduce the administrative burden and free up school leaders and teachers to spend more time supporting student learning and achievement.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Supports for Schools and Staff output.

Essential maintenance and compliance

Funding is provided to government schools for maintenance and compliance programs, including the:

- Make-safe program to assist schools that have sustained damage through an incident or extreme weather event
- Student Resource Package Maintenance and Minor Works program to fund schools for regular and routine maintenance
- Planned Maintenance program to address priority defects in school assets.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Supports for Schools and Staff output.

Keeping school staff safe from violence

Funding is provided to reduce work-related violence and the impacts of challenging student behaviour for school staff, including expansion of safety training and increased access to security advice and safety supports.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Supports for Schools and Staff output.

Modular Classrooms Program

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

New schools construction

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Precincts and Activity Centres Planning Fund

Funding is provided for planning and to identify sites to expand capacity for future new government school provision across Melbourne, to align with key housing initiatives in priority precincts and activity centres.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Support for Schools and Staff output.

School upgrades: expansions

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

School workforce reforms

Funding is provided to maintain current workforce reforms that strengthen Victoria's teaching workforce, including:

- postgraduate employment-based Initial Teacher Education programs
- targeted secondary teaching degree scholarships for the 2026 school year cohort
- the Hindi and Punjabi scholarship program
- paid placement for students completing their teaching degrees and support programs
- financial payments and support to incentivise teachers to relocate to hard-to-staff positions in Victorian government schools
- additional resources to support flexible working arrangements for school leaders.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Support for Schools and Staff output.

Securing connected learners

Funding is provided to ensure that government schools operate safe and secure digital environments through a comprehensive IT asset discovery system and security information event management capability to provide alerts for cyber security incidents.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Supports for Schools and Staff output.

Supporting schools with curriculum implementation

Funding is provided to continue the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 by equipping Victorian teachers and schools with high-quality curriculum and professional learning resources.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Supports for Schools and Staff output.

Wellbeing Supports for Students

School-wide positive behaviour support

Funding is provided to expand the delivery of training to schools and staff to promote positive student behaviour. This includes specialist coaches to work with schools to improve teacher capability to effectively manage student behaviour and foster a respectful environment. Funding is also provided to deliver training to school staff to promote Positive Classroom Management Strategies.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework. This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Wellbeing Supports for Students output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.8: Asset initiatives – Education

(\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities						
Accessible Buildings Program	..	9.3	9.3	..	..	18.5
Supports for Schools and Staff						
Capital Works Fund	..	11.5	13.5	..	..	25.0
Feasibility study for a maths and science school in the north-west of Melbourne	..	1.0	..	..	..	1.0
Land acquisition	..	37.1	129.2	71.1	..	237.4
Modular Classrooms Program	..	148.4	..	..	..	148.4
New schools construction	..	166.1	168.4	1.9	..	336.4
Planning future school upgrades	..	10.0	..	..	..	10.0
School upgrades ^(a)	..	88.1	203.1	29.4	1.0	321.7
School upgrades: expansions ^(a)	..	0.9	8.9	30.8	7.1	47.8
Total asset initiatives	..	472.5	532.4	133.1	8.2	1 146.2

Note:

(a) TEI includes funding beyond 2028-29.

Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities

Accessible Buildings Program

Funding is provided to improve access to school facilities for students with disability and additional needs. Facility modifications may include ramps and handrails, alterations to toilet and shower facilities and adjustments for students with vision or hearing impairments.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities output.

Supports for Schools and Staff

Capital Works Fund

Funding is provided for the Capital Works Fund. The Fund provides an opportunity for schools to seek funding for small scale capital projects that are a priority for their school. This will deliver the following 21 projects and the next round of the Fund.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Support for Schools and Staff output.

Capital Works Fund 2025-26

- Araluen Primary School
- Diamond Creek Primary School
- Eltham North Primary School
- Hamilton North Primary School
- Lakes Entrance Secondary College
- Lara Secondary College
- Laurimar Primary School
- Lyndale Secondary College
- Mackellar Primary School
- Malvern Primary School
- Montrose Primary School
- Moomba Park Primary School
- Mooroolbark East Primary School
- Mount Waverley Heights Primary School
- Ringwood North Primary School
- Rubicon Outdoor School
- St Georges Road Primary School
- Tallangatta Secondary College
- Thomas Mitchell Primary School
- Wattle View Primary School
- Yarra Glen Primary School

Feasibility study for a maths and science school in the north-west of Melbourne

Funding is provided for a feasibility study to identify a suitable location to establish a select entry maths and science specialism school in the north-west corridor of Melbourne.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Support for Schools and Staff output.

Land acquisition

Funding is provided to acquire land for future new schools and new campuses of existing schools in various municipalities including Casey, Darebin, Melbourne, and Melton.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Support for Schools and Staff output.

Modular Classrooms Program

Funding is provided to procure modular classrooms to relieve pressure at schools that are reaching their capacity and to provide additional functional spaces for learning.

Funding is also provided for the operating costs associated with the Modular Classrooms Program.

This program was formerly known as the Relocatable Buildings Program.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education's Support for Schools and Staff output.

New schools construction

Funding is provided to build two new schools to open in 2027:

- Aintree North Primary School (Interim Name)
- Officer Brunt Road Specialist School (Interim Name).

Additional stages of new schools will also be constructed at four recently opened schools:

- Bemis Secondary College
- Brinbeal Secondary College
- Walcom Ngarrwa Secondary College
- Yarrabing Secondary College.

Funding is provided for the operating costs associated with the new schools.

Funding is provided for planning and design of an expansion for South Melbourne Primary School.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Support for Schools and Staff output.

Planning future school upgrades

Funding is provided for planning and developing future capital upgrades and expansions at 20 schools across Victoria. This will improve educational outcomes through the provision of high-quality classrooms and facilities for learning and community use.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Support for Schools and Staff output.

Planning future school upgrades

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| • Altona Green Primary School | • Melton Primary School |
| • Bacchus Marsh College | • Mount Waverley North Primary School |
| • Boroondara Park Primary School | • Norris Bank Primary School |
| • Broadford Secondary College | • Sherbrooke Community School |
| • Coburg Primary School | • St Albans North Primary School |
| • Greenvale Primary School | • The Grange P-12 College |
| • Hallam Primary School | • Vermont Primary School |
| • Lancaster Primary School | • Warragul North Primary School |
| • Maribyrnong Secondary College | • Winchelsea Primary School |
| • Maryborough Education Centre | • Yarrowonga College P-12 |

School upgrades

Funding is provided to 35 schools across Victoria for capital upgrades. This will improve educational outcomes by providing modern classrooms and facilities for learning and community use.

This initiative delivers on the Government’s election commitment, ‘Delivering great local schools’ as published in *Labor’s Financial Statement 2022*. This is the third and final package of school upgrades under this commitment.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Support for Schools and Staff output.

School upgrades

- Belmont High School
- Broadford Primary School
- Buckley Park College
- Carrington Primary School
- Caulfield South Primary School
- Colac West Primary School
- Collingwood College
- Drouin Secondary College
- Edenhope College
- Gardenvale Primary School
- Hampton Primary School
- Hazel Glen College
- Kananook Primary School
- Kurunjang Secondary College
- Lakes Entrance Primary School
- Leongatha Secondary College
- Lismore Primary School
- Manorvale Primary School
- McKinnon Primary School
- Meadow Heights Primary School
- Melba College
- Melton South Primary School
- Mordialloc College
- Mount Eliza North Primary School
- Mount Erin College
- Mullauna Secondary College
- Orchard Grove Primary School
- Rangebank Primary School
- Roberts McCubbin Primary School
- San Remo Primary School
- Stawell West Primary School
- Streeton Primary School
- Wangaratta High School
- White Hills Primary School
- Yarraville West Primary School

School upgrades: expansions

Funding is provided to expand capacity of permanent facilities to meet enrolment demand at three schools. The expanded capacity will be ready for the 2028 school year at the following schools:

- Casey Fields Primary School
- Cranbourne West Secondary College
- Riverwalk Primary School.

Funding is also provided for the operating costs associated with the school expansions.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Education’s Supports for Schools and Staff output.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

Output initiatives

Table 1.9: Output initiatives – Energy, Environment and Climate Action (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Agriculture					
A skilled and healthy farming workforce	..	1.2	..	..	..
Delivering agriculture sector emissions reductions	..	3.1	3.0	..	..
Growing the industrial hemp sector	..	0.4	..	..	..
Managing the impacts of livestock predation – Fox Bounty	..	2.1	..	..	..
Safeguarding the future of Victoria’s agricultural sector and supporting animal welfare	20.0	7.3	9.4	..	..
Effective Water Management and Supply					
Broken reconfiguration project ^(a)	5.2	1.7	..	..	..
Detailed Assessments of the Restoring Flows to the Mallee Floodplain project ^(a)	1.9	..	..	..	..
Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin ^(a)	5.7	5.7	4.8	2.9	..
Improving compliance in the Murray-Darling Basin ^(a)	1.8	0.7	0.9	..	..
Protecting Victoria’s water security	..	3.8	..	..	..
Victorian-led domestic and stock feasibility projects ^(a)	1.0	0.3	..	..	..
Energy					
Continuing to meet Victoria’s Marinus Link shareholder responsibilities	..	2.5	..	..	..
Enhancing core energy functions	10.0	34.4	32.3	36.5	38.8
Industrial Renewable Gas Guarantee	..	1.5	0.8	..	..
Offshore Wind Program	3.2	10.0	..	..	..
Power Saving Bonus for vulnerable consumers	..	50.6	..	..	..
Victorian Energy Upgrades Program – Insulation upgrades	1.8	4.6	4.6	1.0	..
Environment and Biodiversity					
Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires ^(b)	3.9	23.2	13.0	..	..
Efficient and timely environmental assessments	..	1.9	..	..	..
Enabling collaborative wildlife management	..	1.1	1.0	..	..
Pest animal management	..	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.7
Supporting Landcare and Coastcare volunteers	..	8.7	8.6	..	..
Fire and Emergency Management					
Aviation firefighting resources	29.7	..	..	..	..
Bushfire prevention	23.5	..	..	..	..
Management of Public Land and Forests					
Continue the establishment of Liwik Barring conservation area and protect Victoria’s faunal emblems	..	1.5	1.5	..	..
Delivering outdoor recreation and tourism	..	0.4	..	..	..
Half-price camping fees	..	5.2	5.3	..	..
Kangaroo Harvesting Program	..	0.2	0.6	..	..

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Luna Park building works	5.0				
Protecting public land	..	1.0	1.0	..	..
Severe weather event recovery	17.4	..	..	..	..
Supporting nature-based tourism and the environment along the Great Ocean Road	..	3.7	..	..	..
Zoos Victoria Kids Go Free	..	15.3	..	..	..
Resources					
Efficient and strengthened earth resources regulation	..	6.7	9.8	10.2	11.2
Safeguarding Victoria from former mines and quarries	..	1.7	..	..	..
Solar Victoria					
Solar Homes Program – Hot water rebates	..	29.7	..	..	..
Statutory Activities and Environment Protection					
Sustaining the EPA’s strengthened regulatory functions	30.0	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7
Total output initiatives	160.1	255.8	122.6	76.7	76.4

Notes:

(a) Funding provided by the Commonwealth Government via the Federation Funding Agreement – Environment.

(b) Some of the initiatives included may be cost-shared with the Commonwealth under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Estimates of the Commonwealth’s contribution are yet to be determined.

Agriculture

A skilled and healthy farming workforce

Funding is provided for the National Centre for Farmer Health in Hamilton to maintain delivery of core services in the rural health sector and target farm safety, health and wellbeing in farming communities. Funding is also provided to continue the Rural Women’s Leadership and Mentoring Program to reduce structural barriers within industry, develop mentors and networks and lift overall diversity in agricultural leadership positions.

This initiative will be funded from the Community Support Fund.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Agriculture output.

Delivering agriculture sector emissions reductions

Funding is provided to continue research in partnership with industry in high-priority emissions reduction mechanisms for Victoria’s dairy sector. Funding will also assist in the commercialisation of emerging technologies to support future agriculture sector emissions reductions.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Agriculture output.

Growing the industrial hemp sector

Funding is provided to commence development of standalone industrial hemp legislation to address regulatory barriers and support the growth of the emerging Victorian industrial hemp sector.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Agriculture output.

Managing the impacts of livestock predation – Fox Bounty

Funding is provided to extend the Fox Bounty program to help manage the impacts of livestock predation.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Agriculture output.

Safeguarding the future of Victoria's agricultural sector and supporting animal welfare

Funding is provided to safeguard Victoria's agriculture sector from biosecurity threats including:

- maintaining biosecurity surveillance, specialist technical capability and rapid response diagnostic capability
- supporting the Varroa mite and avian influenza biosecurity response in Victoria and for the State's contribution to national biosecurity and response agreements
- supporting existing regional fruit fly governance groups in the Goulburn Murray Valley Sunraysia and the Yarra Valley.

Funding is also provided to enable RSPCA Victoria to continue to deliver essential animal welfare regulatory services on behalf of the Victorian Government, including responding to cruelty and welfare complaints, caring and rehabilitating animals seized or surrendered and delivering community outreach activities. Funding is also provided to a number of volunteer animal welfare organisations delivering animal care and rehabilitation.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Agriculture output.

Effective Water Management and Supply

Broken reconfiguration project

Funding is provided by the Commonwealth Government through the *Federation Funding Agreement – Environment* to fund a business case for the proposed Broken reconfiguration project that will support the region's irrigators and communities' long-term needs in response to climate change and Commonwealth water purchases.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Effective Water Management and Supply output.

Detailed Assessments of the Restoring Flows to the Mallee Floodplain project

Funding is provided by the Commonwealth Government through the *Federation Funding Agreement – Environment* to deliver a detailed assessment of the Restoring Flows to the Mallee Floodplain project, which is a potential new water supply measure to maximise Murray-Darling Basin Plan environmental outcomes with available environmental water.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Effective Water Management and Supply output.

Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin

Funding is provided by the Commonwealth Government through the *Federation Funding Agreement – Environment* to continue the delivery of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and associated water reforms.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Effective Water Management and Supply output.

Improving compliance in the Murray-Darling Basin

Funding is provided by the Commonwealth Government through the *Federation Funding Agreement – Environment* to increase the coverage of metering telemetry across the Murray-Darling Basin that will provide regulators and water users with more timely information.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Effective Water Management and Supply output.

Protecting Victoria’s water security

Funding is provided to support the order for 50 gigalitres of desalinated water, to protect water security and reduce bill impacts for Melbourne, Geelong, South Gippsland and surrounding regions.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Effective Water Management and Supply output.

Victorian-led domestic and stock feasibility projects

Funding is provided by the Commonwealth Government through the *Federation Funding Agreement – Environment* to support the delivery of Victorian-led domestic and stock feasibility projects under the Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program to improve water security and achieve water savings.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Effective Water Management and Supply output.

Energy

Continuing to meet Victoria’s Marinus Link shareholder responsibilities

Funding is provided to support the State’s interest in the new Marinus Link interconnector between the Victorian and Tasmanian electricity networks.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Energy output.

Enhancing core energy functions

Funding is provided to strengthen the department's core energy functions and help ensure safe, reliable and affordable energy is maintained throughout the energy transition.

This initiative will be partially funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Energy output.

Industrial Renewable Gas Guarantee

Funding is provided to develop a renewable gas scheme to assist securing renewable gas volumes for industrial and gas-powered electricity generation users that can't electrify over time, and to support Victoria's emission reduction targets.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Energy output.

Offshore Wind Program

Funding is provided to progress planning and undertake activities to deliver the first 2 gigawatts of offshore wind energy capacity in Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Energy output.

Power Saving Bonus for vulnerable consumers

Funding is provided for a one-off \$100 Power Saving Bonus for eligible Victorian concession card households that use the Victorian Energy Compare website to search for the cheapest electricity deal. Funding is also provided to expand the services of the Energy Assistance Program in response to increasing demand, ensuring tailored assistance for vulnerable and hard-to-reach consumers is preserved.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Energy output.

Victorian Energy Upgrades Program – Insulation upgrades

Funding is provided to develop a safety and quality assurance framework as part of the reintroduction of insulation as an offering in the Victorian Energy Upgrades Program to improve energy efficiency.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Energy output.

Environment and Biodiversity

Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires

Funding is provided to address recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires. Funding is also provided to support the Wildwood Wildlife Shelter.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's:

- Environment and Biodiversity output
- Parks Victoria output
- Effective Water Management and Supply output
- Management of Public Land and Forests output
- Circular Economy output.

Efficient and timely environmental assessments

Funding is provided to maintain existing capacity for dedicated technical expertise and case management support for the environmental assessment processes associated with renewable energy projects.

This initiative will be funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Environment and Biodiversity output.

Enabling collaborative wildlife management

Funding is provided for a package of initiatives that seek to protect Victorian wildlife including continuing the Wildlife Hotline to respond to reports of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife across the State. Funding is also provided for the Faraday Church Wildlife Shelter.

This initiative will be funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Environment and Biodiversity output.

Pest animal management

Funding is provided for the Vertebrate Species Management Program to manage the increasing spread of foxes, feral pigs, goats and rabbits and reduce the negative impacts of pest animals on agricultural production, biosecurity and biodiversity.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Environment and Biodiversity output.

Supporting Landcare and Coastcare volunteers

Funding is provided to continue the Landcare and Coastcare volunteer programs, enabling Victorian communities to engage in environmental conservation and help address biodiversity loss. Funding is also provided for tree planting in open spaces around Preston and Reservoir stations to address the low level of tree cover and improve existing green spaces.

This initiative will be funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Environment and Biodiversity output.

Fire and Emergency Management

Aviation firefighting resources

Funding is provided for additional firefighting aviation resources to support the State's firefighting capability during the 2024-25 bushfire season.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Fire and Emergency Management output.

Bushfire prevention

Funding is provided to complete additional planned burns and other fuel management activities across autumn 2025.

Locations will be guided by the Joint Fuel Management Program, which was developed in consultation with Traditional Owners and other key stakeholders including local councils, wineries, beekeepers, flora and fauna specialists and Victoria's tourism industry.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Fire and Emergency Management output.

Management of Public Land and Forests

Continue the establishment of Liwik Barring conservation area and protect Victoria's faunal emblems

Funding is provided for the Liwik Barring Landscape Conservation Area in Yellingbo. In addition, visitor facilities at Haining Farm will be improved and trail and signage works will be undertaken at Liwik Barring.

The Faunal Emblems program will also be continued to protect the last remaining wild population of the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater and the only lowland population of the critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum.

This initiative will be funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Delivering outdoor recreation and tourism

Funding is provided to improve local nature-based experiences across Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Fishing, Boating and Game Management and Tourism and Major Events outputs.

Half-price camping fees

Funding is provided to support half-price camping at all of Parks Victoria's 131 paid campgrounds from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2027.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Kangaroo Harvesting Program

Refer to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions for a description of this initiative.

Luna Park building works

Funding is provided for a contribution towards heritage repairs and maintenance for Luna Park Melbourne's Luna Palace building.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Protecting public land

Funding is provided to maintain safety and environmental health on Victoria's parks and public lands.

This initiative will be funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Severe weather event recovery

Funding is provided to support recovery efforts and address critical short-term public safety and access concerns following the August to September 2024 severe weather events.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Supporting nature-based tourism and the environment along the Great Ocean Road

Funding is provided for the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCAPA) to continue its operations as the dedicated land manager for the Great Ocean Road coast and parks. Funding is also provided for the new Twelve Apostles Visitor Experience Centre.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Zoos Victoria Kids Go Free

Funding is provided to continue to allow children under 16 years of age to enjoy free admission to Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary, Kyabram Fauna Park and Werribee Open Range Zoo on weekends, public holidays and during school holidays.

This initiative will be funded from the Parks and Reserves Trust Account.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

Resources

Efficient and strengthened earth resources regulation

Funding is provided to Resources Victoria to support a sustainable mining and quarrying sector through strong regulations and timely decision making.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Resources output.

Safeguarding Victoria from former mines and quarries

Funding is provided to continue to manage abandoned and legacy mines and quarries on Crown land to address public safety and environmental risks.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Resources output.

Solar Victoria

Solar Homes Program – Hot water rebates

Funding is provided to extend the Solar Victoria Hot water rebate program to enable more eligible households to install energy efficient electric heat pumps and solar hot water systems in their homes.

This initiative will be funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Solar Victoria output.

Statutory Activities and Environment Protection

Sustaining the EPA's strengthened regulatory functions

Funding is provided for the Environment Protection Authority to ensure it can continue to protect Victoria's environment from pollution and waste and fulfil its obligations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*.

This initiative will be funded from the Municipal and Industrial Waste Levy.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Statutory Activities and Environment Protection output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.10: Asset initiatives – Energy, Environment and Climate Action (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Environment and Biodiversity						
Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires	1.6	4.5	2.1	..	..	8.1
Fire and Emergency Management						
Maintaining critical assets essential for emergency response	..	10.0	..	..	..	10.0
Management of Public Land and Forests						
Continue the establishment of Liwik Barring conservation area and protect Victoria’s faunal emblems	..	0.4	0.4	..	..	0.8
Supporting nature-based tourism and the environment along the Great Ocean Road	..	1.5	0.8	..	..	2.3
Resources						
Efficient and strengthened earth resources regulation	..	..	2.0	0.5	..	2.5
Total asset initiatives	1.6	16.4	5.2	0.5	..	23.7

Environment and Biodiversity

Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

Fire and Emergency Management

Maintaining critical assets essential for emergency response

Funding is provided to operationalise critical fire and emergency vehicle fleet to support Forest Fire Management Victoria’s preventative bushfire services and rapid response to emergency events.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s Fire and Emergency Management output.

Management of Public Land and Forests

Continue the establishment of Liwik Barring conservation area and protect Victoria’s faunal emblems

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

Supporting nature-based tourism and the environment along the Great Ocean Road

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

Resources

Efficient and strengthened earth resources regulation

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, FAIRNESS AND HOUSING

Output initiatives

Table 1.11: Output initiatives – Families, Fairness and Housing (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Child Protection and Family Services					
Civil claims costs for historical child abuse	65.8	198.4	..	..	..
Improving outcomes for children and young people in care	..	77.3	12.1	0.4	0.4
Justice system costs associated with court programs	..	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Strong Families, Safe Children: connecting, strengthening and restoring families	..	86.0	81.5	..	..
Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system	..	0.3	1.9	1.5	..
Supporting the child protection workforce	..	7.1	7.1	..	..
Community Participation					
Providing more no-interest loans to vulnerable Victorians	..	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Strengthening food security across Victoria	..	12.7	4.2	1.0	..
Disability Programs and Services					
Continuing support for Victorians with disability	..	24.1	..	..	..
Maintaining regulation of disability and social services	..	13.6	13.9	..	..
Family Violence Service Delivery					
Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes	..	8.5	8.4	..	..
Supporting Victoria’s response to family violence	..	27.3	28.0	12.1	12.4
Supporting Victoria’s response to sexual violence	..	13.1	13.4	..	..
Housing Assistance					
Continuing critical services to address homelessness and community needs	..	20.4	20.4	20.4	..
Victorian Social Investment Model (VicSIM): enabling effective social policy and early intervention	..	2.7	2.7	..	..
LGBTIQA+ Equality Policy and Programs					
Supporting Victoria’s LGBTIQA+ communities	..	1.5	..	..	..
Support to Veterans in Victoria					
Employing veterans to benefit Victoria	..	0.4	0.4	..	..
Keeping the Eternal Flame burning – Victoria’s Shrine of Remembrance	..	1.2	1.2	..	..
Women’s Policy					
The Victorian Honour Roll of Women	..	0.5	0.5	..	..
Youth					
Investing early in young Victorians	..	10.3	9.7	..	..
Living Learning: innovative support to re-engage young people	..	3.7	3.8	..	..
Total output initiatives	65.8	510.9	211.1	37.3	14.8

Child Protection and Family Services

Civil claims costs for historical child abuse

Funding is provided to manage and settle claims for compensation relating to abuse suffered by former wards of the State while in care.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Child Protection and Family Services output.

Improving outcomes for children and young people in care

Funding is provided to support children and young people in care by:

- responding to the need for residential care placements to support children and young people
- delivering vital training support for permanent carers
- continuing case contracting capacity for children and young people in stable kinship care
- maintenance of Secure Care residential facilities.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Child Protection and Family Services output.

Justice system costs associated with court programs

Refer to the Department of Justice and Community Safety for a description of this initiative.

Strong Families, Safe Children: connecting, strengthening and restoring families

Funding is provided to help Family Services divert clients from more intensive, acute and statutory child protection services through a range of early interventions with the aim of connecting, strengthening and restoring families, including:

- evidence-based therapeutic interventions and wrap-around supports for families with significant and enduring needs
- evidence-based coaching and individual supports for vulnerable families with escalating needs to restore safety and wellbeing, and prevent further trajectory into child protection
- group-based early interventions for families with emerging needs to build parenting capacity, prevent child abuse and neglect, and improve developmental outcomes.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Child Protection and Family Services output.

Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system

Refer to the Department of Justice and Community Safety for a description of this initiative.

Supporting the child protection workforce

Funding is provided to continue a range of programs that support the child protection workforce to meet its legislative obligations and keep children safe.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Child Protection and Family Services output.

Community Participation

Providing more no-interest loans to vulnerable Victorians

Funding is provided to expand the reach of the Good Money program and support more Victorians with no-interest loans and affordable financial services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Community Participation output.

Strengthening food security across Victoria

Funding is provided for food relief to people in need by increasing support for Regional Foodshares in Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Geelong, Mildura, Shepparton and Warrnambool, and the Regional Food Security Alliance. An expanded Community Food Relief grants program will continue to provide grants to local community organisations, neighbourhood houses, and large-scale food relief providers.

Funding will also support Foodbank Victoria to divert surplus farm produce that would otherwise go to waste and deliver additional charity freight services across regional Victoria, as well as support the Foodbank GROW program to distribute consumable food to the emergency food relief sector.

This initiative is partially funded from the Sustainability Fund (subject to an eligibility assessment).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Community Participation output.

Disability Programs and Services

Continuing support for Victorians with disability

Funding is provided to maintain critical supports for people with disability, including:

- the Victorian Disability Advocacy Program
- supporting Victorians with disability who are ineligible to receive services from the NDIS
- autism assessment grants
- delivery of an integrated child and family services response for the most vulnerable children with disability
- building the capacity of mainstream services to support people with complex disability needs.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Disability Programs and Services output.

Maintaining regulation of disability and social services

Funding is provided to support the operation of the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme through the Victorian Disability Worker Commission and the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria.

Funding is also provided to support the Worker Carer Exclusion Scheme to keep children and young people in out-of-home care safe by preventing certain workers and carers from working in the sector if their behaviour demonstrates an unjustifiable risk of harm.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Disability Programs and Services output.

Family Violence Service Delivery

Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes

Funding is provided to enable departments and agencies to support prescribed organisations to meet obligations under the legislated family violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) framework and Child and Family Violence Information Sharing Schemes. Support includes workforce training and change management guidance and tools to ensure that organisational policies and practices are consistent with both information sharing schemes and the MARAM framework.

This initiative contributes to Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Family Violence Service Delivery output.

This initiative contributes to Department of Education's Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation output.

This initiative contributes to Department of Health's Workforce Training and Development output.

This initiative contributes to Department of Justice and Community Safety's Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support output and Policing and Community Safety output.

This initiative contributes to Courts Services Victoria's Courts output.

Supporting Victoria's response to family violence

Funding is provided to maintain critical service capacity in family and gendered violence prevention and response by:

- extending Victoria's primary prevention leadership through Respect Victoria
- delivering prevention and early intervention work within multicultural and faith communities
- sustaining frontline family violence specialist support programs including specialist case management, Adolescent Family Violence in the Home, flexible support packages, family violence crisis brokerage for the statewide 24/7 crisis service and specialist support for children in refuges
- continuing intensive high-risk perpetrator interventions.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Family Violence Service Delivery and Primary Prevention of Family Violence outputs.

Supporting Victoria's response to sexual violence

Funding is provided to maintain support for victim survivors of sexual violence and harm through continued provision of:

- sustaining frontline sexual assault support services to adults, children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse including flexible funding for victim survivors of sexual assault, and the statewide Sexual Assault Crisis Line with after-hours counselling services
- delivering Sexually Abusive Behaviour Treatment services for children and young people demonstrating harmful sexual behaviours.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Family Violence Service Delivery output.

Housing Assistance

Continuing critical services to address homelessness and community needs

Funding is provided for the continuation of homelessness services to ensure homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Housing Assistance output.

Victorian Social Investment Model (VicSIM): enabling effective social policy and early intervention

Funding is provided for the VicSIM predictive data modelling tool which draws on government data to provide analysis and insights about service usage by Victorians, supporting enhanced policy development and social investment.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's:

- Housing Assistance output
- Child Protection and Family Services output.

LGBTIQA+ Equality Policy and Programs

Supporting Victoria's LGBTIQA+ communities

Funding is provided to continue the QHub program to support young people and their families in western Victoria's LGBTIQA+ communities with place-based mental health and wellbeing support services. The Trans and Gender Diverse Peer Support Program is also funded to continue to support the health and wellbeing of trans and gender diverse Victorians, including through mental health supports and promoting community connections.

This initiative aligns with the *Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQA+ strategy 2022-32*:

- priority two – equitable, inclusive and accessible services
- priority four – safe, strong and sustainable communities.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's LGBTIQA+ Equality Policy and Programs output.

Support to Veterans in Victoria

Employing veterans to benefit Victoria

Funding is provided for the Public Sector Veteran Employment Strategy to continue to promote veteran-specific career pathways and to continue the Victorian Veteran Employment Advocate role.

This initiative aligns with the recommendations of the *Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide (Royal Commission) Final Report* released in September 2024.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Support to Veterans in Victoria output.

Keeping the Eternal Flame burning – Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance

Funding is provided for the Shrine to continue honouring the service and sacrifice of Australian service personnel, who have served in war, peacemaking and peacekeeping, including by welcoming visitors and delivering commemorative services and other legislated functions.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Support to Veterans in Victoria output.

Women's Policy

The Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Funding is provided to continue the recognition and celebration of women in Victoria through the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Women's Policy output.

Youth

Investing early in young Victorians

Funding is provided to continue to support young people facing disadvantage and at risk of disengagement from the community. Initiatives include:

- Community Support Groups targeted at young people from diverse backgrounds in Melbourne's north, west and south-east
- the Le Mana Pasifika Project delivered by the Centre for Multicultural Youth to provide targeted support and deliver community programs
- the Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) wrap-around support for multicultural youth
- continuing the Regional Presence Project to deliver education and employment programs for young people in regional areas.

Funding is also provided to support young people getting involved in their community, including upgrading local facilities.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Youth output.

Living Learning: innovative support to re-engage young people

Funding is provided to continue the innovative Living Learning program that provides wrap-around services for young people including mental health, education, psychosocial and vocational support.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Youth output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.12: Asset initiatives – Families, Fairness and Housing (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Disability Programs and Services						
Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) safety: fire panel replacements	..	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	19.2
Housing Assistance						
Housing Support Program – Priority Works ^(a)	15.5	35.5	50.1	..	..	101.1
Total asset initiatives	15.5	40.3	54.9	4.8	4.8	120.3

Note:

(a) This initiative is fully funded by the Commonwealth Government.

Disability Programs and Services

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) safety: fire panel replacements

Funding is provided to proactively replace fire panels in Victorian Government owned Specialist Disability Accommodation homes.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing’s Disability Programs and Services output.

Housing Assistance

Housing Support Program – Priority Works

Refer to the Department of Transport and Planning for a description of this initiative.

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Output initiatives

Table 1.13: Output initiatives – Government Services (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Customer Services to the Community					
Delivering digital services – Service Victoria and websites	..	51.3	46.3	4.1	4.1
Digital Strategy and Transformation					
Cyber Safe Victoria 2026+ and Open Data	..	12.5	12.5	12.5	..
Identity and Worker Screening Services					
Maintain identity and worker screening services	25.9	23.5	..	..	..
Management of Victoria’s Public Records					
Maintaining Victorian Archives Centre operations	2.3	..	..	..	..
Regulation of the Victorian Consumer Marketplace					
Mortgage Stress Victoria	..	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Professional engineer registration scheme	0.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	..
Services to Government					
Providing corporate transportation services	2.3	2.3	..	..	..
Social procurement support	..	0.4	0.4	..	..
Total output initiatives	30.7	93.0	62.2	19.6	5.1

Customer Services to the Community

Delivering digital services – Service Victoria and websites

Funding is provided to continue Service Victoria, which is the modern and convenient way to access government services online. Service Victoria improves access to government services and simplifies daily transactions with the Victorian Government.

Funding is also provided to make Victorian Government information easier for the community to access and navigate on a single digital platform, creating a consistent and accessible user experience across more than 170 government websites.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services’ Customer Services to the Community output.

Digital Strategy and Transformation

Cyber Safe Victoria 2026+ and Open Data

Funding is provided to continue Victoria’s program of cyber security activities to Victorian Public Sector organisations. These include identifying threats, protecting against attacks and responding to incidents.

Funding will also continue Victoria’s Open Data program which facilitates greater public access to data to support research and education, promote innovation, improve productivity and stimulate Victoria’s economy.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services’ Digital Strategy and Transformation output.

Identity and worker screening services

Maintain identity and worker screening services

Funding is provided for the Victorian registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages to continue the registration of life events.

Funding is also provided to continue worker screening checks, including working with children and NDIS screening checks.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services' Identity and Worker Screening Services output.

Management of Victoria's Public Records

Maintaining Victorian Archives Centre operations

Funding is provided to support operations of the Victorian Archives Centre and ensure compliance with legislative requirements and obligations under the *Public Records Act 1973*.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services' Management of Victoria's Public Records output.

Regulation of the Victorian Consumer Marketplace

Mortgage Stress Victoria

Funding is provided to Mortgage Stress Victoria to support Victorians in mortgage stress.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services' Regulation of the Victorian Consumer Marketplace output.

Professional engineer registration scheme

Funding is provided to continue administration of the professional engineers' registration scheme under the *Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019*. This ensures that Victoria's registered engineers are appropriately qualified and experienced.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services' Regulation of the Victorian Consumer Marketplace output.

Services to Government

Providing corporate transportation services

Funding is provided to continue corporate transportation services to eligible passengers.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services' Services to Government output.

Social procurement support

Funding is provided to continue the partnership with Kinaway Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce and Social Traders to support the Government's social procurement framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Government Services' Services to Government output.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Output initiatives

Table 1.14: Output initiatives – Health

(\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Admitted Services					
Backing our hospitals ^(a)	10.3	2 190.7	2 147.3	2 151.6	2 123.4
Cancer system for the future	..	3.9	4.1	..	..
Maintaining critical blood supply and specialised therapies ^(a)	..	35.4	19.8	20.3	20.8
Opening and operating hospital facilities ^(a)	..	118.5	142.1	184.7	189.0
Safer Digital Healthcare Program 2025-26	..	20.2	..	..	..
Aged and Home Care					
Strengthening medication practices in residential aged care	..	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
Strengthening public sector residential aged care services	..	34.6	..	..	..
Victorian Aids and Equipment program	..	2.7	..	..	..
Ambulance Services					
Assuring ambulance resourcing in regional Victoria	..	41.6	42.6	..	..
Improving emergency access and flow ^(a)	..	30.6	27.8	..	..
Community Health Care					
Delivering the right care at the right time	..	27.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Support for asylum seekers and newly arrived refugees	..	3.4	..	..	..
Supporting our pharmacists to deliver community care	1.4	5.3	5.1	3.6	4.1
Drug Services					
Alcohol and other drug community support services	..	8.2	2.5	..	..
Strengthening alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation services ^(a)	..	8.7	9.0	7.8	8.0
Supporting community sector jobs	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Emergency Services					
Expanding the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department	..	2.8	32.6	185.3	216.0
Health Workforce Training and Development					
Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes	..	1.6	1.5	..	..
Strengthening the sustainability of the health workforce	..	40.1	40.9	7.0	7.1
Home and Community Care Program for Younger People					
Supports for people with disability outside of the NDIS	..	22.0	..	..	..
Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services					
Victorian Early Parenting Centre service network	..	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Mental Health Clinical Care					
Integrated treatment, care and support for people with co-occurring issues ^(a)	..	13.1	13.5	..	..
Mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people ^(a)	..	16.6	4.6	3.5	3.6
Mental health bed-based services ^(a)	..	81.6	79.3	73.1	74.9
Mental Health Tribunal	2.2	2.7	..	..	..
Perinatal Emotional Health Program	..	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.5
Supporting groups disproportionately impacted by suicide	..	6.1	1.4	..	..
Supporting Victoria's mental health workforce ^(a)	..	13.9	17.6	11.4	4.2
Victorian Fixed Threat Assessment Centre and initiatives to counter violent extremism ^(a)	..	9.0	9.2	..	..
Mental Health Community Support Services					
Community mental health supports	..	12.8	12.6	0.9	0.9
Expanding Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals services	..	18.7	15.7	..	..
Support for people with lived experience	..	5.0	5.1	..	..
Non-Admitted Services					
Life-saving supports for trans and gender diverse young people ^(a)	..	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0
Supporting people living with Parkinson's and Motor Neurone Disease	..	1.0	1.0	..	..
Public Health					
Improving women's health	..	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.3
Victoria's frontline public health system	..	35.5	2.1	0.3	0.4
Total output initiatives	16.0	2 833.6	2 658.2	2 670.7	2 674.1

Note:

(a) These initiatives contribute to activity that attracts Commonwealth Government funding under the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA). Estimates of the Commonwealth Government's contribution are included.

Admitted Services

Backing our hospitals

Funding is provided to operate Victoria's hospitals, while recognising the cost of delivering care. This funding will support staffing (including for ratios), medicines, and all the other resources required to provide high-quality care to Victorians.

Funding is also provided to support the ongoing operations of Ambulance Victoria, Forensicare, HealthShare Victoria and Dental Health Services Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Admitted Services output
- Non-Admitted Services output
- Small Rural Services output.

Cancer system for the future

Funding is provided to the Victorian Cancer Biobank Consortium to support the clinical trials sector by collecting and distributing biospecimens, increase access to precision cancer care and clinical trials for Victorians close to home via the Monash Partners Comprehensive Cancer Consortium Precision Cancer Program, maintain the Centre for Cancer Immunotherapy, and to provide tailored cancer support services for Aboriginal Victorians.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Admitted Services output.

Maintaining critical blood supply and specialised therapies

Funding is provided for Victoria's contribution to the National Blood Agreement, ensuring hospitals will have the required blood and blood products available to treat patients. Funding is also provided to meet expected demand for highly specialised therapies for rare, life-threatening diseases.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Admitted Services output.

Opening and operating hospital facilities

Funding is provided to open the new Footscray Hospital, the redeveloped Frankston Hospital, Maryborough and District Hospital, and three community hospitals.

Funding will support operations in the redeveloped Albury Wodonga Emergency Department, Swan Hill District Health Emergency Department and University Hospital Geelong Paediatric Emergency Department.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Admitted Services output
- Emergency Services output
- Non-Admitted Services output.

Safer Digital Healthcare Program 2025-26

Funding is provided to maintain strong cyber security measures for Victorian public health services and Ambulance Victoria. This includes support for next generation antivirus protections and network infrastructure upgrades needed to support and deliver patient-related services such as pathology, diagnostic imaging, and patient management systems.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Admitted Services output.

Aged and Home Care

Strengthening medication practices in residential aged care

Funding is provided to support the implementation of planned legislative requirements for nurses to administer medication in public sector aged care facilities.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Aged and Home Care output.

Strengthening public sector residential aged care services

Funding is provided to public sector residential aged care services to continue delivering high-quality care and assist in meeting nurse-to-resident ratios. Funding will also support additional public sector residential aged care places at the redeveloped Kingston Centre and Hesse Rural Health.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Aged and Home Care output
- Small Rural Services output.

Victorian Aids and Equipment program

Funding is provided to support the aids and equipment needs of Victorians, including older people and people with permanent or long-term disability under 65 years of age who may be ineligible for the NDIS.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Aged and Home Care output.

Ambulance Services

Assuring ambulance resourcing in regional Victoria

Funding is provided for dedicated regional and rural ambulance resourcing. This includes continuing 15 regional dual paramedic ambulance crews upgraded from single paramedic crews, four 24-hour ambulance branches upgraded from on-call after hours at Mansfield, Cobram, Yarrawonga and Korumburra, and four rural Peak Period Units to bolster ambulance services during periods of high demand.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Ambulance Services output.

Improving emergency access and flow

Funding is provided to improve hospital patient flow and reduce ambulance ramping across Victoria. This includes opening additional bed capacity to facilitate early discharges during periods of peak demand and increasing the capacity of short stay units for the short-term, observation assessment and treatment of patients in emergency departments.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Ambulance Services output.

Community Health Care

Delivering the right care at the right time

Funding is provided to maintain 12 Urgent Care Clinics to treat patients who require urgent, non-emergency care, as well as strengthening local primary care services in targeted communities.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Community Health Care output.

Support for asylum seekers and newly arrived refugees

Funding is provided to maintain healthcare support for refugees and asylum seekers, including general practitioner care, case coordination, and basic needs and homelessness assistance for people ineligible for Commonwealth supports or services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Community Health Care output.

Supporting our pharmacists to deliver community care

Funding is provided for community pharmacists to deliver services such as; treating urinary tract infections and common skin conditions, reissuing contraceptive prescriptions, and administering travel and public health vaccinations. Funding will also support broadening the program to incorporate treatment of straightforward health conditions and chronic disease management by community pharmacists.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Community Health Care output.

Drug Services

Alcohol and other drug community support services

Funding is provided to continue to mitigate alcohol and other drug related harms across Victoria. This includes outreach services in North Richmond for people who inject drugs, the Aboriginal Metropolitan Ice Partnerships program and addressing pharmacotherapy service gaps. Funding will also support First Step, providing mental health and addiction support services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Drug Services output.

Strengthening alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation services

Funding is provided to maintain the treatment capacity of alcohol and other drug services in residential settings.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Drug Services output.

Supporting community sector jobs

Funding is provided to community service organisations that deliver social services on behalf of the Government.

This initiative primarily contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Drug Services output
- Public Health output.
- Mental Health Community Support Services output
- Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services output.

Emergency Services

Expanding the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department

Funding is provided to expand the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department, allowing more patients to access virtual consultations with emergency trained nurses and doctors for non-life-threatening conditions, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This initiative will help to reduce unnecessary ambulance transport and presentations to emergency departments, ensuring that these in-person services are available for those patients in most need.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Emergency Services output.

Health Workforce Training and Development

Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes

Refer to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing for a description of this initiative.

Strengthening the sustainability of the health workforce

Funding is provided to support Victoria's health workforce through initiatives including registered undergraduate student of nursing and midwifery positions, transition support programs, and capability development for rural nurses and midwives.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Health Workforce Training and Development output.

Home and Community Care Program for Younger People

Supports for people with disability outside of the NDIS

Funding is provided to maintain delivery of the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People, which enables independent living in the home and community for people with disability outside of the NDIS. Funding is also provided to assess people with disability seeking to have allied health supports included within their NDIS plans.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Home and Community Care Program for Younger People output.

Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services

Victorian Early Parenting Centre service network

Funding is provided to continue services at the new Ballarat, Bendigo, Casey, Geelong, Whittlesea, and Wyndham early parenting centres. Early Parenting Centres will provide specialised and targeted support for babies and toddlers until they are four years old and help families navigate the early years of parenthood.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services output.

Mental Health Clinical Care

Integrated treatment, care and support for people with co-occurring issues

Funding is provided to area mental health and wellbeing services to continue to deliver integrated treatment, care and support to people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people

Funding is provided to continue the delivery of the Youth Outreach Recovery Support, Youth Live4Life, and Healthy Equal Youth programs. These programs provide support to young people experiencing psychological distress and mental illness and promote mental health and wellbeing in young people, including in regional communities and LGBTIQ+ young people. Funding will also support the continuation of group-based parenting sessions at eight regional Infant, Child and Youth Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Services.

Funding is also provided to maintain the community-based Youth Justice Mental Health Initiative and custodial mental health programs for young people and to support the establishment of the Parkville Youth Mental Health Wellbeing Service.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Mental Health Clinical Care output
- Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services output.

Mental health bed-based services

Funding is provided to continue operation of acute adult inpatient mental health beds at Sunshine Hospital and Northern Hospital and mental health alcohol and other drugs emergency department hub beds at Monash Medical Centre, St Vincent's Hospital, Sunshine Hospital, Royal Melbourne Hospital and University Hospital Geelong. Funding will also continue delivery of hospital in the home beds through Barwon Health and Orygen Specialist Program, providing home-based acute inpatient care.

Funding will also operationalise 30 new regional Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (YPARC) beds in Geelong, Shepparton and Ballarat from July 2026, providing treatment, care and support to young people aged 16-25 experiencing mental health challenges and psychological distress. These facilities are part of a \$141 million capital investment to deliver new and refurbished YPARC beds across the state.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Mental Health Tribunal

Funding is provided to support the operations of the Mental Health Tribunal.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Perinatal Emotional Health Program

Funding is provided to continue the Perinatal Emotional Health Program (PEHP) to support new and expectant parents.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Supporting groups disproportionately impacted by suicide

Funding is provided to prevent and respond to suicide among groups disproportionately impacted, including young people, LGBTIQ+ people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Programs supported include Strong Brother Strong Sister, Yarning Safe N Strong, LGBTIQ+ Aftercare, and the HOPE program.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Supporting Victoria's mental health workforce

Funding is provided to support Victoria's mental health workforce capacity through continuation of the psychology registrar program, Junior Medical Officer psychiatry rotations program, and the psychiatry registrar training and supports program.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre and initiatives to counter violent extremism

Refer to the Department of Justice and Community Safety for a description of this initiative.

Mental Health Community Support Services

Community mental health supports

Funding is provided to continue delivery of statewide community mental health programs that provide specialist support to cohorts experiencing mental ill-health and prevention initiatives that reduce mental distress and promote wellbeing. Programs and organisations supported include Social Inclusion Action Groups, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Foundation House, Cabrini Outreach, Drummond Street Q space, Rainbow Door, Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria's CARES4ME Program, Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia's Integrated Care and Coordination services, and Phoenix Australia's Responder Assist program.

Funding is also provided to support Forensicare's community forensic disability mental health service, and Koori mental health liaison officers.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Mental Health Community Support Services output
- Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Expanding Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals services

Funding is provided to expand the Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals service network to provide accessible, high-quality mental health and wellbeing support for adults experiencing mental illness or psychological distress in seven additional locations.

Funding also continues delivery of community-based mental health and wellbeing supports through the Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs and the statewide intake hotline and wellbeing support program.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Mental Health Community Support Services output
- Mental Health Clinical Care output.

Support for people with lived experience

Funding is provided to continue services that support people with lived experience of mental illness and those caring for someone experiencing mental illness. These services include Satellite Foundation, which supports young people and children who have a family member experiencing mental illness or psychological distress, and the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council, which is the independent peak body for the consumer voice in Victoria's mental health and wellbeing system.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Community Support Services output.

Non-Admitted Services

Life-saving supports for trans and gender diverse young people

Funding is provided to support trans and gender diverse young people in Victoria to continue to access the care they need, including through specialist services at the Royal Children's Hospital and community-based mental health, peer and family support services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Non-Admitted Services output.

Supporting people living with Parkinson's and Motor Neurone Disease

Funding is provided to support people living with Parkinson's and motor neurone disease. This includes support for Fight Parkinson's, Motor Neurone Disease Association Victoria (MND Vic), and Fight MND.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Non-Admitted Services output.

Public Health

Improving women's health

Funding is provided to support the health of Victorian women and girls by improving access to sexual and reproductive healthcare.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's:

- Public Health output
- Health Workforce Training and Development output
- Community Healthcare output.

Victoria's frontline public health system

Funding is provided for the continued operation of Local Public Health Units including intelligence and surveillance systems that strengthen public health prevention, protection, regulation and emergency response activities.

In addition to supporting Victoria's health protection network, funding will support critical water regulation functions to protect Victoria's drinking water, continued investment in the Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma Program and extreme weather alert system and continued specialised weather forecasting and alerts to boost community preparedness for health risks from extreme weather events.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Public Health output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.15: Asset initiatives – Health

(\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Admitted Services						
Engineering Infrastructure Replacement Program 2025-26	..	61.8	..	..	..	61.8
Medical Equipment Replacement Program 2025-26	..	52.3	..	..	..	52.3
Royal Melbourne Hospital Critical Infrastructure Works	..	2.3	12.3	34.2	8.7	57.4
Safer Digital Healthcare Program 2025-26	..	15.8	..	..	..	15.8
Aged and Home Care						
Minor Capital Renewal Program – public sector residential aged care	..	7.5	..	..	..	7.5
Mental Health Community Support Services						
Mental Health Capital Renewal Fund 2025-26	..	10.0	..	..	..	10.0
Total asset initiatives	..	149.5	12.3	34.2	8.7	204.7

Admitted Services

Engineering Infrastructure Replacement Program 2025-26

Funding is provided to upgrade and replace critical engineering infrastructure in selected health services across Victoria to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and continued delivery of high-quality care. Funding covers a range of infrastructure items including boilers, air handling units and fire risk management systems.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health’s Admitted Services output.

Medical Equipment Replacement Program 2025-26

Funding is provided to continue to replace critical medical equipment across Victoria. The equipment supports operating suites, emergency departments, surgical wards, intensive care units, neonatal and maternity services, and specialist areas. This will improve service availability and quality of care through the introduction of newer, more advanced medical equipment.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health’s Admitted Services output.

Royal Melbourne Hospital Critical Infrastructure Works

Funding is provided to deliver a program of infrastructure works to help maintain high-quality clinical services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health’s Admitted Services output.

Safer Digital Healthcare Program 2025-26

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

Aged and Home Care

Minor Capital Renewal Program – public sector residential aged care

Funding is provided for infrastructure repairs and upgrades to address asset risks in Victoria’s public sector residential aged care facilities.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health’s Aged and Home Care output.

Mental Health Community Support Services

Mental Health Capital Renewal Fund 2025-26

Funding is provided to the Mental Health Capital Renewal Fund to improve the quality and amenity of mental health and alcohol and other drugs facilities across Victoria.

This initiative is reported through the Mental Health Capital Fund.

This initiative contributes to the Government’s response to the Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System final report and the Department of Health’s Mental Health Community Support Services output.

DEPARTMENT OF JOBS, SKILLS, INDUSTRY AND REGIONS

Output initiatives

Table 1.16: Output initiatives – Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Creative Industries Access, Development and Innovation					
Creative State initiatives	..	6.1	5.0	3.0	3.0
Creative Industries Portfolio Agencies					
Supporting our creative agencies for success	39.5	118.4	109.7	103.1	104.6
Supporting Victoria’s screen economy	..	27.6	22.6	..	..
Fishing, Boating and Game Management					
Delivering outdoor recreation and tourism	..	0.7	..	..	..
Go Fishing Victoria	..	5.2	..	..	..
Kangaroo Harvesting Program	..	1.1	1.1	..	..
Industry, Small Business and Medical Research					
Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires ^(a)	24.0	3.1	0.4	..	..
Boosting support for Victoria’s independent medical research institutes	..	12.2	12.4	..	..
Ensuring Victorian workers and businesses continue to benefit from the Government’s investment in infrastructure, goods and services	1.6	6.3	..	..	..
Supporting Victoria’s Small Businesses	..	2.4	2.5	..	..
Victorian Defence Vision	0.3	2.3	2.9	2.1	..
Jobs					
Attracting new talent to Victoria	..	1.2	..	..	..
Business Approvals Incentive Scheme	..	2.0	..	..	..
Targeted Global Talent Attraction Fund	..	3.0	..	..	..
Unlocking potential: building a skilled workforce and inclusive employment initiatives	..	2.5	2.5	..	..
Regional Development					
Place-based partnerships	..	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Sport and Recreation					
Combat sports registrations, licences and permits	..	1.2	..	..	..
Delivering community sports infrastructure	..	20.0	..	..	..
Improving access to community sport and recreation	3.0	11.8	8.5	..	..
Tourism and Major Events					
Business events support	..	4.3	3.2	..	..
Support for Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre	3.5	3.5	4.0	..	..
Visitor Economy Partnerships	..	5.5	5.5	..	..
Trade and Investment					
International Education and Study Melbourne	..	9.3	9.3	..	..
Victorian Government Trade and Investment network	..	9.4	9.4	..	..
Victorian Investment Fund	..	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5
Whole of Victorian Government venues and event services	..	3.9	..	..	..

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development					
Backing Apprentices, Boosting Skills ^(b)	..	11.5	11.3	..	..
Boosting access to Free TAFE and training services ^(b)	..	26.8	144.5	..	..
Building Foundation Skills for improved education participation ^(c)	..	12.3	12.3	12.3	6.9
Strengthening the TAFE and ACFE Teacher Workforce ^(c)	..	2.7	2.5	2.4	1.7
TAFE Asset Strategy	..	1.2	4.3	0.6	..
TAFE Services Fund ^(c)	..	50.3	57.8	8.6	4.3
VET Data Streamlining ^(c)	..	1.6	2.8	2.8	2.3
Total output initiatives	72.0	407.8	473.0	173.4	161.2

Notes:

(a) Some of the initiatives included may be cost-shared with the Commonwealth under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Estimates of the Commonwealth's contribution are yet to be determined.

(b) These initiatives are partially funded from the National Skills Agreement (NSA) Commonwealth Revenue.

(c) These initiatives are funded from the National Skills Agreement (NSA) Commonwealth Revenue.

Creative Industries Access, Development and Innovation

Creative State initiatives

Funding is provided to continue initiatives that support Victoria's arts and creative industries including First Peoples creative events and initiatives, funding for creative organisations, regional and outer suburban touring and activity, and the annual Melbourne International Games Week.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Creative Industries Access, Development and Innovation output.

Creative Industries Portfolio Agencies

Supporting our creative agencies for success

Funding is provided for Victoria's creative agencies, including Arts Centre Melbourne, Museums Victoria, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Recital Centre, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Geelong Arts Centre and State Library Victoria, to support operations, deliver programs, and undertake long-term strategic planning.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Creative Industries Portfolio Agencies output.

Supporting Victoria's screen economy

Funding is provided to support Victoria's screen industry, including through the Victorian Screen Rebate and the Victorian Production Fund. Funding is also provided to support screen culture, including the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne and the Melbourne International Film Festival's Bright Horizons Award.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Creative Industries Portfolio Agencies output.

Fishing, Boating and Game Management

Delivering outdoor recreation and tourism

Refer to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate for a description of this initiative.

Go Fishing Victoria

Funding is provided to continue to meet the Government's commitment to stock 10 million fish in Victoria's waterways each year and to operate the expanded Arcadia and Snobs Creek hatcheries.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Fishing, Boating and Game Management output.

Kangaroo Harvesting Program

Funding is provided to continue the Kangaroo Harvesting Program to support the management of kangaroos.

This initiative will be partially funded from the Sustainability Fund.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Management of Public Land and Forests output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Fishing, Boating and Game Management output.

Industry, Small Business and Medical Research

Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires

Funding is provided to address recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires that are yet to be fully agreed with the Commonwealth on eligibility for cost-sharing arrangements.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions':

- Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output
- Tourism and Major Events output.

Boosting support for Victoria's independent medical research institutes

Funding is provided to Victorian-based independent medical research institutes through a boost to the Operational Infrastructure Support (OIS) Program.

Additional funding will further support institutes to deliver research programs, and maintain Victoria's reputation as a leader in health, medical research and innovation.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Ensuring Victorian workers and businesses continue to benefit from the Government's investment in infrastructure, goods and services

Funding is provided to maximise opportunities for local businesses and workers through government procurement. The Office of the Local Jobs First Commissioner and Industry Capability Network Victoria will be resourced to oversee and enforce compliance with the *Local Jobs First Act 2003* and the Local Jobs First Policy.

Funding is also provided to finalise the administration of business support programs.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Supporting Victoria's Small Businesses

Funding is provided to ensure that Victoria's small businesses continue to have access to valuable small business information, tools, templates and advisory services through digital channels via the Business Victoria Online Delivery and Contact Centre.

Funding is also provided to ensure Victoria's small businesses continue to have access to fundamental business advisory services and capability building support under the Small Business Toolkits program.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Victorian Defence Vision

Funding is provided for Victoria's defence and space industry and supply chains to secure major defence contracts through advocacy, advisory and capability development, including continued support for the Victorian Defence and Space Network and participation in key trade shows. Programs will be delivered in partnership with the Victorian Defence Industry Advocate, and Defence Council Victoria and the Defence Science Institute operations will also be supported.

Funding is also provided for the administration of the Victorian Land Systems Fund, which supports the supply chain partners of Hanwha Defence Australia and the broader defence supply chain in Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output.

Jobs

Attracting new talent to Victoria

Funding is provided to continue the State Nomination Visa Program, which seeks to improve productivity, attract a wider range of skills and talent to Victoria and support Victoria's capacity to meet demand for skilled migrants.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Jobs output.

Business Approvals Incentive Scheme

Funding is provided for a pilot program which will incentivise local government to meet specific, measurable and objective benchmarks for increasing the speed of planning approvals for businesses, supporting business investment and job creation.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Jobs output.

Targeted Global Talent Attraction Fund

Funding is provided to bolster the Victorian research and development sector and foster an innovation ecosystem through targeted National Innovation Visa nominations and a Research Fellowship program, to attract highly skilled senior researchers from overseas to Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Jobs output.

Unlocking potential: building a skilled workforce and inclusive employment initiatives

Funding is provided for local employment initiatives to support economic participation outcomes across the State. Funding is also provided for work readiness support for young people in custody at Parkville College, and the operation of Thrive Hubs in Broadmeadows and Frankston.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Jobs output.

Regional Development

Place-based partnerships

Funding is provided to Regional Development Australia Committees to support collaboration between regional stakeholders and provide advice to government.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Regional Development output.

Sport and Recreation

Combat sports registrations, licences and permits

Funding is provided for additional support to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board to deliver legislated regulatory requirements. Funding is also provided to support a full legislative review of the *Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985*.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Sport and Recreation output.

Delivering community sports infrastructure

Funding is provided to continue the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF) and deliver strategic projects to develop high-quality, accessible community sports infrastructure. Infrastructure will be prioritised in disadvantaged communities and for groups with lower participation in sport and active recreation.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Sport and Recreation output.

Improving access to community sport and recreation

Funding is provided to continue support for community sport and active recreation programs that address key barriers to participation, including:

- Get Active Kids Voucher Program
- Reconnect Australia's ActiVIC and Future Active programs
- Basketball hubs.

These programs will provide further participation opportunities for priority groups and contribute to physical, mental, social and wellbeing outcomes for Victorians.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Sport and Recreation output.

Tourism and Major Events

Business events support

Funding is provided to operate the Melbourne Convention Bureau, Business Events Victoria and the Business Events Fund to attract and deliver business events to Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Tourism and Major Events output.

Support for Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre

Funding is provided to open and operate the Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Tourism and Major Events output.

Visitor Economy Partnerships

Funding is provided to support Victoria's regional tourism boards and visitor economy partnerships.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Tourism and Major Events output.

Trade and Investment

International Education and Study Melbourne

Funding is provided to continue the delivery of International Education and Study Melbourne's programs and services and drive the long-term sustainability of Victoria's international education sector.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Victorian Government Trade and Investment network

Funding is provided to continue the Victorian Government Trade and Investment network operations. The network supports Victorian businesses to access economic opportunities in key sectors and international markets and attracts international investment in Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Victorian Investment Fund

Funding is provided to establish a consolidated investment fund, including a dedicated regional stream, which provides domestic and international investors support to secure business investment that creates jobs, supports innovation and underpins Victoria's long term economic growth in priority sectors.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions':

- Trade and Investment output
- Regional Development output.

Whole of Victorian Government venues and event services

Funding is provided to maintain Global Victoria's trade and investment facilities and services, which strengthen Victoria's international relationships and help deliver trade facilitation activities.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development

Backing Apprentices, Boosting Skills

Funding is provided to Apprenticeships Victoria to continue to support apprentices, trainees and their employers to meet Victoria's workforce priorities, including delivery of the Priority Apprenticeship Model and implementation of Apprenticeships Taskforce recommendations and apprenticeship regulatory reform.

Funding will continue to support apprentices and trainees most at risk of not completing their training, with dedicated support through the Apprenticeship Support Officer program.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

Boosting access to Free TAFE and training services

Funding is provided to meet expected demand for eligible students to undertake government-subsidised training and to increase access for students to reskill in priority Free TAFE courses enhancing their skills and employment opportunities.

Funding is also provided for the Asylum Seeker VET program, which provides eligible asylum seekers with access to subsidised training.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

Building Foundation Skills for improved education participation

Funding is provided to improve VET student completions and employment outcomes, including through increased places in literacy and numeracy programs at TAFE and preaccredited digital literacy and employability skills training at Learn Local providers.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

Strengthening the TAFE and ACFE Teacher Workforce

Funding is provided to provide teacher scholarships and professional development opportunities for TAFE teachers and Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) teachers.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

TAFE Asset Strategy

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

TAFE Services Fund

Funding is provided to continue to support the TAFE Network as Victoria's trusted public provider of choice, including through student inclusion and wellbeing programs, training delivery in priority markets and regions, and a high-quality teaching workforce. The TAFE Network is critical to meeting Victoria's current and future skills requirements and economic growth.

Funding is also provided to support early identification of students at risk of noncompletion and for expanded personalised wrap-around support services to set students up for success.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

VET Data Streamlining

Funding is provided to support the transition to new national VET data standards, including enhanced reporting measures and cyber security protections.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.17: Asset initiatives – Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Cultural Infrastructure and Facilities						
Conserving the Royal Exhibition Building	..	5.0	4.6	..	..	9.6
Trade and Investment						
Research and development cash flow loans	1.5	..	..	..	..	1.5
Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development						
TAFE Asset Strategy	..	2.0	2.9	..	..	4.9
Total asset initiatives	1.5	7.0	7.6	..	..	16.1

Cultural Infrastructure and Facilities

Conserving the Royal Exhibition Building

Funding is provided to deliver works to the Royal Exhibition Building to protect the building's heritage.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Cultural Infrastructure and Facilities output.

Trade and Investment

Research and development cash flow loans

Funding is provided to support formal program closure of the research and development cash flow loans initiative which was funded through the *2020-21 Budget*.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Trade and Investment output.

Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development

TAFE Asset Strategy

Funding is provided to deliver upgrades to support regional TAFE training delivery at The Gordon TAFE Geelong campus, South West TAFE Hamilton campus and Federation University TAFE in Ballarat and Mt Helen.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Output initiatives

Table 1.18: Output initiatives – Justice and Community Safety (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support					
Eliminating change and suppression practices	..	0.5	0.5	..	..
Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes	..	3.1	3.1	..	..
Victims' Legal Service	..	3.2	..	..	..
Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) continued operations	..	74.2	70.0	70.0	70.0
Community Crime Prevention					
Preventing crime in the community	..	1.5	1.5	..	..
Supporting a safer City of Melbourne	..	1.8	1.8	..	..
Emergency Management Capability					
Backing Triple Zero Victoria to meet demand	5.2	9.4	8.8	0.7	0.7
Better protecting Fire Rescue Victoria from cyber security threats	..	5.3	6.0	6.1	..
Boosting Victoria's capability and capacity to respond to critical incidents	..	1.4	1.4	..	..
Building more Country Fire Authority stations	..	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Delivering a new Victoria State Emergency Service Footscray unit	..	..	..	0.6	0.6
Strengthening Marine Search and Rescue and delivering new vessels ^(a)	..	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.2
Supporting the Inspector-General for Emergency Management Victoria	..	1.0	0.8	..	..
Supporting Victoria's State Control Centre	..	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Victorian Fire Season Campaign	..	6.8	7.1	..	..
Fines and Road Safety Enforcement					
Continuity of the road safety camera network	6.6	6.7	15.4	15.8	16.2
Road Safety Action Plan 2 ^(b)	1.1	19.7	17.5	48.1	41.8
Supporting the sustainability of fines services	5.2	9.5	26.7	9.8	5.0
Liquor, Tobacco, Gambling and Casino Regulation					
Establishing a modern integrated tobacco and liquor regulator and supporting effective regulation	10.4	19.6	18.2	8.9	7.7
Policing and Community Safety					
Embedded Youth Outreach Program	..	1.9	1.9	..	..
National Firearms Register	..	..	4.5	4.9	..
Operationalisation of the Wyndham Law Courts	..	6.4	8.9	9.5	10.2
Victoria Police Recruitment	2.0	2.8	2.6	..	..
Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre and initiatives to counter violent extremism	..	5.3	5.0	..	..
Prisoner Supervision and Support					
Community Safety Package	73.1	278.1	408.0	..	..
Supporting a safe and effective corrections system	..	9.8	9.6	..	..

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance		..	..	..	..
Continuing early intervention and resolution legal services	..	12.9	13.3	13.8	..
Justice system costs associated with court programs		8.1	7.7	11.8	10.7
Supporting community sector jobs	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Youth Justice Custodial Services					
Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system	2.6	43.4	41.9	7.1	0.6
Total output initiatives	106.8	536.9	686.8	211.0	167.3

Notes:

(a) This is partially funded by the Better Boating Fund.

(b) This initiative includes Transport Accident Commission funding of \$0.527 million. The total investment under this initiative is \$412.088 million, including \$172.568 million output funding and \$239.520 million asset funding.

Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support

Eliminating change and suppression practices

Funding is provided to continue the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission’s civil response scheme to eliminate change and suppression practices in Victoria, enacted through the *Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Act 2021*.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety’s Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support output.

Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes

Refer to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing for a description of this initiative.

Victims’ Legal Service

Funding is provided to continue the Victims’ Legal Service, a dedicated statewide specialist legal service for victims of crime.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety’s Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support output.

Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) continued operations

Funding is provided for the continued operations of the FAS, which commenced in November 2024 replacing the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VoCAT).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety’s Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support output.

Community Crime Prevention

Preventing crime in the community

Funding is provided to support the operations of community safety organisations Crime Stoppers Victoria and Neighbourhood Watch.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety’s Community Crime Prevention output.

Supporting a safer City of Melbourne

Funding is provided to the City of Melbourne for additional CCTV cameras to enhance surveillance and protect Victorians.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Policing and Community Safety output.

Emergency Management Capability

Backing Triple Zero Victoria to meet demand

Funding is provided to increase capacity for Triple Zero Victoria to continue to meet demand and ensure timely emergency responses for Victorians.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Better protecting Fire Rescue Victoria from cyber security threats

Funding is provided to strengthen cyber security and better protect Fire Rescue Victoria's information management systems from threats.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Boosting Victoria's capability and capacity to respond to critical incidents

Funding is provided to build the capability and capacity of Victoria's emergency Incident Management Teams and State and Regional Controllers.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Building more Country Fire Authority stations

Refer to the asset initiative description of this initiative.

Delivering a new Victoria State Emergency Service Footscray unit

Refer to the asset initiative description of this initiative.

Strengthening Marine Search and Rescue and delivering new vessels

Funding is provided to strengthen support for marine search and rescue training and operations and deliver new vessels at two priority locations.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Supporting the Inspector-General for Emergency Management Victoria

Funding is provided to support the Inspector-General for Emergency Management in its ongoing role to strengthen emergency management arrangements and community safety in Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Supporting Victoria's State Control Centre

Funding is provided for the State Control Centre to deliver critical 24/7 functions in support of the emergency services sector and ensure the effective management of emergencies.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Victorian Fire Season Campaign

Funding is provided to the annual Victorian Fire Season Campaign, which helps Victorians to be better prepared for threats of bush and grassfire to keep communities safer.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Fines and Road Safety Enforcement

Continuity of the road safety camera network

Funding is provided to maintain the delivery of Victoria's road safety camera network and support ongoing enforcement and operational capability.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Fines and Road Safety Enforcement output.

Road Safety Action Plan 2

Refer to the Department of Transport and Planning for a description of this initiative.

Supporting the sustainability of fines services

Funding is provided to ensure the continued delivery of fines administrative services, supporting the implementation and transition to the new fines IT system and improved efficiency.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Fines and Road Safety Enforcement output.

Liquor, Tobacco, Gambling and Casino Regulation

Establishing a modern integrated tobacco and liquor regulator and supporting effective regulation

Funding is provided to establish a modern tobacco and liquor regulator to support effective regulation in Victoria.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's:

- Liquor, Tobacco, Gambling and Casino Regulation output
- Policing and Community Safety output.

Policing and Community Safety

Embedded Youth Outreach Program

Funding is provided to continue the Embedded Youth Outreach Program in the existing locations of Werribee and Dandenong. Under the program, police officers and youth workers are paired to provide assessment, initial support and referral for vulnerable young people and prevent possible future reoffending.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Policing and Community Safety output.

National Firearms Register

Funding is provided to deliver Victoria's contribution to a National Firearms Register, alongside the Commonwealth Government's commitment.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Policing and Community Safety output.

Operationalisation of the Wyndham Law Courts

Refer to Court Services Victoria for a description of this initiative.

Victoria Police Recruitment

Funding is provided to Victoria Police for public recruitment campaigns to encourage recruiting frontline police that provide a critical service protecting the community.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Policing and Community Safety output.

Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre and initiatives to counter violent extremism

Funding is provided for the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre to continue delivering coordinated responses, through co-located police and mental health clinicians, to serious threats of violence posed by people with complex needs. Funding is also provided to continue funding key responses to countering violent extremism.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Policing and Community Safety output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Mental Health Clinical Care and Drug Services output.

Prisoner Supervision and Support

Community Safety Package

Funding is provided to increase corrections and youth justice custodial operational capacity to support new bail laws and community safety reforms. This package also includes funding for:

- a machete disposal scheme
- a self-determined Aboriginal grants program focused on supports relating to Aboriginal remandees exiting custody and Aboriginal people on bail.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's:

- Community Crime Prevention output
- Justice Policy, Services and Law Reform output.
- Prisoner Supervision and Support output
- Youth Justice Custodial Services output
- Youth Justice Community Based Services output.

Supporting a safe and effective corrections system

Funding is provided to support the operation of the corrections system, reduce recidivism and enhance prisoners' reintegration in the community, including through continued operation of:

- employment hubs at select prisons and the Employment Pathway broker Service
- the Aboriginal Healing Unit at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre
- Assessment and Transition Coordinators and Aboriginal Engagement Officers to assist prisoners transitioning into custody and returning back to the community
- reducing the cost of phone calls for people in custody, implementing a recommendation of the Yoorrook Justice Commission
- supports for people in the criminal justice system, including the Women's Justice Diversion Program and the Tuning into Respectful Relationships Program.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Prisoner Supervision and Support output.

Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance

Continuing early intervention and resolution legal services

Funding is provided to continue critical legal services and improve access to justice for vulnerable Victorians. The funding will:

- continue Community Legal Centre (CLC) initiatives, such as the CLC Family Violence Assistance Fund, Integrated Service Projects and early intervention Health Justice Partnerships
- deliver culturally safe legal assistance across Victoria delivered by the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
- provide pre-court specialist family violence legal services, helping to resolve family violence matters early and outside of court
- improve the Federation of Community Legal Centres data capabilities.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance output.

Justice system costs associated with court programs

Funding is provided to the Office of Public Prosecutions, Victoria Legal Aid, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, Community Legal Centres and Djirra to support the operationalisation of the new Wyndham Law Courts.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Child Protection and Family Services output.

Supporting community sector jobs

Additional funding is provided to community service organisations that deliver social services on behalf of the Government.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's:

- Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support output
- Community Based Offender Supervision output
- Justice Policy, Services and Law Reform output
- Liquor, Tobacco, Gambling and Casino Regulation output
- Prisoner Supervision and Support output
- Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance output
- Youth Justice Community Based Services output.

Youth Justice Custodial Services

Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system

Funding is provided to support the operation of the Youth Justice system, including through:

- programs that support diversion and early intervention, including continuation of the South Sudanese Australian Youth Justice Expert Working Group
- dedicated and tailored support to address offending behaviour, including cultural workers and statewide in-house rehabilitation services
- provision of staff, training and support services to ensure safe and stable custodial facilities and associated operations
- implementation of the *Youth Justice Act 2024*.

Funding for this initiative is linked to the Early Intervention Investment Framework.

This initiative contributes to Court Services Victoria's Courts output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Child Protection and Family Services output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's:

- Youth Justice Community Based Services output
- Youth Justice Custodial Services output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.19: Asset initiatives – Justice and Community Safety (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Emergency Management Capability						
Building more Country Fire Authority stations ^(a)	0.4	13.5	3.3	1.0	0.2	18.4
Delivering a new Victoria State Emergency Service Footscray unit	..	0.9	8.9	3.5	..	13.3
Fire Rescue Victoria – Rolling fleet replacement program		10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	40.0
Further supporting our emergency services and volunteers	..	13.1	11.4	15.3	13.3	53.1
Strengthening Marine Search and Rescue and delivering new vessels ^(b)	..	..	3.8	0.1	0.1	4.0
Fines and Road Safety Enforcement						
Continuity of the road safety camera network ^(c)	..	..	5.0	5.0	5.0	20.0
Road Safety Action Plan 2 ^(d)	..	0.2	0.1	..	0.2	0.5
Prisoner supervision and support						
Community Safety Package	4.5	0.4	..	..	..	4.8
Youth Justice Custodial Services						
Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system	..	0.3	0.3	..	..	0.6
Total asset initiatives	4.8	38.3	42.9	34.9	28.7	154.6

Notes:

(a) This includes funding provided to complete stations at Dartmoor, Leitchville, Kinglake West, Raywood and Yarram.

(b) This is partially funded by the Better Boating Fund.

(c) TEI includes funding beyond 2028-29.

(d) This initiative includes Transport Accident Commission funding of \$0.527 million. The total investment under this initiative is \$412.088 million, including \$172.568 million output funding and \$239.520 million asset funding.

Emergency Management Capability

Building more Country Fire Authority stations

Funding is provided to deliver two new satellite Country Fire Authority (CFA) stations at Wendouree and Hampton Park, and to deliver a number of CFA stations including Hoddles Creek and Winnindoo to support firefighting services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Delivering a new Victoria State Emergency Service Footscray unit

Funding is provided for construction of a new Victoria State Emergency Service unit for Footscray to support emergency response and recovery.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.

Fire Rescue Victoria – Rolling fleet replacement program

Funding is provided for a rolling fleet replacement program for heavy pumper and ladder platform appliances to support Fire Rescue Victoria’s firefighting capability and keep Victorians safe from fire.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety’s Emergency Management Capability output.

Further supporting our emergency services and volunteers

Funding is provided to support emergency services and volunteers to ensure they have the tools and resources they need to respond to emergency events and natural disasters keeping Victorians safe and helping communities to recover.

Funding is also provided to deliver equipment support for Country Fire Authority stations and Victoria State Emergency Service units in the Dandenong Ranges.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety’s Emergency Management Capability output.

Strengthening Marine Search and Rescue and delivering new vessels

Refer to the output initiative description of this initiative.

Fines and Road Safety Enforcement

Continuity of the road safety camera network

Refer to the output initiative description of this initiative.

Road Safety Action Plan 2

Refer to the Department of Transport and Planning for a description of this initiative.

Prisoner supervision and support

Community Safety Package

Refer to the output initiative description of this initiative.

Youth Justice Custodial Services

Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system

Refer to the output initiative description of this initiative.

DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

Output initiatives

Table 1.20: Output initiatives – Premier and Cabinet (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Chief Parliamentary Counsel Services					
Delivering legislative drafting and advice services	..	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Executive Government Advice and Services					
Supporting the Office of the Governor and protecting Government House heritage	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs					
Delivering the Vietnamese Museum of Australia	..	1.3	..	..	..
Migrant Workers' Centre	..	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Support for Victoria's multicultural seniors	..	2.1	..	..	..
Supporting our multicultural and multifaith communities	..	3.1	2.5	..	..
Supporting settlement outcomes in Victoria	..	1.8	1.8	..	..
Total output initiatives	1.4	12.6	8.7	4.4	4.4

Chief Parliamentary Counsel Services

Delivering legislative drafting and advice services

Funding is provided to continue delivering the Government's legislative program and to provide legislative drafting and advice services for the Parliament and the Government.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Chief Parliamentary Counsel Services output.

Executive Government Advice and Services

Supporting the Office of the Governor and protecting Government House heritage

Funding is provided to continue the Official Program of the Governor of Victoria and deliver capital works at Government House precinct to protect its heritage.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Executive Government Advice and Services output.

Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs

Delivering the Vietnamese Museum of Australia

Funding is provided to support the completion of Australia's first museum dedicated to preserving and telling the stories of Vietnamese refugees who settled in Australia.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs output.

Migrant Workers' Centre

Funding is provided to continue support for the Migrant Workers' Centre to advocate for migrant workers and international students to be safe and secure in their employment, and have their rights respected. The Centre will continue to engage workers across communities in Victoria to generate awareness about their rights, wages and conditions, tackle disadvantage in the workplace and reduce worker exploitation.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs output.

Support for Victoria's multicultural seniors

Funding is provided to support multicultural seniors' groups in Victoria, with a focus on helping older Victorians reduce isolation by strengthening connections with the community through regular social outings, cultural events and activities and promoting health and wellbeing.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs output.

Supporting our multicultural and multifaith communities

Funding is provided to support multicultural and multifaith communities to build or upgrade facilities, connect with culture and traditions, and foster positive community engagement.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs output.

Supporting settlement outcomes in Victoria

Funding is provided to support newly arrived migrant communities, particularly in regional Victoria. This includes funding to support regional organisations to deliver settlement support programs and to the Supported Playgroups initiative to deliver playgroups for newly arrived families to connect them to their local communities and promote pathways to kindergarten and primary school.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.21: Asset initiatives – Premier and Cabinet (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Executive Government Advice and Services						
Supporting the Office of the Governor and protecting Government House heritage	..	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	12.0
Total asset initiatives	..	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	12.0

Executive Government Advice and Services

Supporting the Office of the Governor and protecting Government House heritage

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND PLANNING

Output initiatives

Table 1.22: Output initiatives – Transport and Planning (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Free public transport for kids ^(a)	..	40.9	87.4	92.4	97.5
Free weekend public transport for seniors ^(a)	..	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
Bus Services					
Improving bus and ferry services	..	9.3	38.8	45.3	29.4
Land Services					
Remediation works at the former Morwell Power Station	1.5	..	..	..	..
Planning and Heritage					
Accelerating approvals for large scale renewable energy projects	..	3.7	..	..	..
Activity Centres Program expansion	..	24.0	..	..	..
Delivering the 10-year plan for Melbourne's Greenfields	..	3.7	5.4	3.0	..
Ports and Freight					
More freight by rail	..	20.7	..	..	..
Western Intermodal Freight Terminal ^(b)	..	6.0	6.0	..	..
Precincts					
Housing Support Program – Priority Works ^(c)	24.4	69.3	11.2	..	..
Regulation of Commercial Passenger Vehicles Services					
Multi-Purpose Taxi Program	11.3	..	..	..	..
Road Asset Management					
Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires ^(d)	1.8	..	..	..	..
Road maintenance ^(e)	..	157.5	..	..	..
West Gate Bridge resilience	..	0.4	..	..	..
Road Operations					
Regional roads upgrade program	..	0.8	0.8	..	..
Road Safety Action Plan 2 ^(f)	..	17.0	..	..	..
Train Services					
Comeng train disposal program	..	7.0	9.0	10.0	..
COVID-19 impacts on the transport network ^(a)	..	176.1	182.1	103.1	28.3
More trains, more often	..	19.1	26.3	26.3	27.0
Regional rail sustainability	10.5	107.6	3.1	..	..
Transport Infrastructure					
Critical public and active transport upgrades	..	1.5	3.8	..	..
Switching on the Metro Tunnel	128.6	157.5	138.7	144.3	144.3
Total output initiatives	178.0	822.3	513.1	425.1	327.2

Notes:

(a) The figures reflect the total cost of the initiative, including foregone revenue.

(b) This initiative includes Commonwealth Government funding of \$6.000 million.

(c) This initiative is fully funded by the Commonwealth Government.

(d) Some of the initiatives included may be cost-shared with the Commonwealth under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Estimates of the Commonwealth's contribution are yet to be determined.

(e) In 2025-26, expected road maintenance output and asset expenditure is \$976 million.

(f) This initiative includes:

– Commonwealth Government funding of \$17.000 million

– The total investment under this initiative is \$412.088 million, including \$172.568 million output funding and \$239.520 million asset funding.

Free public transport for kids

Funding is provided to make all public transport travel in Victoria free for children aged under 18. This includes all train, tram and bus travel across public transport in metropolitan and regional Victoria and will commence from 1 January 2026.

Ahead of this, free travel on public transport for students in crisis will continue to be available during 2025 to ensure they can travel to school and support services.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's:

- Bus Services – Statewide output
- Train Services – Statewide output
- Tram Services output.

Free weekend public transport for seniors

Funding is provided to make all weekend public transport travel in Victoria free for Victorian Seniors Card holders. This extends the current two zone weekend free travel to statewide travel, including all train, tram and bus public transport across metropolitan and regional Victoria and will commence from 1 January 2026.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's:

- Bus Services – Statewide output
- Train Services – Statewide output
- Tram Services output.

Bus Services

Improving bus and ferry services

Funding is provided to deliver bus and ferry services including:

- a package of new and extended bus routes connecting passengers in growth areas to train stations, including Riverwalk, Kings Leigh, Mt Atkinson, Thornhill Park and Mystique estates
- new and upgraded bus services for the new West Tarneit Station
- bus service uplifts to improve access to the Wyndham Law Courts precinct
- bus service uplifts for Broadmeadows and Mandalay, realigned services to connect Aintree residents to the Metro Tunnel via Watergardens and new bus routes for Cairnlea and Hastings
- continuation of Melton South, Woodend and Yarrowonga FlexiRide bus services and the Merinda Park Station to Clyde North bus service
- continuation of regional bus services in Warrnambool, Cowes, Leongatha, Mildura, Bendigo and Korumburra
- continuation of the Westgate Punt ferry service between Fishermans Bend and Spotswood
- late-night services for select bus routes in areas of Werribee, Tarneit and Craigieburn.

Funding is also provided to undertake a review of the bus network in priority regional areas including Geelong, the Bellarine Peninsula, Ballarat and Bendigo.

This initiative includes funding from the Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's:

- Bus Services – Metropolitan output
- Bus Services – Regional output
- Bus Services – Statewide output.

Land Services

Remediation works at the former Morwell Power Station

Funding is provided to finalise remediation works and meet environmental obligations at the former Morwell Power Station (Energy Brix) site.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Land Services output.

Planning and Heritage

Accelerating approvals for large scale renewable energy projects

Funding is provided to facilitate the delivery of timely Environment Effects Statement (EES) assessments and planning approvals for large-scale renewable energy projects, and to drive planning system reform to improve the EES process.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Planning and Heritage output.

Activity Centres Program expansion

Funding is provided for an expansion of the Activity Centre Program to deliver more homes for young people, families and downsizers around 50 train stations and tram stops in Metropolitan Melbourne, taking the total number of Activity Centres across the city to 60.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Planning and Heritage output.

Delivering the 10-year plan for Melbourne's Greenfields

Funding is provided to progress the rollout of the Greenfields plan to unlock a decade-long pipeline of new homes and backyards.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Planning and Heritage output.

Ports and Freight

More freight by rail

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Western Intermodal Freight Terminal

Funding is provided to continue planning and development activities for the future delivery of the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT).

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Ports and Freight's output.

Precincts

Housing Support Program – Priority Works

Funding of \$249 million from the Commonwealth Government's Housing Support Program – Priority Works stream will be used on enabling infrastructure works, such as demolition, roads and utilities, as well as supporting access to social housing and increasing housing supply across the state. At least 10 per cent of funding will be directed towards First Nations' housing outcomes.

Regional Victoria will receive over \$88 million of the overall funding, helping to deliver more than 1 300 homes. Overall, it is anticipated that approximately 4 000 homes will be enabled or directly delivered through this funding, which is to be fully expended by 30 June 2027.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Precincts output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Housing Assistance output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Traditional Owner Engagement and Cultural Heritage Management Programs output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance's Commercial and Infrastructure Advice output.

Regulation of Commercial Passenger Vehicles Services

Multi-Purpose Taxi Program

Funding is provided to support changing travel patterns in the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program (MPTP), and to continue the current MPTP lifting fee paid to drivers for wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) trips to incentivise supply and improve the availability of WAV services for MPTP members with mobility needs.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Regulation of Commercial Passenger Vehicle Services output.

Road Asset Management

Addressing recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires

Funding is provided to address recovery needs from the Western Victoria Bushfires that are yet to be agreed with the Commonwealth on eligibility for cost sharing arrangements.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Asset Management output.

Road maintenance

Funding is provided to supplement programmed road maintenance activities, including planned pavement renewal works, landslip repairs, routine maintenance and road resurfacing and rehabilitation.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Asset Management output.

West Gate Bridge resilience

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Road Operations

Regional roads upgrade program

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Road Safety Action Plan 2

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Train Services

Comeng train disposal program

Funding is provided for the disposal of retired Comeng trains to free up stabling capacity and make way for the new X'Trapolis 2.0 trains that will be delivered progressively on the metropolitan network.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Train Services – Metropolitan output.

COVID-19 impacts on the transport network

Funding is provided to address the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including offsetting lower revenue associated with changed travel patterns to maintain service delivery. Funding is also provided to address the impact of high inflation on the cost of public transport service provision.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Train Services – Metropolitan output.

More trains, more often

Funding is provided for additional train services across metropolitan Melbourne, following the delivery of the Metro Tunnel including:

- additional peak services on the Werribee Line
- additional inter-peak services on the Sandringham line
- additional inter-peak services on the Craigieburn line
- additional off-peak services on the Craigieburn and Upfield lines.

Funding is also provided for additional train services in regional Victoria including:

- additional peak services on the Seymour corridor
- service capacity uplifts for critical Bendigo weekend services
- additional weekday interpeak services to and from Traralgon, enabled by the Gippsland Line Upgrade.

Funding is also provided to facilitate timetable changes across the public transport network to ensure new services are effectively integrated into the network.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's:

- Train Services – Metropolitan output
- Train Services – Statewide output
- Train Services – Regional output.

Regional rail sustainability

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Transport Infrastructure

Critical public and active transport upgrades

Refer to the asset initiative for a description of this initiative.

Switching on the Metro Tunnel

Preparation activities are continuing for day-one operations of the Metro Tunnel, including for wayfinding and customer information, and for additional network and customer support for the initial period of passenger services.

Funding is also provided to run Cranbourne, Pakenham and Sunbury line services through the five new underground stations at Arden, Parkville, State Library, Town Hall and Anzac Stations. Frankston Line services will also be returned to the City Loop.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's:

- Train Services – Metropolitan output
- Train Services – Statewide output
- Transport Infrastructure output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.23: Asset initiatives – Transport and Planning (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Bus Services						
Improving bus and ferry services	0.1	39.6	..	..	..	39.7
Ports and Freight						
Local ports critical maintenance	..	2.0	3.0	1.5	0.5	7.0
More freight by rail	..	82.4	..	..	..	82.4
Road Asset Management						
Road maintenance ^(a)	..	53.3	..	..	..	53.3
San Remo Bridge rehabilitation	..	13.5	29.3	7.6	..	50.4
West Gate Bridge resilience	..	15.5	8.5	..	..	24.0
Road Operations						
Metropolitan roads upgrade program	..	7.7	5.9	..	..	13.7
Regional roads upgrade program ^(b)	..	10.2	11.0	7.4	..	28.6
Road Blitz ^(c)	..	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	1 200.0
Road Safety Action Plan 2 ^(d)	1.9	96.1	57.8	83.1	..	239.0
Werribee Main Road Interchange Upgrade ^(e)	..	12.8	57.2	86.7	29.2	250.0
Train Services						
Regional rail sustainability	..	123.1	26.1	..	..	149.2
Tram Services						
Preparing the network for Next Generation Trams	..	15.4	74.2	8.4	..	98.1
Transport Infrastructure						
Critical public and active transport upgrades	..	4.5	10.0	..	..	14.5
Sunshine Station Superhub ^(f)	..	364.0	410.0	1 115.0	999.0	4 140.0
Switching on the Metro Tunnel	..	14.1	..	..	..	14.1
Total asset initiatives	2.1	854.3	693.2	1 309.7	1 028.7	6 404.1

Notes:

(a) In 2025-26, expected road maintenance output and asset expenditure is \$976 million.

(b) This initiative includes Commonwealth Government funding of \$16.552 million.

(c) This initiative includes:

- Commonwealth Government funding of \$1.000 billion
- The TEI includes funding beyond 2028-29
- The estimated cash flows will be disclosed following further project development activities.

(d) This initiative includes:

- Transport Accident Commission funding of \$193.905 million
- Commonwealth Government funding of \$45.088 million
- The total investment under this initiative is \$412.088 million, including \$172.568 million output funding and \$239.520 million asset funding.

(e) This initiative includes:

- Commonwealth Government funding of \$125.000 million
- The TEI includes funding beyond 2028-29.

(f) This initiative includes:

- Commonwealth Government funding of \$2.000 billion.
- The TEI includes funding beyond 2028-29.

Bus Services

Improving bus and ferry services

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

Ports and Freight

Local ports critical maintenance

Funding is provided to undertake critical works on the rebuild of Port Campbell low landing and planning and immediate works for Port Fairy River training and river walls to ensure public safety and structural integrity.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Ports and Freight's output.

More freight by rail

Funding is provided for V/Line to deliver major periodic and routine maintenance works on freight rail corridors across Victoria to maintain the sustainability of Victoria's freight rail infrastructure.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's:

- Ports and Freight output
- Train Services – Regional output.

Road Asset Management

Road maintenance

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

San Remo Bridge rehabilitation

Funding is provided to deliver a program of works for the San Remo Bridge to ensure the safety and reliability of local transport and freight movements.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Asset Management output.

West Gate Bridge resilience

Funding is provided to deliver essential maintenance works for the West Gate Bridge to improve user safety, maintain serviceability and support freight movement and the Victorian economy.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Asset Management output.

Road Operations

Metropolitan roads upgrade program

Funding is provided to upgrade suburban roads and intersections in metropolitan Melbourne to improve network efficiency, safety and travel time for road users, including:

- Ferntree Gully Road between Princes Highway East and Stamford Road pedestrian operated signals, Oakleigh
- Mount Alexander Road, Napier Street, Fletcher Street and Russell Street, southern roundabout upgrade, Essendon
- Newland Street ramp refurbishment, Altona Meadows
- Resurfacing of various roundabouts, Sunbury
- Taylors Road pedestrian safety improvements, Keilor Downs
- Warrigal Road near Childers St pedestrian operated signals, Parkdale.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Operations output.

Regional roads upgrade program

Funding is provided to upgrade regional roads and bridges to improve network efficiency, freight capacity, safety and travel times for road users, including:

- Ellis Street wombat crossing, Bendigo south-east college
- Goulburn Valley Highway rest area project development, Goulburn Valley
- Murray Valley Highway, replacement of Barr Creek Bridge, Cullen
- Nhill Trailer Exchange, Western Highway, female facilities, Nhill
- Princes Highway East safety upgrades, Lakes Entrance East
- Princes Highway West at Mount Emu Creek Bridge, High Productivity Freight Vehicle structure upgrade, Terang
- School crossing lights at Caledonian Primary School, Brown Hill.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Operations output.

Road Blitz

Funding is provided in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to upgrade roads in growing suburbs, reducing congestion, improving safety and better connecting our suburbs and regions including:

- 5-ways Intersection safety improvements, planning and early works, Warrandyte South
- Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Clyde-Five Ways Road, Patterson Road intersection upgrade, Clyde North
- Calder Park Drive upgrade, Calder Park
- Central Avenue upgrade, Altona Meadows
- Donnybrook Road and Mitchell Street intersection upgrade, Donnybrook
- Drouin-Warragul Arterial Road Network, planning works, Drouin and Warragul
- Duplication of Evans Road between Duff Street and Central Parkway, Cranbourne
- High Street Road and Mowbray Drive Intersection Upgrade, planning and early works, Wantirna South
- Maroondah Highway, Yarra Road intersection upgrade, planning works, Croydon North
- McLeod Road and Station Street intersection upgrade, Carrum
- Mickleham Road Upgrade Stage 2, Greenvale
- Nepean Highway and Overton Road intersection upgrade, Seaford
- Point Cook Road, Jamieson Way to Dunnings Road, planning works, Point Cook
- Princes Highway and Harmer Road resurfacing, Hallam
- Princes Highway intersection upgrades, Brunt Road and McMullen Road, Beaconsfield
- Thompsons Road and Mornington Peninsula Freeway intersection upgrade, Patterson Lakes
- Upgrade of Old Sydney Road, Beveridge
- Western Port Highway upgrade, planning and early works, Cranbourne South
- Wyndham Ring Road Stage 2, Wyndham Vale.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Operations output.

Road Safety Action Plan 2

Funding is provided for a package of road safety infrastructure initiatives to deliver the second action plan in the Government's 10-year road safety strategy, including:

- installation of road safety barriers at high-risk locations on the rural road network and on high-movement urban roads
- road safety infrastructure at priority rural intersections.

Construction of road safety infrastructure projects under the Commonwealth's Road Safety Program will also be delivered.

Funding is also provided to extend and expand mobile phone and seat belt detection cameras.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Operations output.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Fines and Road Safety Enforcement output.

Werribee Main Road Interchange Upgrade

Funding is provided to upgrade four intersections, improve Princes Freeway on-off ramps, and provide an additional lane on the existing Werribee Main Road bridge crossing the Princes Freeway to improve travel times and road safety.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Road Operations output.

Train Services

Regional rail sustainability

Funding is provided to support regional rail network operations including operating and maintenance costs for Regional Rail Revival program assets and V/Line corporate and operational costs.

Funding is also provided for V/Line to deliver major periodic and routine maintenance works, to maintain the sustainability of the regional passenger rail network.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Train Services – Regional output.

Tram Services

Preparing the network for Next Generation Trams

Funding is provided to enable the deployment of Next Generation Trams and to improve tram stop accessibility, including:

- delivering accessible tram stops along Droop Street, Footscray including outside the new Footscray Hospital
- delivering enabling infrastructure to support the safe deployment of Next Generation Trams on additional routes.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Tram Services output.

Transport Infrastructure

Critical public and active transport upgrades

Funding is provided to improve connections and safety on Victoria's public and active transport network, including:

- cycling infrastructure between the Melton Town Centre, train station and Weir Views
- shared use paths to Watergardens Station and activity centres on the Melton Highway and Sunbury Line Strategic Cycling Corridor
- tactile ground surface indicators at Heidelberg, North Richmond, Ferntree Gully and Upper Ferntree Gully train stations
- CCTV at six stations on the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo corridors.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Transport Infrastructure and Safety and Security outputs.

Sunshine Station Superhub

Funding is provided in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to untangle a complex section of the rail network around Sunshine Station. A program of works across more than six kilometres of track from West Footscray to Albion will include two new dedicated regional platforms and an extended concourse at Sunshine Station, three new rail bridges, new and upgraded tracks, new signalling technology, and realigned passenger and freight lines.

These works are an important precursor to the construction of Melbourne Airport Rail. They will also prepare the station for future upgrades to the rail network in Melbourne's west, paving the way for more train services for the growing communities of Melton and Wyndham Vale.

Sunshine Station Superhub works are expected to start in early 2026 and be completed in 2030.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Transport and Planning's Transport Infrastructure output.

Switching on the Metro Tunnel

Refer to the output initiative for a description of this initiative.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE

Output initiatives

Table 1.24: Output initiatives – Treasury and Finance (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Budget and Financial Advice					
Gender responsive budgeting	..	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Commercial and Infrastructure Advice					
Continued monitoring and assurance of the state capital program	..	0.7	0.7	..	..
Housing Support Program – Priority Works ^(a)	36.8	..	..	..	..
Industrial Relations					
Fair and Productive Victorian workplaces	..	3.1	..	..	..
Maintaining positive public sector industrial relations	..	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Response to the independent review into Victorian Government Bodies’ engagement with Construction Companies and Construction Unions ^(b)	..	4.0	2.1	..	..
Revenue Management and Administrative Services to Government					
Extending the temporary off-the-plan stamp duty concession for apartments, units and townhouses ^(c)	..	0.7	0.1	..	..
Total output initiatives	36.9	10.4	4.7	1.8	1.8

Notes:

(a) This initiative is fully funded by the Commonwealth Government.

(b) This initiative includes funding of \$0.045 million in 2024-25.

(c) This initiative includes funding of \$0.040 million in 2027-28.

Budget and Financial Advice

Gender responsive budgeting

Funding is provided to continue the work undertaken by the Gender Responsive Budgeting unit within the Department of Treasury and Finance to ensure that outcomes for women are measured and considered as part of the resource allocation and decision-making process.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance’s Budget and Financial Advice output.

Commercial and Infrastructure Advice

Continued monitoring and assurance of the state capital program

Funding is provided to support the delivery of independent risk management advice, assurance and systemic policy reform for the State’s major projects, including upgrades to the ICT platform used to provide oversight and reporting.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance’s Commercial and Infrastructure Advice output.

Housing Support Program – Priority Works

Refer to the Department of Transport and Planning for a description of this initiative.

Industrial Relations

Fair and Productive Victorian workplaces

Funding is provided to support the Wage Inspectorate Victoria, including continued delivery of education, compliance and enforcement activities to ensure fair, safe and productive workplaces.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance’s Industrial Relations output.

Maintaining positive public sector industrial relations

Funding is provided to support Industrial Relations Victoria to oversee the enterprise bargaining processes across the public service.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance’s Industrial Relations output.

Response to the independent review into Victorian Government Bodies’ engagement with Construction Companies and Construction Unions

Funding is provided to progress the recommendations of the Formal Review into Victorian Government Bodies’ Engagement with Construction Companies and Construction Unions. This includes funding to establish a complaints referral body within the Wage Inspectorate of Victoria to receive and refer complaints relating to Victorian Government Construction sites.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance’s Industrial Relations output.

Revenue Management and Administrative Services to Government

Extending the temporary off-the-plan stamp duty concession for apartments, units and townhouses

Funding is provided for administration costs to facilitate the extension of the temporary off-the-plan stamp duty concession for apartments, units and townhouses for 12 months.

Refer to Revenue Initiatives for further detail of this initiative.

This initiative contributes to the Department of Treasury and Finance’s Revenue Management and Administrative Services to Government output.

PARLIAMENT AND INTEGRITY AGENCIES

Output initiatives

Table 1.25: Output initiatives – Parliament and Integrity Agencies (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Public Sector Integrity					
Oversight of the Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission	..	0.3	..	..	..
Total output initiatives	..	0.3	..	..	..

Public Sector Integrity

Oversight of the Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission

Funding is provided to Integrity Oversight Victoria to support the independent oversight of the newly established Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission to uphold procedural fairness and ensure proper functioning of the entity.

This initiative contributes to Parliament’s Public Sector Integrity output.

COURT SERVICES VICTORIA

Output initiatives

Table 1.26: Output initiatives – Court Services Victoria (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Courts					
Case management system maintenance	..	6.7	4.9	3.2	0.3
Court security at Specialist Family Violence Courts	..	3.1	3.9	4.1	4.3
Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes	..	2.7	2.8	..	..
Fast-tracking homicide cases	..	1.5	..	..	..
Improving access to the Magistrates’ Court of Victoria	..	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
Online Children’s Court	..	3.0	3.0	..	..
Operationalisation of the Wyndham Law Courts	..	15.7	20.3	21.2	22.1
Remote Hearing Support Service	..	1.6	1.6	..	..
Strengthening support for critical coronial investigations, inquests and prevention opportunities	..	2.4	2.4	..	..
Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system	0.1	2.1	1.1	1.0	..
Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal	2.4	..	..	..	..
Total output initiatives	2.6	45.7	46.8	36.3	33.5

Courts

Case management system maintenance

Funding is provided to maintain case management systems in the County Court of Victoria and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria’s Courts output.

Court security at Specialist Family Violence Courts

Funding is provided for Court Security Officers to secure existing and newly built Specialist Family Violence Courts entrances, exits and special waiting areas for affected family members and other vulnerable court users.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria’s Courts output.

Family violence risk assessment and information sharing schemes

Please refer to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing for a description of this initiative.

Fast-tracking homicide cases

Funding is provided to the Supreme Court of Victoria for resourcing to deliver faster resolution of homicide proceedings than the traditional committal and trial process and reducing associated timeframes.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria’s Courts output.

Improving access to the Magistrates' Court of Victoria

Funding is provided for the Magistrates' Court of Victoria (MCV) Service Centre for a centralised court-user service to manage and support pre-court engagement, including public enquiries and connections to pre and post court therapeutic and support services.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria's Courts output.

Online Children's Court

Funding is provided for the Children's Court of Victoria (ChCV) to continue the delivery of online hearings including judicial and administrative support to enable this delivery.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria's Courts output.

Operationalisation of the Wyndham Law Courts

Funding is provided for Court Services Victoria, MCV, ChCV, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Victoria Police to service the newly built Wyndham Law Courts.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria's Courts output.

Remote Hearing Support Service

Funding is provided to continue the operation of the Remote Hearing Support Service through dedicated resources who will provide specialised trauma-informed support for affected family members (AFMs) seeking a family violence intervention order through a remote court hearing, that would otherwise only be available for AFMs who attend court.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria's Courts output.

Strengthening support for critical coronial investigations, inquests and prevention opportunities

Funding is provided to support the Coroner's Court of Victoria to execute essential coronial investigations to determine causes of death and identify opportunities to prevent future harm.

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria's Courts output.

Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system

Refer to the Department of Justice and Community Safety for a description of this initiative.

Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal

Funding is provided to support the continued operations of the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VoCAT) so that the scheme is able to complete all pending applications before full closure, as the Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme has now taken its place (operational since November 2024).

This initiative contributes to the Court Services Victoria's Courts output.

Asset initiatives

Table 1.27: Asset initiatives – Court Services Victoria (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TEI
Courts						
Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system	..	2.1	..	..	..	2.1
Total asset initiatives	..	2.1	..	..	..	2.1

Courts

Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system

Refer to the Department of Justice and Community Safety for a description of this initiative.

REVENUE INITIATIVES

Table 1.28: Revenue initiatives

(\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Revenue initiatives					
Extending the temporary off-the-plan stamp duty concession for apartments, units and townhouses ^(a)	..	(3.6)	(19.7)	(21.7)	(16.2)
Total output initiatives	..	(3.6)	(19.7)	(21.7)	(16.2)

Note:

(a) Revenue estimates reflect the expectation that relevant enabling legislation will pass the Victorian Parliament and receive Royal Assent before 1 July 2025.

Revenue initiatives

Extending the temporary off-the-plan stamp duty concession for apartments, units and townhouses

The temporary land transfer duty concession for off-the-plan apartments, townhouses, and units that was announced on 21 October 2024 will be extended for 12 months. The concession will now apply to contracts signed on or after 21 October 2024 and before 21 October 2026.

The concession will reduce upfront costs for purchasers, speed up construction, and make it more affordable to buy off-the-plan. Additional off-the-plan purchases will help kick-start residential developments that have been approved but are currently on hold due to a lack of pre-sales.

SAVINGS INITIATIVES

Table 1.29: Savings initiatives (\$ million)

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Savings initiatives					
Whole of Government savings and efficiencies ^(a)	11.4	544.6	647.1	1 010.8	1 051.2
Total savings initiatives	11.4	544.6	647.1	1 010.8	1 051.2

Note:

(a) Includes \$102.0 million in savings for activities categorised as asset in nature.

Savings initiatives

Whole of Government savings and efficiencies

The Government is focused on supporting Victorians with the cost of living and ensuring that families have access to the essential services they need in health, housing, education, transport and community safety.

To support this objective, the Independent Review of Victoria’s Public Service, led by Helen Silver AO (the Review) has been established, and will make recommendations to Government on how to right-size program expenditure and return the Victorian Public Service towards its pre-pandemic share of employment, ensuring spending is aligned with the Government’s cost of living relief and key service priorities.

As part of its final report to the Government by 30 June 2025, it is anticipated that the Review will include recommendations relating to:

- public bodies and entity reform
- the structure and size of the public service
- other major reform opportunities to reduce duplication and scope creep, rein in growth, and improve effectiveness and accountability.

As an interim step, the *2025-26 Budget* includes a range of savings and efficiencies measures, consistent with the objectives of the Review. These measures include:

- corporate savings from non-frontline functions across government, including increasing automation of activities and services, making better use of technology to track and report on procurement spending, and further consolidating accommodation including within the Treasury Precinct
- consolidation of duplicative or similar functions across departments and agencies, to pool and strengthen expertise and to make it easier for the community and industry to engage with government
- ceasing or scaling back activities and functions where their original aims have been achieved or the existing level of investment is no longer required to deliver on those aims.

CHAPTER 2 – DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND OUTPUTS

This chapter presents departmental objectives and describes the outputs (goods and services) that departments are funded to deliver to achieve these objectives.

Budget Paper No. 3, Chapter 1 *Service Delivery* describes the new initiatives that will be funded in 2025-26 and makes links with the base funding departments receive for ongoing programs. The departmental outputs published in this chapter have been updated to reflect the new initiatives in Chapter 1.

For the *2025-26 Budget*, departmental performance statements describing the objectives and associated performance indicators departments seek to achieve over the medium term can be found in the *2025-26 Department Performance Statement*. This publication also details performance measures proposed to be substantially changed or discontinued in 2025-26, previously located in Chapter 2 Appendix A, for review by the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee. The *2025-26 Department Performance Statement* reports on the same performance measure data and detail as previously included in Budget Paper No.3, Chapter 2.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of children and school education.

Departmental mission statement

A great education for every child and young person – so they can thrive now, and in the future, for a fairer, smarter and more prosperous state.

Departmental objectives

Objective 1: Raise development outcomes of three and four-year-old children prior to attending school.

Objective 2: Raise learning, development, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for all Victorian students.^(a)

Objective 3: Provide equitable and inclusive schooling to all Victorian students.

Note:

(a) Correction back to 2023-24, noting 2024-25 DPS has: Objective 2: Raise standards of learning, development, engagement and wellbeing for all Victorian students.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.1: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Raise development outcomes of three and four-year old children prior to attending school				
Kindergarten Delivery	1 081.3	1 035.5	1 259.4	16.5
Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation	637.5	630.2	772.8	21.2
Raise learning, development, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for all Victorian students				
School Education – Primary	5 207.2	5 323.0	5 439.6	4.5
School Education – Secondary	4 433.5	4 602.5	4 703.2	6.1
Wellbeing Support for Students	375.9	390.5	426.4	13.4
Supports for Schools and Staff	1 769.4	1 808.2	1 907.9	7.8
Provide equitable and inclusive schooling to all Victorian students				
Promoting Equal Access to Education ^(b)	1 447.6	1 462.3	1 157.4	(20.0)
Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities	1 855.1	1 880.2	2 177.4	17.4
Total ^(c)	16 807.4	17 132.5	17 844.1	6.2

Source: Department of Education

Notes:

(a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.

(b) The lower 2025-26 target primarily reflects once-off funding in 2024-25 for the School Saving Bonus initiative.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.2 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.3 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base and payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.2: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 actual	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Output appropriations	15 703.5	16 510.9	16 695.7	17 395.8
Special appropriations	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Interest	71.9	81.8	75.4	69.7
Sales of goods and services	384.2	342.2	362.5	375.9
Grants	52.9	76.7	93.7	14.2
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	..	..	0.7	0.7
Other income	342.1	346.9	353.6	365.5
Total income from transactions^(a)	16 554.7	17 358.8	17 582.0	18 222.1

Source: Department of Education

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.3: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Annual appropriations	18 129.7	17 623.7	18 899.7
Provision of outputs	16 243.2	16 320.5	17 130.7
Additions to the net asset base	1 886.4	1 303.2	1 769.0
Receipts credited to appropriations	235.9	285.7	263.3
Unapplied previous years appropriation	45.7	377.1	58.9
Provision of outputs	40.5	97.4	8.3
Additions to the net asset base	5.2	279.8	50.6
Gross annual appropriation	18 411.3	18 286.6	19 221.9
Special appropriations	14.6	46.0	58.5
Trust funds	5 288.3	5 523.0	5 595.0
State Grants (School Funding Reform framework) Non-government programs ^(a)	5 208.0	5 442.2	5 594.6
Other ^(b)	80.4	80.9	0.4
Total parliamentary authority^(c)	23 714.2	23 855.6	24 875.4

Source: Department of Education

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to recurrent Commonwealth funding provided to the non-government school sector under the School Funding Reform framework as part of the Australian Education Act 2013.

(b) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Department objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Raise development outcomes of three and four-year old children prior to attending school

The departmental objective indicators are:

- education and care services offering a funded kindergarten program assessed as exceeding the National Quality Standard
- education and care services offering a funded kindergarten program assessed as meeting or exceeding the National Quality Standard
- proportion of children developmentally on track on entry to school.

Outputs

Kindergarten Delivery

(2025-26: \$1 259.4 million)

The Kindergarten Delivery output includes kindergarten delivery and related programs and services to support participation for disadvantaged children and children with additional needs. This includes four-year-old kindergarten, access and inclusion supports and the rollout of Three-year old Kindergarten.

Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation

(2025-26: \$772.8 million)

The Early Childhood Sector Supports and Regulation output includes services to support workforce and infrastructure development and services to monitor licensed early childhood education and care services.

Objective 2: Raise learning, development, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for all Victorian students

The departmental objective indicators are:

- students are improving their literacy and numeracy skills
- students are connected to schooling
- students progress to employment, training or further education post-school.

Outputs

School Education – Primary (2025-26: \$5 439.6 million)

The School Education – Primary output provides services to develop essential skills and learning experiences to engage young minds and improve the quality of learning of students in Prep to Year 6 in government and non-government schools. Primary school education develops student literacy and numeracy competencies, as well as creative and critical thinking, and physical, social, emotional and intellectual development in childhood. It also includes developing student engagement with school and the value of learning.

School Education – Secondary (2025-26: \$4 703.2 million)

The School Education – Secondary output involves provision of education and support services designed to improve student learning, development and wellbeing in Years 7 to 12 in government and non-government schools. These seek to consolidate literacy and numeracy competencies including creative and critical thinking, as well as physical, social, emotional and intellectual development in adolescence. It also covers the provision of services to improve pathways to further education, training and employment.

Wellbeing Supports for Students (2025-26: \$426.4 million)

The Wellbeing Supports for Students in Government Schools output primarily provides student welfare, health and health service supports to students.

Supports for Schools and Staff (2025-26: \$1 907.9 million)

The Supports for Schools and Staff output provides professional development and graduate teacher supports to schools. It also reflects supports including information technology, cleaning and maintenance to government schools as well as audit processes for non-government schools.

Objective 3: Provide equitable and inclusive schooling to all Victorian students

The departmental objective indicators are:

- Aboriginal students are improving their literacy and numeracy skills
- regional and rural students are improving their literacy and numeracy skills
- students receiving an adjustment due to disability are connected to their schooling
- Aboriginal students are connected to their schooling
- regional and rural students are connected to their schooling.

Outputs

Promoting Equal Access to Education

(2025-26: \$1 157.4 million)

The Promoting Equal Access to Education in Government Schools output includes funding to support cohorts including Aboriginal students, socially disadvantaged students, students for whom English is an additional language and students living in rural and regional areas.

Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities

(2025-26: \$2 177.4 million)

The Additional Supports for Students with Disabilities output covers programs and funding to support students with disabilities as well as transport, welfare and support services for students with special needs.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of: Climate Action; Energy and Resources; the State Electricity Commission; Environment; Water; and Agriculture.

Departmental mission statement

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's mission is to support thriving, productive and sustainable communities, environments and industries across Victoria by:

- listening, working alongside and partnering with the community in everything we do
- leveraging the connectivity between our portfolios to respond to the impacts of climate change and protecting our natural environment in a productive, collaborative and coordinated way
- maximising opportunities for attracting investment, creating and maintaining jobs, and developing regional economies by supporting sustainable industries.

The Department contributes to the Government's commitment to a stronger, fairer, better Victoria by supporting our natural environment, to ensure economic growth, and sustainable communities and industries that are resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Departmental objectives (a)

Note:

(a) Objectives have been re-ordered to align to the DEECA Corporate Plan.

Productive and sustainably used natural resources

The Department supports more productive, globally competitive, sustainable and jobs-rich agriculture, food and fibre sectors.

The Agriculture output delivers services to the agriculture, food and fibre sectors to enhance productivity, connect the sector with international markets, create jobs, support growth and maintain effective biosecurity.

Net zero emissions, climate ready economy and community

The Department leads the whole of government delivery of Victoria's climate action, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change, and supporting the economic and social transition to a net zero emissions and climate resilient future.

The Climate Action output contributes to this objective by leading the development and implementation of strategic, whole of government climate action policy and programs that contribute to Victoria's 2045 target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions and build the State's resilience to climate change.

Sustainable development of Victoria's earth resources

The Department delivers policy, programs and regulation to enable investment and generate jobs through the sustainable development of the State's earth resources.

The Resources output develops and delivers policy, programs and regulation to enable investment and generate jobs through the sustainable development of the State's earth resources.

Reduced impact of major bushfires and other emergencies

The Department delivers an integrated approach to reducing the risk of bushfires and other emergencies to protect people, property and the environment.

The Fire and Emergency Management output contributes to this objective by planning and delivering integrated bushfire management, and the provision of emergency response.

Reliable, sustainable and affordable energy services

The Department delivers a comprehensive suite of energy programs that improve energy efficiency, strengthen consumer protections and improve affordability. The Department also provides policy advice to government on how to deliver clean, reliable, sustainable and affordable energy services to Victorians.

The Energy output contributes to this objective through state-based energy programs, including renewable energy development, energy efficiency and affordability improvements, and facilitation of new investment.

The Solar Victoria output implements multi-year programs to incentivise the uptake of solar panel energy systems and energy efficient hot water systems.

Healthy, resilient and biodiverse environment

The Department leads the development and implementation of strategic regulation and investment in environmental and natural resource programs across Victoria.

The Environment and Biodiversity output contributes to this objective by developing and implementing environmental policy and delivering investment, regulatory and research functions.

The Statutory Activities and Environment Protection output protects the environment and people by preventing and reducing harm from pollution and waste through better regulation, conducting research and gathering intelligence to inform compliance and enforcement activities, collaboration and the provision of advice.

The Circular Economy output contributes to this objective by developing and implementing strategic, whole of government circular economy policy, regulation and programs including leadership and oversight of waste and resource recovery services, and development of partnerships across industry and the community to support Victoria's transition to a circular economy.

Productive and effective land management

The Department delivers effective management and governance of Victoria’s public land to protect its social, economic and environmental values and maximise its use by all Victorians.

The Management of Public Land and Forests output contributes to this objective by providing stewardship of Victoria’s forests, coasts and Crown land reserves, to ensure that natural, built and historic assets are managed responsibly.

The Parks Victoria output contributes to this objective by managing the development and protection of Victoria’s natural, cultural and community assets.

Safe, sustainable and productive water resources

The Department increases the efficiency of supply and use of water in cities and towns and maintains or improves environmental conditions of waterways to ensure that Victoria has safe and sustainable water resources to meet future urban, rural and environmental needs.

The Effective Water Management and Supply output contributes to this objective by developing policies, providing strategic advice, and overseeing regulatory systems and institutional arrangements to effectively manage Victoria’s water resources.

Changes to the output structure

The Department has made changes to its output structure for 2025-26 as shown in the table below.

<i>2024-25 outputs</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>2025-26 outputs</i>
Waste and Recycling	This output has been renamed to better reflect the deliverables of the portfolio.	Circular Economy

Source: Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.4: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Productive and sustainably used natural resources				
Agriculture	496.6	614.8	537.2	8.2
Net zero emissions, climate-ready economy and community				
Climate Action	18.1	18.7	18.4	1.6
Sustainable development of Victoria's earth resources				
Resources	45.9	57.2	53.7	16.9
Reduced impact of major bushfires and other emergencies on people, property and the environment				
Fire and Emergency Management ^(b)	441.3	484.9	400.6	(9.2)
Reliable, sustainable and affordable energy services				
Energy	261.7	375.4	306.4	17.1
Solar Victoria ^(c)	161.3	168.5	142.3	(11.8)
Healthy, resilient and biodiverse environment				
Environment and Biodiversity	125.7	158.3	128.3	2.1
Statutory Activities and Environment Protection	103.7	132.3	158.0	52.4
Circular Economy	27.9	142.0	108.0	287.6
Productive and effective land management				
Management of Public Land and Forests ^(d)	319.8	422.2	313.8	(1.9)
Parks Victoria	181.0	198.2	187.3	3.5
Safe and sustainable water resources				
Effective Water Management and Supply	263.0	325.9	296.2	12.6
Total ^(e)	2446.1	3098.5	2650.2	8.3

Source: Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Notes:

(a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.

(b) The lower 2025-26 target predominantly reflects previous investment in enhanced communications and sector reform initiatives.

(c) The lower 2025-26 target reflects the funding profile for the 'Zero Interest Loans for Solar Home Batteries' and 'Solar Homes - Growing Victoria's Solar Industry' initiatives. This is partially offset by new funding announced as part of the 2025-26 Budget for the 'Solar Homes Program - Hot water rebates' initiative.

(d) The lower 2025-26 target reflects the funding profile of flood and storm recovery funding, offset by new funding for various initiatives as part of the 2025-26 Budget.

(e) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.5 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.6 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base and payments made on behalf of the State, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.5: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 actual	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 Budget
Output appropriations	2 561.9	1 899.1	2 359.9	1 654.0
Special appropriations	2.1	..	4.4	..
Interest	29.6	46.4	46.4	49.3
Sales of goods and services	146.1	123.1	145.9	130.8
Grants	22.7	17.1	21.9	32.9
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	..	..	..	20.3
Other income	679.0	590.1	702.5	822.4
Total income from transactions^(a)	3 441.5	2 675.7	3 281.0	2 709.8

Source: Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.6: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Annual appropriations	2 841.4	3 266.6	2 408.0
Provision of outputs	1 824.1	2 052.2	1 499.5
Additions to the net asset base	290.2	597.8	169.3
Payments made on behalf of the State	727.1	616.6	739.2
Receipts credited to appropriations	104.2	297.5	206.8
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	56.9	..
Provision of outputs	..	52.1	..
Additions to the net asset base	..	4.8	..
Gross annual appropriation	2 945.7	3 621.0	2 614.8
Special appropriations	12.1	28.4	8.8
Trust funds	878.7	998.6	1 128.2
Municipal and Industrial Waste Levy Trust ^(a)	466.1	493.4	601.0
Parks and Reserves Trust ^(b)	221.0	221.0	228.8
Other ^(c)	191.6	284.2	298.4
Total parliamentary authority^(d)	3 836.4	4 647.9	3 751.9

Source: Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to the collection and distribution of the Municipal and Industrial Waste Levy as required under section 448 of the Environment Protection Act 2017.

(b) The purpose of this trust primarily holds the park charge collected to support ongoing core operations of Parks Victoria throughout the metropolitan area, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Zoos Victoria and the Shrine of Remembrance.

(c) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(d) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Productive and sustainably used natural resources

This objective supports more productive, globally competitive, sustainable and jobs-rich agriculture, food and fibre sectors.

The Department delivers the objective in collaboration with partners, local communities and industry to deliver outcomes that provide benefits to all Victorians.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- value of Victorian agriculture production
- value of Victorian food and fibre exports.

Output

Agriculture

(2025-26: \$537.2 million)

This output delivers services to the agriculture, food and fibre sectors to enhance productivity, connect the sector with international markets, create jobs, support growth and maintain effective biosecurity.

This output delivers effective and efficient regulation, compliance, emergency management, biosecurity research and development, and diagnostic services to protect and enhance market access by addressing trade barriers and managing the risks of pests, diseases and chemical use. The Department undertakes research and development to develop new technologies and practices and provides services to enhance their adoption to increase farm productivity and supply chain efficiencies. It provides policy advice and support to industries and businesses to innovate, manage economic and climatic volatility, natural disasters and biosecurity emergencies, and meet consumer and community expectations for food quality, food safety and animal welfare and environmental standards.

The output also creates the conditions to grow the natural resources economy by ensuring resources are sustainably allocated and used for both recreational and commercial purposes.

Objective 2: Net zero emissions, climate ready economy and community

This objective involves leading the whole of government delivery of Victoria's climate action, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the impacts of a changing climate, and supporting the economic and social transition to a net zero emissions and climate resilient future.

The Department leads the modernisation of legislative, regulatory and governance arrangements in the climate action portfolio, and uses economic, research and scientific expertise to develop policy responses to harness Victoria's current and emerging climate action opportunities.

The foundation for the Department's work on these issues is the *Climate Action Act 2017*.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- reduction in Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions relative to 2005
- reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for Victorian schools participating in the ResourceSmart Schools program.
- strengthen community and government resilience to climate change hazards^(a)
- reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from Victorian Government operations.^(b)

Notes:

(a) New objective indicator for 2025-26 to reflect progress towards delivery of Adaptation Action Plan actions and support achieving a net zero emission, climate ready economy and community.

(b) New objective indicator for 2025-26 to reflect progress towards reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from Victorian Government operations and support achieving a net zero emission, climate ready economy and community.

Output

Climate Action

(2025-26: \$18.4 million)

This output leads the development and implementation of strategic, whole of government climate action policy and programs that contribute to Victoria's 2045 target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions and building the State's resilience to climate change.

Objective 3: Sustainable development of Victoria's earth resources

This objective develops and delivers policy, programs and regulation to enable investment and generate jobs through the sustainable development of the State's earth resources, including extractives, minerals and petroleum.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- metres drilled for minerals exploration in Victoria
- level of production of minerals and extractives.

Output

Resources

(2025-26 \$53.7 million)

The Resources output seeks to unlock the full potential of Victoria's earth resources, including supporting the transition to net zero emissions through effective policy, programs and regulation.

This is achieved by: securing the supply of quarry-based construction material to support residential and infrastructure development across the state; the delivery of high-quality geoscience data and knowledge to inform government decision making and attract new investment; and the responsible regulation of quarries and mines from exploration through to rehabilitation.

Objective 4: Reduced impact of major bushfires and other emergencies

This objective delivers an integrated approach to reducing the risk of bushfires and other emergencies to protect people, property and the environment.

The Department works together with land and fire managers and with the community to plan and deliver bushfire management across public and private land, and uses world-leading science to manage fire and ecosystems.

The departmental objective indicators are:^(a)

- percentage of bushfires contained at first attack and/or under five hectares to suppress bushfires promptly, keep bushfires small and minimise loss
- area treated through planned burning and other treatments to maintain the statewide bushfire risk at or below 70 per cent
- percentage of agreed departmental fire emergency management obligations met on time and to standard.

Note:

(a) The 2024-25 indicator 'The economic impact of fire prevention and preparedness investment' has been removed due to the unavailability of meaningful quantitative data, as referenced in DEECA's Annual Reports.

Fire and Emergency Management

(2025-26: \$400.6 million)

This output plans and delivers integrated bushfire management. Through this output, the Department works with land and fire managers to plan and deliver bushfire management across public and private land; involves local communities in decision-making, drawing on local values and insights to promote resilience; invests in science and partnerships to build knowledge of the relationship between fire and the environment to better manage risk; monitors and assesses the impact and effectiveness of fire management operations; ensures its workforce is effectively trained and prepared; and maintains a strategic road network to facilitate fire and emergency related activities and provide access for the community.

Objective 5: Reliable, sustainable and affordable energy services

This objective is focused on delivering a comprehensive suite of energy programs that improve energy efficiency, strengthen consumer protections and improve affordability. The Department also provides policy advice to government on how to deliver clean, reliable, sustainable and affordable energy services to Victorians.

The Department works with a range of stakeholders to provide energy services to consumers, attract investment in renewable energy and low emissions technologies, and support local jobs and communities as Victoria's energy system transitions.

The Department also provides programs for households to install solar and energy efficient technologies.

The departmental objective indicators are:^(a)

- relative share of Victoria's energy sourced from renewables
- percentage of surveyed users of the Victorian Energy Compare website who report that they plan to switch offers after using the website
- electricity generating capacity installed under the Solar Homes program
- solar panel systems and energy efficient hot water systems installed under the Solar Homes program.^(b)

Notes:

(a) The 2024-25 indicator 'proportion of new light vehicle sales in Victoria that are zero emissions vehicles (ZEV)' has been removed as Solar Victoria's zero emissions vehicles (ZEV) program closed on 30 June 2023.

(b) This indicator revises the 2024-25 indicator 'Solar PV, battery, and energy efficient hot water systems installed under the Solar Homes program'. The revised indicator excludes battery installations as funding for this program ends on 30 June 2025.

Outputs

Energy

(2025-26: \$306.4 million)

This output advocates for the provision of reliable, sustainable and affordable energy services through energy programs, including renewable energy development, energy efficiency and affordability improvements, and facilitation of new investment.

Solar Victoria

(2025-26: \$142.3 million)

The Solar Victoria output implements multi-year programs to incentivise the uptake of solar panel energy systems and energy efficient hot water systems as Victoria transitions to a lower emissions future, increasing the use of renewable energy sources, reducing air pollution and reducing dependence on conventional energy sources.

Solar Victoria also has governance oversight of the Victorian Energy Upgrades program, the State's largest emissions reduction program, supporting Victoria to achieve its energy transition and emissions reduction goals through improved energy efficiency, demand management, and household and business electrification.

Through this output, Solar Victoria supports investment in household energy technology innovation to find new and improved ways to meet future energy demand.

Objective 6: Healthy, resilient and biodiverse environment

This objective involves leading the development and implementation of strategic regulation and investment in environmental and natural resource programs across Victoria.

The Department works with portfolio partners, local communities and external stakeholders to develop effective, evidence-based policies, programs and regulatory responses for environment protection, waste resource recovery and recycling, ecosystem resilience, native vegetation management, threatened species, and land management practices.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- improve Victoria's native species populations and their habitat through targeted management
- reduction in pollutants from priority hotspots
- Environment Protection Authority prosecutions result in a finding of guilt or a clarification of the law
- reduction in waste generation per person
- increase in diversion of waste from landfill.^(a)

Note:

(a) This indicator renames the 2024-25 indicator 'increase in diversion of municipal and industrial waste from landfill'. The reference to 'municipal and industrial' has been removed for clarity, as the indicator reports on total waste diverted from landfill and does not distinguish between different categories of waste.

Outputs

Environment and Biodiversity

(2025-26: \$128.3 million)

This output leads the development and implementation of strategic, whole of government environmental policy and delivers investment, regulatory and research functions that support Victoria's diverse and resilient ecosystems.

Statutory Activities and Environment Protection

(2025-26: \$158.0 million)

This output involves protecting the environment and people by preventing and reducing harm from pollution and waste through better regulation, conducting research and gathering intelligence to inform compliance and enforcement activities, collaboration and the provision of advice. These activities support a liveable and prosperous state by leveraging good environmental performance and a shared responsibility among all Victorians to maintain clean air, water and land, and minimal disturbance from noise and odour.

Circular Economy

(2025-26: \$108.0 million)

This output leads the development and implementation of strategic, whole of government circular economy policy, regulation and programs including leadership and oversight of waste and resource recovery services and development of partnerships across industry and the community to support Victoria's transition to a circular economy. This contributes to sustainable economic development and reduced environmental impacts from more productive use of resources, reduced waste, and a safe and thriving recycling industry.

Objective 7: Productive and effective land management

This objective delivers effective management and governance of Victoria's public land to protect its social, economic and environmental values and maximise its use by all Victorians.

The Department works with statutory agencies, committees of management, local governments and Traditional Owners to ensure that land is productive and is used in a sustainable manner; infrastructure on public land and in coastal environments is appropriate and well managed, the condition of marine, coastal and estuarine environments is protected, maintained and improved, and key biodiversity assets, priority habitats and ecological processes are healthy and secure.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- level of park visitor satisfaction across the Parks Victoria estate
- bay and park assets rated in average to excellent condition
- Traditional Owner satisfaction with DEECA's progress in enabling self-determination.

Outputs

Management of Public Land and Forests

(2025-26: \$313.8 million)

This output provides for the improved stewardship of Victoria's forests, coasts and Crown land reserves. Through this output, the Department manages the natural, built and historic assets on public land responsibly, and incorporates management of public land in partnership with statutory agencies, committees of management and local government.

Parks Victoria

(2025-26: \$187.3 million)

This output provides for the improved stewardship of Victoria's parks. Through this output, Parks Victoria manages the development and protection of natural, cultural and community assets for safe enjoyment and sustainable use by all Victorians. Parks Victoria works to ensure the State's park assets are managed efficiently and effectively.

Objective 8: Safe, sustainable and productive water resources

This objective increases the security of supply and the efficient use of water in cities and towns and maintains or improves the environmental condition of waterways to ensure Victoria has safe and sustainable water resources to meet future urban, rural and environmental needs.

The Department works in partnership with water corporations, catchment management authorities, government agencies, industry, Traditional Owners and the community to balance the economic, environmental and social values of water. This helps to deliver secure water supplies, greener and liveable cities and towns, and the health and resilience of waterways and aquifers.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- number of waterway sites with maintained or improved environmental condition as a result of active management
- cumulative water savings (permanent reduction in irrigation distribution system delivery losses) realised through water recovery projects.

Output

Effective Water Management and Supply

(2025-26: \$296.2 million)

This output develops policies, provides strategic advice and oversees regulatory systems and institutional arrangements to effectively manage Victoria's water resources. Through this output, the Department delivers on-ground environmental programs to improve the health of waterways, water industry reform, governance and performance oversight, integrated water management, sustainable irrigation programs, share water effectively and fairly and makes water resource information accessible to enable informed decision making.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, FAIRNESS AND HOUSING

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of Children, Prevention of Family Violence, Disability, Carers and Volunteers, Ageing, Veterans, Equality, Women, Youth and Housing and Building.

Departmental mission statement

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's vision is safe and supported children and families, in stable homes and strong communities.

Departmental objectives

All departmental outputs have the following objectives:

Aboriginal voice, knowledge and cultural leadership drive Aboriginal policy, legislation and system reform

- Aboriginal self-determination underpins everything the department does, and Aboriginal knowledge and evidence informs service development and delivery
- Systems and structures that inhibit self-determination are actively addressed with the partnership and leadership of the Victorian Aboriginal community.^(a)

Children, young people and families are safe, strong and supported

- Victorian families, carers and individuals have supportive and respectful relationships
- Victorians are safe from harm, fear and neglect in their homes.

Victorian communities are safe, fair, inclusive and resilient

- Victorians are socially involved in their community and participation helps their wellbeing
- Communities foster social inclusion and participation, and diversity is celebrated and enabled
- Victorians from intersectional communities can safely identify with their culture, express their identity and build support networks with people they trust
- Communities are strong and resilient in times of emergency.

All Victorians have stable, affordable and appropriate housing

- Victorians have safe homes that provide emotional and physical sanctuary
- Victorians have security of tenure in housing that is appropriate to their needs, including that it is accessible, high quality, affordable and tailored to them.

Our social services system is integrated, effective, person-centred and sustainable

- Services are person-centred, inclusive and effective, supported by a culture of safety, and a skilled, sustainable workforce.^(a)

Note:

(a) The 2025-26 department objective description has been adjusted for greater clarity.

Changes to the output structure

The Department has made changes to its output structure for 2025-26 as shown in the table below.

2024-25 outputs	Reason	2025-26 outputs
Office for Disability	The 2024-25 output Office for Disability has been consolidated into the new Disability Programs and Services output, to align output activities to the State's role following completion of the NDIS transition. Performance measures continue to be reported under the consolidated output.	Disability Programs and Services
Disability Services	The 2024-25 output Disability Services has been expanded into the new Disability Programs and Services output and incorporates the Office for Disability output, to align output activities to the State's role following completion of the NDIS transition. Performance measures continue to be reported under the consolidated output.	Disability Programs and Services

Source: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.7: Output summary

(\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Children, young people and families are safe, strong and supported				
Child Protection and Family Services	2 124.9	2 278.7	2 193.4	3.2
Family Violence Service Delivery	748.1	811.1	786.9	5.2
Primary Prevention of Family Violence ^(b)	30.1	33.6	25.3	(15.9)
Victorian communities are safe, fair, inclusive and resilient				
Community Participation	64.7	64.3	69.7	7.8
Disability Programs and Services ^(c)	452.4	478.2	372.4	(17.7)
Seniors Programs and Participation	60.8	65.0	63.1	3.8
Support to veterans in Victoria	14.4	11.9	20.2	40.2
LGBTIQ+ equality policy and programs ^(d)	11.1	11.6	10.5	(5.8)
Women's policy ^(e)	18.4	23.7	15.9	(13.5)
Youth	30.5	33.2	30.9	1.1
All Victorians have stable, affordable and appropriate housing				
Concessions to Pensioners and Beneficiaries	784.4	1 626.1	1 162.9	48.3
Housing Assistance	634.3	822.8	653.4	3.0
Total^(f)	4 974.1	6 260.4	5 404.6	8.7

Source: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

Notes:

(a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.

(b) The lower 2025-26 target primarily reflects the successful completion of government initiatives.

(c) The reduced 2025-26 target primarily reflects the successful completion of government initiatives, such as the transfer of disability services to non-government providers as part of Victoria's transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

(d) The lower 2025-26 target primarily reflects the successful completion of government initiatives for LGBTIQ+ Strategy implementation.

(e) The lower 2025-26 target primarily reflects the successful completion of the government initiatives.

(f) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.8 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.9 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base and payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.8: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26
	actual	budget	revised	budget
Output appropriations	5 302.2	5 088.7	6 330.2	5 474.3
Special appropriations	79.5	71.6	103.8	68.8
Grants	42.6	28.7	38.5	26.4
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	..	..	..	61.2
Other income	(26.4)	..	..	..
Total income from transactions^(a)	5 398.7	5 189.0	6 472.5	5 630.7

Source: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.9: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26
	budget	revised	budget
Annual appropriations	7 947.7	8 762.5	8 216.1
Provision of outputs	4 515.5	4 852.9	4 499.9
Additions to the net asset base	467.5	939.4	597.3
Payments made on behalf of the State	2 964.6	2 970.2	3 118.9
Receipts credited to appropriations	593.3	1 483.4	992.3
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	37.0	2.2
Provision of outputs	..	16.4	2.2
Additions to the net asset base	..	14.1	..
Payments made on behalf of the State	..	6.5	..
Gross annual appropriation	8 541.0	10 283.0	9 210.6
Special appropriations	138.7	236.1	266.2
Trust funds	27.9	37.6	24.2
Total parliamentary authority^(a)	8 707.5	10 556.7	9 500.9

Source: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Children, young people and families are safe, strong and supported

This objective aims to ensure that Victorian families, carers and individuals have respectful relationships and are safe from harm, fear and neglect in their homes. This includes addressing the compounding effects of abuse and violence; improving support and recovery for both victim survivors and perpetrators; and ensuring the wellbeing of children and young people in care.

To succeed we will:

- reduce abuse and neglect of children and young people
- increase safe, respectful family relationships
- improve development and wellbeing for children and young people
- increase the stability of care services placements
- increase connections to culture, family and kinship systems for Aboriginal families including for Aboriginal children in care
- reduce over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in care services
- reduce the incidence and impact of family violence including over-represented cohorts of women and children
- increase safety for victim survivors of family violence.

Note:

(a) Changes to the objective description and objective indicators have been made for greater clarity.

Outputs

Child Protection and Family Services

(2025-26: \$2 193.4 million)

The Child Protection and Family Services output, through the funding of statutory child protection services, family support and parenting services, care services and specialist support services, including services for Aboriginal children and families, aims to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people at risk of harm, abuse and neglect. This output aims to make a positive difference to Victorians experiencing disadvantage by providing excellent community services to meet clients' needs.

This output provides:

- child protection services to provide for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people at risk of harm, abuse and neglect
- specialist support and placement services to provide for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who require support to remain with their family or are placed in out-of-home care
- a range of earlier intervention services to provide for the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and families
- a focus on Aboriginal children, young people, their families and carers.

Family Violence Service Delivery

(2025-26: \$786.9 million)

The Family Violence Service Delivery output leads and coordinates whole of government family violence policy and implements and delivers the Government's family violence reform agenda.

This includes operating The Orange Door Network; delivering victim survivor support services; sexual assault support services; and perpetrator interventions; implementing information sharing legislation; early intervention programs; and delivering risk assessment and management programs.

Primary Prevention of Family Violence

(2025-26: \$25.3 million)

This output provides initiatives that support primary prevention of family violence and all forms of violence against women.

Objective 2: Safe, fair, inclusive and resilient Victorian Communities

This objective aims to ensure Victorians are socially connected to their community in a way that enhances their safety and wellbeing. Strong communities are critical in fostering social inclusion and participation, and ensuring that Victorians from intersectional communities can safely identify with their culture, express their identity and build support networks with people they trust.

To succeed we will:

- increase economic inclusion and participation
- increase community participation, inclusion and connectedness
- decrease experiences of discrimination
- increase safety where people live, work, learn and play
- increase wellbeing for Aboriginal Victorians, including safety to connect with and express culture
- increase capacity for senior Victorians to age well
- improve supports for people with complex needs
- increase community resilience
- improve social recovery following emergencies
- reduce sexual violence.

Outputs

Community Participation

(2025-26: \$69.7 million)

Community participation programs include the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program, Men's Shed Funding Program, Food Relief, Community Support and Community Finance initiatives. These programs support the social and economic participation and inclusion of Victorian communities.^(a)

Note:

(a) The output description has been amended to better reflect the activities of the output, including food relief.

Disability Programs and Services^(a)**(2025-26: \$372.4 million)**

The Disability Programs and Services output, through the provision of services not covered by the National Disability Insurance Scheme for people with disabilities, their carers and their families, aims to make a positive difference for Victorians experiencing barriers to accessing services and to provide high-quality support to meet clients' needs. This includes therapeutic services and supports for people with cognitive disability involved, or at risk of involvement, in Victoria's criminal justice system. This includes initiatives under the State Disability Plan including disability advocacy.

Note:

(a) The Office for Disability and Disability Services outputs have been consolidated into the Disability Programs and Services output, to align to the State's role following completion of the NDIS transition.

Seniors Programs and Participation**(2025-26: \$63.1 million)**

Support broader community planning processes to facilitate an integrated community planning and response approach aimed at enabling older Victorians to fully participate and engage in the community. This output also delivers recognition and support to Victorians with unpaid caring responsibilities.^(a)

Note:

(a) The output description has been amended to better reflect the activities of the output, including support for unpaid carers.

Support to veterans in Victoria**(2025-26: \$20.2 million)**

This output provides coordination of veteran-related issues at a state level, especially in relation to commemoration, education programs, grant programs, employment initiatives, research and veteran welfare. This output supports the Shrine of Remembrance and the Victorian Veterans Council.

LGBTIQA+ equality policy and programs**(2025-26: \$10.5 million)**

This output provides programs and services to promote equality for LGBTIQA+ Victorians and to support the economic, social and civic participation of these communities.

Women's Policy**(2025-26: \$15.9 million)**

This output provides initiatives that support gender equality and better outcomes for women across all areas of their lives including economic security, safety, leadership, health and wellbeing.

Youth**(2025-26: \$30.9 million)**

This output leads and coordinates whole of government policy advice and delivers a range of initiatives for young people aged between 12 and 25 years to gain a range of skills and experiences and to actively participate in their local communities.

Objective 3: All Victorians have stable, affordable and appropriate housing

This objective aims to ensure Victorians have safe homes that provide emotional and physical sanctuary. Victorians have security of tenure in housing that is appropriate to their needs, including that it is accessible, high quality, affordable and tailored to them. This outcome includes supports to address and reduce housing insecurity and homelessness, to enable suitable housing for all.

To succeed we will:^(a)

- increase the supply and availability of quality housing within people's means
- improve the quality, environmental sustainability, appropriateness and accessibility of social housing
- increase housing stability for people experiencing or at risk of rough sleeping, homelessness, and other insecure housing arrangements
- increase financial ability to access and maintain housing and utility services
- increase Aboriginal residents' connection to community, culture and place
- increase the proportion of Aboriginal people living in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing
- improve transitions to independent living arrangements.

Note:

(a) Changes to the objective description and objective indicators have been made for greater clarity.

Outputs

Concessions to Pensioners and Beneficiaries

(2025-26: \$1 162.9 million)

The Concessions to Pensioners and Beneficiaries output, through the development and coordination of the delivery of concessions and relief grants to eligible consumers and concession card holders, aims to make a positive difference for Victorians experiencing disadvantage by providing excellent community services to meet clients' needs.

Housing Assistance

(2025-26: \$653.4 million)

The Housing Assistance output ensures more Victorians have a place to call home by providing services and support across the housing continuum; including homelessness services, transitional accommodation and wrap around services and social and affordable housing.

Affordable housing options delivered through the Affordable Housing Rental Scheme are responding to the growing gap in housing affordability and aim to increase supply for households experiencing rental stress or trying to buy their first home.

This output is ensuring more affordable, safe, and secure accommodation is being built right across Victoria, and reforming the housing system to provide greater access to housing services and supports for all Victorians, including:

- housing assistance for low-income families, older people, singles, youth, victim survivors of family violence and other households. It responds to the needs of clients through the provision of appropriate accommodation, including short-term and long-term properties that assist in reducing and preventing homelessness
- housing support services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, in short-term housing or crisis situations. Support will assist clients in accessing and maintaining tenancies in appropriate accommodation. Services provided will assist in preventing and reducing homelessness
- working with Aboriginal housing providers to ensure housing is designed and delivered by Aboriginal people, enabling self-determination and meeting community needs.

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of Government Services, Consumer Affairs and Local Government.

Departmental mission statement

The Department of Government Services' purpose is to improve how Victorians and business engage with government, and to accelerate digital transformation and corporate services reform across the VPS.

Departmental objectives

Make it easier for individuals and businesses to engage with government

This objective contributes to the digital delivery of information and services to Victorian citizens and businesses; supports empowering consumers and businesses to know their rights and responsibilities; supports protection of Victorians' identity through life event registrations and protection of children and people with disability through risk assessments of those working with or caring for them; and supports local councils to provide responsive and accountable services to the community.

The following outputs contribute to this objective: Customer services to the Community; Identity and worker screening services; Local Government; Management of Victoria's public records; and Regulation of the Victorian consumer marketplace.

Accelerate digital transformation for Government

This objective supports the effective delivery of government services through digital platforms, pursues service excellence and reform and supports delivery of policy and projects that enable increased productivity and improved social outcomes in Victoria.

The following output contributes to this objective: Digital strategy and transformation.

Deliver corporate services that enable efficiency, productivity and high-quality service delivery

This objective aims to accelerate common corporate services to deliver integrated and customer-centred shared services to government agencies. Areas include procurement, office accommodation management, carpool and government library services and shared central agency corporate services.

The following output contributes to this objective: Services to Government.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.10: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Make it easier for individuals and businesses to engage with government				
Customer services to the Community	32.8	52.3	44.0	34.1
Identity and worker screening services	23.3	49.4	42.2	81.1
Local Government ^(b)	70.8	96.2	63.4	(10.5)
Management of Victoria's public records	11.8	14.8	11.9	1.2
Regulation of the Victorian consumer marketplace ^(c)	134.4	170.1	127.5	(5.2)
Accelerate digital transformation for Government				
Digital strategy and transformation ^(d)	144.8	190.1	125.2	(13.5)
Deliver corporate services that enable efficiency, productivity and high-quality service delivery				
Services to Government	123.8	208.5	376.0	203.7
Total^(e)	541.7	781.5	790.2	45.9

Source: Department of Government Services

Notes:

- (a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.
- (b) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target, predominantly due to one-off funding received for the Council Support Fund for the relief and recovery from Victorian bushfires and storms in 2024-25.
- (c) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target largely due to centralisation of funding for government accommodation management.
- (d) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target due to budget for mobile and broadband project delivery rephased to align with revised project schedules.
- (e) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.11 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.12 summarises the sources of Parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base, payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.11: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 <i>actual</i>	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Output appropriations	536.3	380.8	522.6	616.1
Special appropriations	..	..	0.2	..
Interest	158.0	131.9	163.4	112.7
Sales of goods and services	266.2	271.8	275.7	561.0
Grants	16.3	3.0	67.0	5.9
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	34.9	..	..	20.1
Other income	44.2	44.6	30.8	29.6
Total income from transactions^(a)	1 055.8	832.0	1 059.8	1 345.3

Source: Department of Government Services

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.12: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Annual appropriations	373.0	510.4	628.1
Provision of outputs	373.0	510.4	608.1
Additions to the net asset base	..	..	20.0
Receipts credited to appropriations	7.8	10.5	7.9
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	3.2	..
Provision of outputs	..	1.7	..
Additions to the net asset base	..	1.5	..
Gross annual appropriation	380.8	524.1	636.1
Special appropriations	..	2.0	0.6
Trust funds	1 560.4	921.5	1 348.2
Commonwealth Local Government Grants Trust Account ^(a)	792.2	122.6	833.2
Victorian Property Fund ^(b)	105.0	135.9	80.2
Residential Tenancy Fund ^(c)	51.0	51.0	56.1
Other ^(d)	612.3	612.1	378.7
Total parliamentary authority^(e)	1 941.2	1 447.6	1 984.8

Source: Department of Government Services

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to the issuing of grants pursuant to the Commonwealth allocation to the state for on-passing to local government.

(b) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to holding funds from license fees and fines paid by estate agents and can be used for various property-related purposes.

(c) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to holding Victorian residential tenancy bonds, including those on rented premises, long-term caravans, rooming houses, and sites under site agreements.

(d) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(e) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Make it easier for individuals and businesses to engage with government

This objective contributes to the digital delivery of information and services to Victorian citizens and businesses; supports empowering consumers and businesses to know their rights and responsibilities; supports protection of Victorians' identity through life event registrations and protection of children and people with disability through risk assessments of those working with or caring for them; and supports local councils to provide responsive and accountable services to the community.

The departmental objective indicators are:^(a)

- Victorians have access to timely, high-quality information in relation to government services
- Victorians are protected by consumer rights and have access to high-quality consumer advice and services
- Victorians have access to high-quality dispute resolution services
- Victorians have access to high-quality services relating to births, deaths and marriages registrations
- Victorians have access to timely high-quality Working with Children and NDIS check services
- Councils are well supported to provide responsive and accountable services
- Physical and digital records are securely preserved and are accessible for use by Victorians.

Note:

(a) Wording of some objective indicators has been corrected.

Outputs

Customer services to the Community

(2025-26: \$44.0 million)

This output supports the community and businesses in accessing information and services online via Victorian Government websites and the Service Victoria mobile app, and with assistance through the Victorian Government Contact Centre which consolidates the Births, Deaths and Marriages, Workers' Screening Unit, Consumer Affairs Victoria, and Service Victoria contact centres.

Identity and worker screening services

(2025-26: \$42.2 million)

This output supports the protection of children by providing screening of persons who work with or care for children, and screening of persons engaged in risk-assessed roles for the purposes of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This output protects personal identity through the registration of significant life events by the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM).

Local Government**(2025-26: \$63.4 million)**

This output delivers activities in partnership with the local government sector to support effective and efficient local governance, leadership, infrastructure and service provision. Through this output, the Department administers programs to support local councils to increase accountability and provide support to the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission. The Department also works with councils and the emergency management sector to enhance the emergency management capability and capacity of local government.

Management of Victoria's public records**(2025-26: \$11.9 million)**

This output provides direction to government on the management of public records and ensures the historical memory of the Victorian Government endures, is secure and accessible.

Regulation of the Victorian consumer marketplace**(2025-26: \$127.5 million)**

This output upholds a fair, safe and competitive Victorian marketplace. As Victoria's consumer regulator, Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) works to ensure that the market operates effectively by detecting and addressing non-compliance with the law. This output provides for advising consumers and businesses about their rights and responsibilities under the law, engaging with business to ensure compliance, registration and occupational licensing for individuals and organisations, and regulation of the residential tenancies market. Domestic Building Dispute Resolution Victoria and Dispute Settlement Centre Victoria provide Victorians with high quality dispute resolution services.

Objective 2: Accelerate digital transformation for Government

This objective supports the effective delivery of government services through digital platforms, pursues service excellence and reform, and supports delivery of policy and projects that enable increased productivity and improved social outcomes in Victoria.

The departmental objective indicators are:^(a)

- effective use of technology to support Victorian Government priorities and service delivery
- Government decision making is informed by high quality data and data analytics
- Government systems and data are protected from cyber threats.

Note:

(a) Wording of objective indicators has been corrected.

Output

Digital strategy and transformation

(2025-26: \$125.2 million)

This output contributes to continued innovation in digital technology to improve whole of government service delivery and business processes.

This output also contributes to the digital delivery of information, and services to Victorian citizens and businesses.

Objective 3: Deliver corporate services that enable efficiency, productivity and high-quality service delivery

This objective aims to accelerate common corporate services to deliver integrated and customer-centred shared services to government agencies. Areas include procurement, office accommodation management, carpool and government library services and shared central agency corporate services.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- benefits delivered as a percentage of expenditure under managed state purchasing contracts, including reduced and avoided costs
- optimise accommodation footprint and costs to meet business and workforce requirements
- high-quality whole of government common services are provided to government agencies.

Output

Services to Government

(2025-26: \$376.0 million)

This output contributes to the Department's objective of delivering corporate services that enable the Victorian public service by:

- developing and maintaining a framework of whole of government policies, strategies, standards and guidelines which promote the efficient and effective use of common services including procurement, office accommodation management, carpool and government library services
- managing whole of government procurement contracts to ensure optimum benefit to government
- supporting the operations of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board
- providing strategic and fit-for-purpose shared services advice to clients to deliver value to the Victorian Government
- providing whole of government office accommodation and accommodation management
- providing VicFleet, carpool, government library services and shared corporate services.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of Health, Health Infrastructure, Mental Health, Ambulance Services, Children and Ageing.

Departmental mission statement

The Department's vision is that Victorians are the healthiest people in the world.

The Department contributes to the Government's commitment to a stronger, fairer, better Victoria by developing and delivering policies, programs and services that support, protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of all Victorians.

Departmental objectives

The Department's objectives are:

- keep people healthy and safe in the community
- care closer to home
- keep improving care
- improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing
- move from competition to collaboration
- a stronger workforce
- a safe and sustainable health system.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.13: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Victorians are the healthiest people in the world				
Admitted Services ^(b)	15 845.1	18 200.8	17 984.6	13.5
Non-Admitted Services ^(b)	2 354.1	2 546.6	2 643.2	12.3
Emergency Services ^(c)	1 110.4	1 125.4	2 225.4	100.4
Health Workforce Training and Development	442.0	470.5	424.7	(3.9)
Aged and Home Care ^(d)	546.1	734.7	722.9	32.4
Home and Community Care Program for Younger People	154.8	167.4	158.7	2.5
Ambulance Services ^(e)	1 438.2	1 573.5	1 520.6	5.7
Drug Services	376.3	391.3	380.8	1.2
Mental Health Clinical Care	2 789.2	2 926.2	2 828.9	1.4
Mental Health Community Support Services	188.5	176.3	175.4	(7.0)
Community Health Care	368.1	429.4	389.1	5.7
Dental Services	213.4	292.4	218.3	2.3
Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services	189.1	199.0	202.9	7.3
Public Health	403.9	447.5	403.0	(0.2)
Small Rural Services	792.2	938.9	877.4	10.8
Total^(f)	27 211.4	30 619.8	31 155.9	14.5

Source: Department of Health

Notes:

- (a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.
- (b) The higher 2024-25 expected outcome reflects funding provided for government policy commitments. The higher 2025-26 target is due to new funding provided for government policy commitments, alignment of funding streams with the National Health Reform Agreement, and a revision to estimated hospital revenue.
- (c) The higher 2025-26 target is due to alignment of funding streams with the National Health Reform Agreement, and a revision to estimated hospital revenue.
- (d) The higher 2024-25 expected outcome reflects an increase in estimated hospital revenues, new Commonwealth funding and new State funding provided for government policy commitments. The higher 2025-26 target is due to new funding provided for government policy commitments and a revision to estimated hospital revenue.
- (e) The higher 2024-25 expected outcome reflects funding provided for government policy commitments. The higher 2025-26 target reflects funding provided for government policy commitments.
- (f) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.14 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.15 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base, payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.14 Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 <i>actual</i>	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Output appropriations	14 689.1	13 049.5	17 101.8	17 235.6
Special appropriations	3 127.6	3 217.0	3 180.6	3 283.4
Interest	181.3	204.6	158.2	203.0
Sales of goods and services	1 759.1	2 071.7	1 956.6	2 071.6
Grants	8 603.5	8 734.1	9 625.6	9 987.6
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	3.3	..	1.0	28.5
Other income	1 073.7	843.4	1 064.7	839.8
Total income from transactions^(a)	29 437.5	28 120.2	33 088.4	33 649.5

Source: Department of Health

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.15: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Annual appropriations	13 006.6	16 890.2	17 078.6
Provision of outputs	12 719.0	16 572.7	16 851.9
Additions to the net asset base	287.6	317.6	226.8
Payments made on behalf of the State	..	..	..
Receipts credited to appropriations	321.1	489.5	372.8
Unapplied previous years appropriation	15.9	52.6	14.2
Provision of outputs	15.9	52.6	14.2
Additions to the net asset base	..	..	..
Gross annual appropriation	13 343.7	17 432.3	17 465.6
Special appropriations	3 284.9	3 287.4	4 062.4
Trust funds	7 227.6	7 585.5	7 987.7
National Health Funding Pool – Victorian State Pool Account ^(a)	7 215.4	7 508.7	7 952.4
Other ^(b)	12.1	76.8	35.3
Total parliamentary authority^(c)	23 856.1	28 305.1	29 515.7

Source: Department of Health

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to receiving all Commonwealth public hospital funding under the National Health Reform Agreement.

(b) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Keeping people healthy and safe in the community

This objective aims to make it easier for Victorians to stay well and get the healthcare they need in their communities, keeping hospitals free for emergencies.

Objective 2: Providing care closer to home

This objective relates to delivering healthcare in local communities and homes so Victorians can get the care they need when they need it, wherever they live.

Objective 3: Keep innovating and improving care

This objective relates to using data, evidence and insights to develop and deliver safer, more innovative, treatments and care.

Objective 4: Improving Aboriginal health and wellbeing

This objective aims for Aboriginal people in Victoria to have access to culturally safe care to keep them and their families safe, healthy and well.

Objective 5: Moving from competition to collaboration

This objective relates to all parts of the health system working together and with consumers and their carers to improve health outcomes and the experience.

Objective 6: A stronger and more sustainable workforce

This objective aims to recruit and train more public health and healthcare workers and make changes to better support those already working in it.

Objective 7: A safe and sustainable health, wellbeing and care system

This objective relates to working closely with our partners to deliver a safe and sustainable healthcare system now and into the future.

Objective indicators (per Priority Outcomes Framework):^(a)

- Admitted stay seven days or longer
- Hospital-acquired complications
- Hospital patients treated with dignity and respect^(b)
- Heat-related emergency department presentations during heatwaves
- Safescript monitored for prescription drug-involved overdose deaths
- Babies born with low birth weight^(c)
- Children aged 0-9 years hospitalised for dental conditions^(d)
- Aboriginal people who feel connected to culture and community
- Total carbon dioxide emissions attributed to public health services
- Low value colonoscopies^(e)
- Potentially preventable hospitalisations^(f)
- Patients hospitalised for selected conditions who did not receive appropriate screening^(g).

Notes:

- (a) The 2024-25 indicator 'Excess deaths as a result of COVID' has been discontinued as an objective indicator as this was relevant when COVID-19 was managed as a pandemic with additional reporting and public health controls.
- (b) This indicator renames the 2024-25 indicator 'Patients who report feeling they were treated with dignity and respect' to simplify the wording.
- (c) This indicator renames the 2024-25 indicator 'Percentage of babies born with low birth weight' to simplify the wording.
- (d) This indicator renames the 2024-25 indicator 'Children aged 0-9 years old who have been hospitalised for dental conditions' to simplify the wording.
- (e) This indicator adjusts the 2024-25 indicator 'Low value cardiac care and low value colonoscopies' to align with the Outcomes Framework published in the Department of Health Strategic Plan 2023-27 (2024 update)
- (f) This indicator adjusts the 2024-25 indicator 'Admission for ambulatory care sensitive conditions (potentially preventable conditions)' to simplify the wording.
- (g) This indicator renames the 2024-25 indicator 'Hospitalisations due to cardiac disease, diabetes, or cervical, breast or colon cancer where the patient did not receive appropriate screening' to simplify the wording.

Outputs

Admitted Services

(2025-26: \$17 984.6 million)

Acute and subacute patient services (elective and non-elective) provided at Victorian metropolitan and rural public hospitals.

Non-Admitted Services

(2025-26: \$2 643.2 million)

This output provides planned non-admitted services that require an acute setting to ensure the best outcome for a patient. These services provide access to medical, nursing, midwifery and allied health professionals for assessment, diagnosis and treatment; ongoing specialist management of chronic and complex conditions in collaboration with community providers; pre- and post-hospital care; maternity care; and related diagnostic services, such as pathology and imaging.

Emergency Services (2025-26: \$2 225.4 million)

This output relates to emergency presentations at reporting hospitals with emergency departments. It aims to provide high-quality, accessible health and community services, specifically in relation to improving waiting times for emergency services.

Health Workforce Training and Development (2025-26: \$424.7 million)

This output relates to grants provided to Victorian health services to support the training and development of the health workforce. This output aims to provide career pathways and contribute to a stable, ongoing accredited workforce in the health sector in Victoria.

Aged and Home Care^(a) (2025-26: \$722.9 million)

This output includes delivery of a range of community services including support in a residential aged care setting, needs and eligibility assessment to access Commonwealth Government services for older people and programs enabling Victorians to live independently in the community including aids and equipment, low-cost accommodation, eyecare services, and Personal Alert Victoria services.

Note:

(a) The Aged and Home Care output description has been updated to more accurately describe the services provided.

Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (2025-26: \$158.7 million)

This output includes delivery of a range of community-based nursing, allied health and support services enabling younger people who have difficulties with the activities of daily living to maintain their independence and to participate in the community.

Ambulance Services (2025-26: \$1 520.6million)

Emergency and non-emergency road, rotary and fixed-wing aircraft patient treatment and transport services provide access to timely and high-quality ambulance services. Timely and high-quality emergency and non-emergency ambulance services contribute to high-quality, accessible health and community services for all Victorians.

Drug Services (2025-26: \$380.8 million)

Encourages all Victorians to minimise the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs by providing a comprehensive range of strategies, which focus on enhanced community and professional education, targeted prevention and early intervention programs, community-based non-residential and residential treatment services, and effective regulation.

Mental Health Clinical Care (2025-26: \$2 828.9 million)

Provides a range of inpatient residential and community-based clinical services to people with mental illness and their families so that those experiencing mental health problems can access timely, high-quality care and support to recover and live successfully in the community. This output also includes training and development of the mental health and wellbeing workforce.

Mental Health Community Support Services^(a) (2025-26: \$ 175.4 million)

A range of rehabilitation and support services provided to young people and adults with a psychiatric disability, and their families and carers, so that those experiencing mental health problems can access timely, high-quality care and support to recover in the community.

Note:

(a) The Mental Health and Community Support Services output description has been updated to more clearly describe the services provided.

Community Health Care (2025-26: \$ 389.1 million)

This output includes delivery of a range of community care and support services, including counselling, allied health and nursing, which enable people to continue to live independently in the community.

Dental Services (2025-26: \$218.3 million)

This output includes delivery of a range of dental health services to support health and wellbeing in the community.

Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Services (2025-26: \$202.9 million)

This output involves the provision of community-based maternal and child health services available to all families with children.

Public Health (2025-26: \$403.0 million)

This output includes delivery of services that improve and protect the health of Victorians. These services include a range of prevention programs including regulation, surveillance and the provision of statutory services; the provision of community information and the fostering of healthy behaviours; training in emergency management preparedness, planning, response, relief, and recovery.

Small Rural Services (2025-26: \$877.4 million)

This output includes delivery of a range of community services that support Victorians in rural areas. These services provide access to admitted and non-admitted services, including elective and non-elective surgical and medical care, urgent care services, and maternity services; in home, community-based and residential care services for older people; community-based nursing, allied health and support services for younger people who have difficulty with the activities of daily living; in home, community-based and primary health services designed to promote health and wellbeing and prevent the onset of more serious illness.

DEPARTMENT OF JOBS, SKILLS, INDUSTRY AND REGIONS

Ministerial portfolios

The Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions supports the ministerial portfolios of Community Sport; Creative Industries; Economic Growth and Jobs; Industry and Advanced Manufacturing; Outdoor Recreation; Regional Development; Skills and TAFE; Small Business and Employment; Tourism, Sport and Major Events.

Departmental purpose statement

The Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions is dedicated to fostering economic development and creating opportunities for growth – by supporting businesses and industries to invest and grow in Victoria; fostering skill development to support jobs across the economy; and supporting regional and community development to ensure long term economic growth across the State.

Fostering skill development to support jobs across the economy

To meet the growing demand for skilled workers in Victoria, the department is focused on helping people access the training, support and skills they need to succeed in the workforce. As Victoria's demand for skilled workers increases, we're bringing employers, workers, Victoria's TAFE network, universities, and other training and education providers together so businesses and industries have access to a world-class workforce and more Victorians can achieve their education and career aspirations.

Supporting businesses and industries to invest and grow

The department is helping businesses and industries grow, adapt and transition by strengthening Victoria's business environment and global connections, attracting investment, fostering new industries and supporting the expansion of Victorian businesses into international markets. We're driving research, innovation and commercialisation, digital and creative economies, and advanced manufacturing, and working to cement Victoria's position as a tourism and major events destination.

Supporting regional and community development to deliver long-term economic growth

The department is supporting the conditions that create vibrant and resilient regional cities and towns, encouraging participation in the economy, community, creative industries, sport and recreation. Our place-based approaches enhance connectedness, boost liveability, leverage local economic strengths and opportunities, and improve access to community infrastructure. We're supporting Aboriginal self-determination across Victoria through employment, education and training, and economic development. Our relationships across government, communities and businesses aspire to ensure the benefits of a robust economy are available to all Victorians – supporting a stronger and fairer society.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Create and maintain jobs

This objective seeks to secure a growing, sustainable and equitable jobs market for all Victorians by working with businesses to increase job opportunities, and attract the investment and talent needed to foster job growth.^(a)

The Jobs output includes actions to increase job opportunities, support for Aboriginal economic inclusion, as well as attract new investment and talent into Victoria to grow the economy and share the benefits of economic prosperity.

Note:

(a) This objective descriptor has been updated to more accurately describe the services provided.

Foster a competitive business environment

This objective seeks to grow Victorian industries and businesses by working with priority industry sectors, supporting growth and innovation and commercialisation opportunities, supporting startups and small businesses, and assisting industries in transition.

The Industry, Small Business and Medical Research output provides access to information and connections and builds the capability of Victorian businesses and industry to develop, commercialise and effectively use new practices and technologies to increase productivity and competitiveness, advocating for a fair and competitive business environment, and supporting small businesses.

Economic growth through trade and investment attraction

This objective seeks to strengthen Victoria's economic performance through facilitating international investment and business creation in Victoria, helping businesses successfully trade into global markets, and continued support of Victoria's market share of international student enrolments in Australia.

The Trade and Investment output promotes Victoria's economic growth through global engagement and supporting the development of startups. This is accomplished by securing trade and international investment outcomes for the State through a range of promotion and facilitation activities, in addition to providing policy advice to improve the attractiveness of exports, attract international investment and enhance the Victorian startup ecosystem.

This output also provides support and advice to Government on strengthening Victoria's economic performance in relation to:

- ensuring Victoria is a leading destination for business, innovation and talent
- continuous improvement of Victoria's approach to investment attraction
- enhancing Victoria's business investment environment and startup ecosystem
- helping Victorian businesses successfully trade into global markets
- continued support of Victoria's market share of international student enrolments in Australia.^(a)

Note:

(a) The change from 'growing' to 'continued support' of Victoria's market share of international student enrolments was driven by proposed changes in national policies to reduce the number of student visa holders entering the country.

Build prosperous and liveable regions, and manage and promote outdoor recreation

This objective seeks to ensure that Victoria's regions are places where everyone has an opportunity to participate in economies and communities that are prosperous, vibrant and diverse. This objective also supports the development of sustainable game hunting, fishing and aquaculture activities across Victoria and the delivery of improved recreational fishing and boating services and facilities.

The Regional Development output supports targeted place-based services and collaboration with industry, businesses, communities, local councils and government departments, to enable and support economic growth. This includes facilitating job growth, infrastructure and new investment in regional Victoria and enhancing the liveability of Victoria's regional cities and towns.

The Fishing, Boating and Game Management output creates the conditions to ensure Victoria's fisheries and game resources are sustainably used for both recreational and commercial purposes. This output delivers improved recreational boating and fishing services and facilities.

Grow vibrant, active and creative communities

This objective seeks to increase the economic, social and cultural value of the creative, sport and recreation industries to Victoria, grow the number and yield of visitors, position Victoria as a major events destination, and ensure the best cultural and sporting experiences are accessible to everyone.

The Creative Industries Access, Development and Innovation output supports the creative industries to deliver economic, social and cultural benefit through talent and leadership; the creative and business ecology; innovation and social impact; participation and place making; and international engagement.

The Creative Industries Portfolio Agencies output promotes, presents and preserves our heritage and the creative industries through Victoria's creative industries portfolio agencies: Arts Centre Melbourne, Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), Docklands Studios Melbourne, VicScreen, Geelong Arts Centre, Melbourne Recital Centre, Museums Victoria, National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), and the State Library Victoria.

The Cultural Infrastructure and Facilities output supports Victorian cultural venues and State-owned facilities through strategic assessment and provision of advice on portfolio infrastructure proposals and projects. The output includes consolidation of portfolio asset management plans and management of funding programs for maintenance and minor capital works.

The Sport and Recreation output provides strategic leadership and investment in the sport and recreation industry through innovation, sector and industry development and funding support. It supports community participation and inclusion in the sport and recreation sector by strengthening the capacity of sport and recreation organisations to deliver participation opportunities, improving community sport and recreation facilities across the state and guiding the development and management of state-level sporting facilities and events, to encourage participation by all Victorians.

The Tourism and Major Events output maximises employment and the long-term economic benefits of tourism and major events to Victoria by developing and marketing the State as a competitive destination.

Deliver high-quality training and skills to meet industry needs and jobs for a growing economy

This objective seeks to develop the skills of Victorians to meet the current and future needs of industry and business by ensuring that TAFEs and training providers deliver high quality and accessible training.

The Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development output supports Victorians to gain the skills and capabilities essential for success in employment and further training or study. The Department works with the TAFE and training sector to deliver quality training that strongly supports industry to meet the evolving needs of the economy, promotes equity and addresses disadvantage, with an emphasis on growth sectors of the economy. This output includes the functions of training system design, industry engagement, contracting and monitoring of quality and training services including accredited and pre-accredited vocational education and training.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.16: Output summary

(\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Create and maintain jobs				
Jobs ^(b)	51.0	62.9	30.9	(39.4)
Foster a competitive business environment				
Industry, Small Business and Medical Research ^(c)	476.0	507.0	413.3	(13.2)
Economic growth through trade and investment attraction				
Trade and Investment ^(d)	198.8	162.1	162.8	(18.1)
Build prosperous and liveable regions, and manage and promote outdoor recreation				
Regional Development ^(e)	296.7	275.8	245.6	(17.2)
Fishing, Boating and Game Management ^(f)	106.4	99.8	94.1	(11.6)
Grow vibrant, active and creative communities				
Creative Industries Access, Development and Innovation ^(g)	77.8	83.8	70.4	(9.5)
Creative Industries Portfolio Agencies	410.6	569.0	471.5	14.8
Cultural Infrastructure and Facilities	52.8	66.4	57.9	9.7
Sport and Recreation	429.3	317.4	563.8	31.3
Tourism and Major Events	183.8	398.2	220.4	19.9
Deliver high quality training and skills to meet industry needs and jobs for a growing economy				
Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development	2 502.5	2 503.4	2 502.7	0.0
Total ^(h)	4 785.7	5 045.8	4 833.4	1.0

Source: Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

Notes:

- (a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.
- (b) The lower 2025-26 target reflects the Victorian Government's efforts to ensure spending is aligned with front line service priorities.
- (c) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target primarily due to the funding profile of contracted industry initiatives within the Industry and Small Business sub-output.
- (d) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target to reflect the Victorian Government's efforts to ensure spending is aligned with frontline service priorities within the Trade and Global Engagement sub-output and the rephase of funding to match contracted milestone dates for investment related initiatives within the Investment Attraction sub-output.
- (e) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target primarily due to the funding profile of the Geelong City Deal and Regional Worker Accommodation Fund.
- (f) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target primarily due to the funding profile of the Better Boating Fund and More Piers, Jetties and Opportunities for Little Anglers initiatives.
- (g) The 2025-26 target is lower than the 2024-25 target primarily due to the completion of initiatives announced in previous budgets.
- (h) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.17 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.18 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base and payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.17: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 actual	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Output appropriations	3 337.2	3 559.0	3 628.5	3 596.6
Special appropriations	..	..	99.1	29.4
Interest	45.5	39.4	40.3	38.7
Sales of goods and services	545.0	578.8	590.9	601.5
Grants	301.7	105.6	328.2	109.9
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	0.6	1.8	8.3	37.3
Other income	126.6	73.2	86.4	78.3
Total income from transactions^(a)	4 356.6	4 358.0	4 781.6	4 491.6

Source: Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.18: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Annual appropriations	2 867.7	3 305.7	2 982.1
Provision of outputs	2 797.3	2 860.8	2 911.6
Additions to the net asset base	70.4	444.9	70.5
Payments made on behalf of the State	..	..	..
Receipts credited to appropriations	761.7	661.9	641.7
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	113.1	43.3
Provision of outputs	..	106.7	43.3
Additions to the net asset base	..	6.3	..
Gross annual appropriation	3 629.4	4 080.7	3 667.1
Special appropriations	4.7	103.8	29.8
Trust funds	121.0	312.6	96.5
Recreational Fishing Licence Trust ^(a)	8.7	8.7	8.7
Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund ^(b)	10.2	10.2	9.7
Other ^(c)	102.0	293.6	78.0
Total parliamentary authority^(d)	3 755.1	4 497.1	3 793.4

Source: Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust is to support recreational fishing projects funded from income received from the sale of recreational fishing licences.

(b) The purpose of this fund is to support economic and community development in rural and regional Victoria.

(c) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(d) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Create and maintain jobs

This objective seeks to secure a growing, sustainable and equitable jobs market for all Victorians by working with businesses to increase job opportunities, and attract the investment and talent needed to foster job growth.^(a)

The departmental objective indicator is:

- people employed in Victoria.

Note:

(a) This objective descriptor has been updated to more accurately describe the services provided.

Output

Jobs

(2025-26: \$30.9 million)

This output includes actions to increase job opportunities, support for Aboriginal economic inclusion, as well as attract new investment and talent into Victoria to grow the economy and share the benefits of economic prosperity.^(a)

Note:

(a) This output descriptor has been updated to more accurately describe the services provided.

Objective 2: Foster a competitive business environment

This objective seeks to grow Victorian industries and businesses by working with priority industry sectors, supporting growth and innovation and commercialisation opportunities, supporting startups and small businesses, and assisting industries in transition.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- change in Victoria's real gross state product
- number of employing businesses.

Output

Industry, Small Business and Medical Research

(2025-26: \$413.3 million)

This output provides access to information and connections and builds the capability of Victorian businesses and industry to develop, commercialise and effectively use new practices and technologies to increase productivity and competitiveness, advocating for a fair and competitive business environment, enhancing the Victorian startup ecosystem and supporting small businesses.

Objective 3: Economic growth through trade and investment attraction

This objective seeks to strengthen Victoria's economic performance through facilitating international investment and business creation in Victoria, helping businesses successfully trade into global markets, and continued support of Victoria's market share of international student enrolments in Australia.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- export sales generated from government programs
- Victoria's share of international student enrolments
- jobs, wages and research and development spending generated from international investment secured through Government facilitation services and assistance.

Output

Trade and Investment

(2025-26: \$162.8 million)

This output promotes Victoria's economic growth through global engagement and supporting the development of startups. This is accomplished by securing trade and international investment outcomes for the State through a range of promotion and facilitation activities in addition to providing policy advice to improve the attractiveness of exports, attract international investment and enhance the Victorian startup ecosystem.

This output also provides support and advice to Government on strengthening Victoria's economic performance in relation to:

- ensuring Victoria is a leading destination for business, innovation and talent
- continuous improvement of Victoria's approach to investment attraction
- enhancing Victoria's business investment environment and startup ecosystem
- helping Victorian businesses successfully trade into global markets
- continued support of Victorian's market share of international student enrolments in Australia.

Objective 4: Build prosperous and liveable regions, and manage and promote outdoor recreation

This objective seeks to ensure that Victorians living in our regional cities and towns all have an opportunity to participate in economies and communities that are prosperous, vibrant and diverse. This objective also supports the development of sustainable game hunting, fishing and aquaculture activities across Victoria and the delivery of improved recreational fishing and boating services and facilities.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- jobs and investment secured through Government facilitation services and assistance
- projects and activities delivered to support economic and community outcomes
- sustainability of assessed fish stocks and
- improved recreational fishing and boating services and facilities.

Outputs

Regional Development

(2025-26: \$245.6 million)

The Regional Development output supports targeted place-based services and collaboration with industry, businesses, communities, local councils and government departments, to enable and support economic growth. This includes facilitating job growth, infrastructure and new investment in regional Victoria and enhancing the liveability of Victoria's regional cities and towns.

Fishing, Boating and Game Management

(2025-26: \$94.1 million)

This output creates the conditions to ensure Victoria's fisheries and game resources are sustainably used for both recreational and commercial purposes. This output delivers improved recreational boating and fishing services and facilities.

Objective 5: Grow vibrant, active and creative communities

This objective seeks to increase the economic, social and cultural value of the creative, sport and recreation industries to Victoria, grow the number and yield of visitors, position Victoria as a major events destination, and ensure the best cultural and sporting experiences are accessible to everyone.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- attendances at Creative Industries agencies and funded major performing arts organisations
- employment in the Creative Industries sector
- employment in the Visitor Economy sector
- tourists attracted to Victoria
- increase rates of community engagement, including through participation in sport, recreation and cultural activities.

Outputs

Creative Industries Access, Development and Innovation (2025-26: \$70.4 million)

This output supports the creative industries to deliver economic, social and cultural benefit through talent and leadership; the creative and business ecology; innovation and social impact; participation and place making; and international engagement.

Creative Industries Portfolio Agencies (2025-26: \$471.5 million)

This output promotes, presents and preserves our heritage and the creative industries through Victoria's creative industries portfolio agencies: Arts Centre Melbourne, Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), Docklands Studios Melbourne, VicScreen, Geelong Arts Centre, Melbourne Recital Centre, Museums Victoria, National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), and the State Library Victoria.

Cultural Infrastructure and Facilities (2025-26: \$57.9 million)

This output supports Victorian cultural venues and State-owned facilities through strategic assessment and provision of advice on portfolio infrastructure proposals and projects. The output includes consolidation of portfolio asset management plans and management of funding programs for maintenance and minor capital works.

Sport and Recreation (2025-26: \$563.8 million)

This output provides strategic leadership and investment in the sport and recreation industry through innovation, sector and industry development and funding support. It supports community participation and inclusion in the sport and recreation sector by strengthening the capacity of sport and recreation organisations to deliver participation opportunities, improving community sport and recreation facilities across the state and guiding the development and management of State-level sporting facilities and events, to encourage participation by all Victorians.

Tourism and Major Events

(2025-26: \$220.4 million)

This output maximises employment and the long-term economic benefits of tourism and major events to Victoria by developing and marketing the State as a competitive destination.

Objective 6: Deliver high-quality training and skills to meet industry needs and jobs for a growing economy

This objective seeks to develop the skills of Victorians to meet the current and future needs of industry and business by ensuring that TAFEs and training providers deliver high quality and accessible training.

The departmental objective indicators are:^(a)

- proportion of VET completers satisfied with training
- proportion of VET completers with an improved employment status after training
- proportion of VET completers who achieved their main reason for training.

Note:

(a) The objective indicators report on the same activity as the previous respective indicators, however have been amended for increased clarity.

Output

Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development

(2025-26: \$2 502.7 million)

This output supports Victorians to gain the skills and capabilities essential for success in employment and further training or study. The Department works with the TAFE and training sector to deliver quality training that strongly supports industry to meet the evolving needs of the economy, promotes equity and addresses disadvantage, with an emphasis on growth sectors of the economy. This output includes the functions of training system design, industry engagement, contracting and monitoring of quality and training services including accredited and pre-accredited vocational education and training.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of the Attorney-General, Emergency Services, Natural Disaster Recovery, Police, Community Safety, Racing, Corrections, Youth Justice, Victims, and Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation.

Departmental mission statement

A trusted justice and community safety system that works together to build a just, safe, and resilient Victoria.

Departmental objectives

Objective 1: Ensuring community safety through policing, law enforcement and crime prevention activities

This objective aims to provide a safe and secure environment for the Victorian community. This objective delivers on activities relating to the provision of effective policing, law enforcement and infringement processing services that aim to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute crime, and promote safer road user behaviour. It focuses on activities that enable Victorians to undertake their lawful pursuits confidently, safely and without fear of crime.

Objective 2: Reduce the impact of natural disasters and emergencies on people, infrastructure, the economy and environment^(a)

This objective aims to deliver a coordinated, all communities, all emergencies approach to emergency management, focusing on risk mitigation and active partnership with the Victorian community.

Emergency management encompasses prevention, preparation and planning for, responding to and recovering from natural disasters (such as bushfires, floods and severe storms), the consequences of terrorism, hazardous material incidents (such as chemical spills and gas leaks), and individual and personal emergencies (such as land and sea rescues, car accidents and residential and commercial fires).

Objective 3: Effective management of prisoners and offenders and provision of opportunities for rehabilitation and reparation

This objective relates to the management of the state's adult correctional system. The overarching purpose of the correctional system is to promote community safety through community-based and custodial supervision of prisoners and offenders through effective management and services to provide opportunities for rehabilitation and reparation.

Objective 4: Effective supervision of children and young people through the provision of youth justice services promoting rehabilitation

This objective aims to promote opportunities for rehabilitation of children and young people in the youth justice system and contribute to the reduction of crime in the community by providing a range of services including diversion services, advice to courts, offence related programs, community-based and custodial supervision.

Objective 5: A fair and accessible justice system where Victorians are protected with equal opportunities, rights and information freedoms^(b)

This objective aims to protect the Victorian community through access to justice services, including legal assistance and education, prosecution services and use of expert forensic medical services in the justice system. This objective also supports the protection of human rights, privacy, information freedoms, equal opportunity, advocacy, guardianship and supporting victims of crime.

Other services that contribute to this objective include integrity in government, law reform, legal and policy advice and initiatives focusing on crime prevention and supporting Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.

Objective 6: Promoting responsible liquor, tobacco and gambling industries and supporting a safe and sustainable racing sector^(c)

This objective relates to harm minimisation through the regulation of the gambling, tobacco and liquor industries, and also supports the development of the Victorian racing industry through strategic leadership, innovation and investment in the racing industry.

Notes:

(a) Objective updated in 2025-26 for succinctness and clarity.

(b) This objective combines two previous objectives 'A fair and accessible justice system that supports confidence in the Victorian community' and 'Victorians are protected with equal opportunities, information freedoms and privacy rights'. The revised objective more appropriately and holistically captures all outputs and service delivery components aligned to these objectives.

(c) Objective updated in 2025-26 to more appropriately align with departmental goals, including the regulation of the tobacco industry.

Changes to the output structure

The Department has made changes to its output structure for 2025-26 as shown in the table below.

2024-25 outputs	Reason	2025-26 outputs
Public Sector Information Management, Privacy and Integrity	This output has been renamed in 2025-26 to more accurately reflect services delivered.	Public Sector and Local Government Integrity, Privacy and Information Protection
Racing, Gambling, Liquor and Casino Regulation	The 2024-25 output Racing, Gambling, Liquor and Casino Regulation is disaggregated in 2025-26 for increased clarity and transparency.	Liquor, Tobacco, Gambling and Casino Regulation Racing Industry Support and Regulation

Source: Department of Justice and Community Safety

Output summary by departmental objectives

The department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.19: Output summary

(\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Ensuring community safety through policing, law enforcement and crime prevention activities				
Policing and Community Safety	4 499.3	4 556.4	4 508.3	0.2
Community Crime Prevention	12.9	26.1	15.7	21.1
Fines and Road Safety Enforcement	291.4	323.8	339.8	16.9
Reduce the impact of natural disasters and emergencies on people, infrastructure, the economy and environment				
Emergency Management Capability	1 729.2	2 176.3	1 973.2	14.1
Effective management of prisoners and offenders and provision of opportunities for rehabilitation and reparation				
Community-Based Offender Supervision	267.9	290.4	279.0	4.1
Prisoner Supervision and Support	1 538.0	1 677.0	1 627.7	5.8
Effective supervision of children and young people through the provision of youth justice services promoting rehabilitation				
Youth Justice Community Based Services	85.4	88.7	89.1	4.3
Youth Justice Custodial Services	216.8	296.3	274.2	26.5
A fair and accessible justice system where Victorians are protected with equal opportunities, rights and information freedoms				
Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance ^(b)	390.3	407.1	363.9	(6.8)
Forensic Justice Services ^(b)	74.1	71.6	70.6	(4.8)
Justice Policy, Services and Law Reform	169.4	205.8	250.3	47.8
Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support ^(b)	202.8	218.8	196.2	(3.2)
Public Sector and Local Government Integrity, Privacy and Information Protection	17.0	18.3	17.4	2.7
Promoting responsible liquor, tobacco and gambling industries and supporting a safe and sustainable racing sector				
Liquor, Tobacco, Gambling and Casino Regulation	71.9	99.2	73.9	2.8
Racing Industry Support and Regulation	34.9	127.5	122.9	252.4
Total^(c)	9 601.2	10 583.4	10 202.2	6.3

Source: Department of Justice and Community Safety

Notes:

(a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.

(b) The lower 2025-26 target reflects the completion of programs, delivery of efficiencies and a focus on frontline services.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.20 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.21 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base and payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.20: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 actual	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Output appropriations	9 960.4	9 423.2	10 220.5	9 843.5
Special appropriations	72.6	114.7	143.4	126.7
Interest	3.7	..	..	..
Sales of goods and services	41.7	..	16.4	..
Grants	150.3	81.2	121.7	81.4
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	46.3	..	..	54.2
Other income	14.3	17.7	28.2	61.9
Total income from transactions^(a)	10 289.3	9 636.9	10 530.3	10 167.8

Source: Department of Justice and Community Safety

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.21: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Annual appropriations	9 534.0	10 284.7	9 883.5
Provision of outputs	9 095.2	9 820.8	9 435.9
Additions to the net asset base	375.8	400.9	384.6
Payments made on behalf of the State	63.0	63.0	63.0
Receipts credited to appropriations	328.6	396.7	408.2
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	73.0	..
Provision of outputs	..	3.7	..
Additions to the net asset base	..	69.4	..
Gross annual appropriation	9 862.7	10 754.4	10 291.7
Special appropriations	180.9	218.5	166.1
Trust funds	99.8	159.8	108.6
Victorian Responsible Gambling Trust ^(a)	37.1	37.1	8.1
Other ^(b)	62.7	122.7	100.5
Total parliamentary authority^(c)	10 143.3	11 132.8	10 566.5

Source: Department of Justice and Community Safety

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to programs to reduce the prevalence of problem gambling and to foster responsible gambling.

(b) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Ensuring community safety through policing, law enforcement and crime prevention activities

This objective aims to provide a safe and secure environment for the Victorian community. This objective delivers on activities relating to the provision of effective policing, law enforcement and infringement processing services that aim to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute crime, and promote safer road user behaviour. It focuses on activities that enable Victorians to undertake their lawful pursuits confidently, safely and without fear of crime.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- community safety during the day and at night
- community safety on public transport
- crime statistics
- number of road fatalities
- number of road injuries.

Outputs

Policing and Community Safety (2025-26: \$4 508.3 million)

Victoria Police strives to reduce violence and crime through law enforcement, court proceedings, community assistance, guidance and leadership. The output reflects the Government's focus on reducing the overall incidence and fear of crime and enhancing the safety of individuals and families.

Community Crime Prevention (2025-26: \$15.7 million)

This output reports on activities relating to Crime Prevention through the Community Crime Prevention Program, which supports communities in preventing crime and addressing local crime issues.

Fines and Road Safety Enforcement (2025-26: \$339.8 million)

This output reports on enforcement action by the Sheriff's Office of Victoria and the management of fines, warrants and infringement notices. The services captured under this output serve as an administrative method for dealing with minor criminal offences.

Objective 2: Reduce the impact of natural disasters and emergencies on people, infrastructure, the economy and environment^(a)

This objective aims to deliver a coordinated, all communities, all emergencies approach to emergency management, focusing on risk mitigation and active partnership with the Victorian community.

Emergency management encompasses prevention, preparation and planning for, responding to and recovering from natural disasters (such as bushfires, floods and severe storms), the consequences of terrorism, hazardous material incidents (such as chemical spills and gas leaks), and individual and personal emergencies (such as land and sea rescues, car accidents and residential and commercial fires).

The departmental objective indicators are:

- value of domestic fire insurance claims
- rate of deaths from fire events.

Note:

(a) Objective updated in 2025-26 for succinctness and clarity.

Outputs

Emergency Management Capability

(2025-26: \$1 973.2 million)

This output provides for the management of emergencies by developing and adopting emergency prevention and mitigation strategies, providing fire suppression and road crash rescue services and supporting local government and communities in disaster mitigation and recovery. Key components of this output reduce the level of risk to the community of emergencies occurring and the adverse effects of emergency events, such as death and injury rates. This output covers the services provided by leading Victorian emergency management capability providers, such as the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES), Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV), the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Triple Zero Victoria.

Objective 3: Effective management of prisoners and offenders and provision of opportunities for rehabilitation and reparation

This objective relates to the management of the state’s adult correctional system. The overarching purpose of the correctional system is to promote community safety through community-based and custodial supervision of prisoners and offenders through effective management and services to provide opportunities for rehabilitation and reparation.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- escapes from correctional facilities
- percentage of community corrections orders completed
- rate of prisoner return to prison within two years
- rate of offender return to corrective services within two years.

Outputs

Community-Based Offender Supervision (2025-26: \$279.0 million)

This output relates to the effective supervision of offenders in the community, including ensuring compliance with orders of the court and Adult Parole Board, engagement in programs to reduce reoffending and reparation to the community.

Prisoner Supervision and Support (2025-26: \$1 627.7 million)

This output relates to the safe, secure and humane containment of prisoners as well as the delivery of programs and effective case management to engage prisoners in positive behavioural change.

Objective 4: Effective supervision of children and young people through the provision of youth justice services promoting rehabilitation

This objective aims to promote opportunities for rehabilitation of children and young people in the youth justice system and contribute to the reduction of crime in the community by providing a range of services including diversion services, advice to courts, offence-related programs, community-based and custodial supervision.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- percentage of community-based orders successfully completed
- young people in youth justice participating in community reintegration activities.

Outputs

Youth Justice Community-Based Services (2025-26: \$89.1 million)

This output provides community statutory supervision and support to young people subject to community-based dispositions in order to divert young people from the youth justice system and minimise the likelihood of further offending.

Youth Justice Custodial Services (2025-26: \$274.2 million)

This output provides supervision and rehabilitation, through the provision of case management, health and education services and the establishment of structured community supports, to assist young people to address offending behaviour, develop non-offending lifestyles and support reintegration of young people into the community on their exit from custody.

Objective 5: A fair and accessible justice system where Victorians are protected with equal opportunities, rights and information freedoms^(a)

This objective aims to protect the Victorian community through access to justice services, including legal assistance and education, prosecution services and use of expert forensic medical services in the justice system. This objective also supports the protection of human rights, privacy, information freedoms, equal opportunity, advocacy, guardianship and supporting victims of crime.

Other services that contribute to this objective include integrity in government, law reform, legal and policy advice and initiatives focusing on crime prevention and supporting Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- prosecutions completed and returning guilty outcomes (OPP) (percentage of total case finalisations)
- legal assistance services provided to Victorians (VLA)^(b)
- law reform publications completed (VLRC)
- medico-legal death investigations (VIFM)
- number of Sentencing Advisory Council publications (SAC)
- conciliation and facilitation activities delivered by the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
- people assisted through Public Advocate advice and education activities (OPA)
- proportion of victim services and Financial Assistance Scheme clients who reported they felt treated with dignity and respect when accessing victim services.^(c)

Notes:

- (a) This objective combines 2 previous objectives 'A fair and accessible justice system that supports confidence in the Victorian community' and 'Victorians are protected with equal opportunities, information freedoms and privacy rights'. The revised objective more appropriately and holistically captures all outputs and service delivery components aligned to these objectives.*
- (b) The objective indicator 'Legal advice and assistance provided to Victorians (VLA)' has been renamed in 2025-26 to 'Legal assistance services provided to Victorians (VLA)' for clarity and to align with the National Data Standards categories.*
- (c) New objective indicator for 2025-26 to replace the 2024-25 objective indicator 'Services provided to victims of crime against the person (VSA)'. The new objective indicator more appropriately demonstrates the progress of the department to achieving the objective of protecting Victorians and supporting victims and also now incorporates the Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS).*

Outputs

Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance (2025-26: \$363.9 million)

This output delivers activities relating to Victoria's public prosecutions service and Victoria Legal Aid (VLA). The Office of Public Prosecutions (OPP) provides an independent, effective and efficient prosecutions service on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). In addition to the prosecution of serious crimes, the OPP also provides professional support to prosecution witnesses and victims of crime involved in its cases. VLA is an independent statutory authority that provides a range of legal services for both Victorian and Commonwealth law matters. These services include legal representation, legal advice, advocacy and education services.

Forensic Justice Services (2025-26: \$70.6 million)

This output delivers forensic medical services and medico legal advice provided through the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM). The output reports on forensic pathology services to investigate deaths reported to the Coroner as well as clinical medical services, including the examination and testing of both victims of crime and alleged perpetrators.

Justice Policy, Services and Law Reform (2025-26: \$250.3 million)

This output delivers a broad range of services including the provision of law reform and sentencing advisory information. It also includes practical legal solutions and strategic advice through the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office (VGSO). This output also reports on the activities of the Aboriginal Justice Group (AJG) which leads Victoria's commitment to the Aboriginal Justice Agreement and other initiatives focused on improving outcomes for Aboriginal people and reducing their over-representation in the criminal justice system.

Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support (2025-26: \$196.2 million)

This output focuses on the delivery of services aimed at protecting people, supporting victims of crime and safeguarding human rights. DJCS provides support to victims of crime with practical assistance, counselling and support through the justice system and the Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) provides financial assistance to victims to help them recover from violent crimes. The work of the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) protects the rights, interests and dignity of people with disability and mental illness and the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) provides education and capacity building to protect and promote human rights in Victoria.

Public Sector and Local Government Integrity, Privacy and Information Protection

(2025-26: \$17.4 million)

This output provides for the function of the Victorian Information Commissioner, which has oversight of the Victorian Government's collection, use and disclosure of information. The Information Commissioner enhances the Victorian Government's transparency and openness and oversees the Victorian Protective Data Security regime. This output also includes the function of the Local Government Inspectorate, which contributes to public sector integrity by ensuring Victorian councils follow the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Note:

(a) Output renamed in 2025-26 to more accurately reflect services delivered.

Objective 6: Promoting responsible liquor, tobacco and gambling industries and supporting a safe and sustainable racing sector^(a)

This objective relates to harm minimisation through the regulation of the gambling, tobacco and liquor industries, and also supports the development of the Victorian racing industry through strategic leadership, innovation and investment in the racing industry.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- number of people registered or licensed in the Victorian Racing Industry.
- percentage of Victorian survey participants that agree gambling is conducted fairly and can be trusted.^(b)

Notes:

(a) Objective updated in 2025-26 to more appropriately align with departmental goals, including the regulation of the tobacco industry.

(b) New objective indicator for 2025-26 to improve coverage of services and ensure gambling regulation is included in reporting on departmental objectives.

Outputs

Liquor, Tobacco, Gambling and Casino Regulation^(a) (2025-26: \$73.9 million)

This output provides monitoring and regulation of gambling, liquor and tobacco activities in Victoria, including the operations of the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) and Liquor Control Victoria (LCV). It provides leadership and strategic policy advice to the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation on harm minimisation and regulation of the gambling, liquor and tobacco industries.

Note:

(a) The 2024-25 output Racing, Gambling, Liquor and Casino Regulation is disaggregated in 2025-26 for increased clarity and transparency.

Racing Industry Support and Regulation^(a) (2025-26: \$122.9 million)

This output provides monitoring and regulation of the racing industry and activities in Victoria. It provides leadership and strategic policy advice to the Minister for Racing on racing industry issues, regulation and the development of racing, training and community infrastructure.

Note:

(a) New output in 2025-26, disaggregated from the 2024-25 output Racing, Gambling, Liquor and Casino Regulation for increased clarity and transparency.

DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

Ministerial portfolios

The department supports the ministerial portfolios of the Premier, Deputy Premier, Multicultural Affairs, and Treaty and First Peoples.

Departmental mission statement

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's mission is to support the people of Victoria by:

- helping government achieve its strategic objectives
- providing leadership to the public sector to improve its effectiveness
- promoting collaboration across government to drive performance and improve outcomes.

Departmental objectives

Stronger policy outcomes for Victoria

- Lead whole of government economic and social policy delivery and reform
- Lead the public sector response to significant state and Commonwealth issues, policy challenges and projects
- Deliver policies and programs that promote fairness, inclusion and participation of Victoria's culturally diverse communities.

First Peoples in Victoria are strong and self-determining

- Improve outcomes and services for First Peoples through prioritising actions to enable self-determination, including advancing treaty, protecting and promoting cultural rights, recognising land and native title rights, and responding to the Yoorrook Justice Commission Final Reports^(a)
- Address trauma, supporting healing and address systemic injustice
- Provide culturally safe systems and services and transfer power and resources to communities.

Note:

(a) The objective description has been adjusted for greater clarity.

Improved public administration and support for the Victorian public service

- Foster and promote a high performing public service
- Ensure effective whole of government performance and outcomes and support the effective administration of government
- Protect and promote the values of good governance, integrity and accountability across the public service to foster and maintain public trust in government
- Maintain compliance with government advertising and communication guidelines to support effective financial management, probity, and accountability of government advertising.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.22: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Stronger policy outcomes for Victoria				
Economic policy advice and support	20.0	20.7	20.1	0.5
Social policy advice and intergovernmental relations	21.1	27.6	22.4	6.2
Multicultural affairs policy and programs ^(b)	64.6	60.5	48.2	(25.4)
First Peoples in Victoria are strong and self-determining				
Self-determination policy and reform advice and programs ^(c)	118.9	120.2	100.6	(15.4)
Traditional owner engagement and cultural heritage management programs ^(d)	69.3	70.0	35.7	(48.5)
Improved public administration and support for the Victorian public service				
Executive government advice and services	87.1	122.5	111.6	28.1
Public sector administration advice and support ^(e)	15.2	17.0	9.3	(38.8)
Chief Parliamentary Counsel services ^(f)	9.4	9.0	9.3	(1.1)
State electoral roll and electoral events ^(g)	82.2	89.2	42.3	(48.5)
Total^(h)	487.8	536.7	399.5	(18.1)

Source: Department of Premier and Cabinet

Notes:

- (a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.
- (b) The expected 2025-26 output cost reflects the phasing of past budget investments, including 2022 election commitments funded through the 2023-24 Budget initiative 'Delivering commitments to Victoria's multicultural communities' that included larger funding allocations in 2023-24 and 2024-25 to enable program delivery.
- (c) The lower 2025-26 target reflects the reduced staffing profile required to support the Victorian Government's engagement in the Yoorrook Justice Commission hearings in the second half of 2024-25.
- (d) The lower 2025-26 target reflects the higher funding allocation in 2024-25 for the Wotjobaluk Recognition and Settlement Agreement and the 'Supporting Victoria's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage System' output initiative, which was announced in the 2024-25 Budget.
- (e) The lower 2025-26 target is predominantly due to the completion of certain program output initiatives.
- (f) The lower 2025-26 target is primarily due to supplementation funding provided to implement VPS Enterprise Agreement 2024 outcomes.
- (g) The lower 2025-26 target is due to there being no major (state or local government) elections scheduled in 2025-26.
- (h) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.23 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.24 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base and payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.23: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26
	actual	budget	revised	budget
Output appropriations	374.7	387.6	401.4	318.1
Special appropriations	79.3	103.7	114.7	86.9
Interest	.1	.0	.0	.0
Sales of goods and services	8.1	11.0	11.3	9.8
Grants	17.6	24.7	25.8	16.0
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	11.4	9.6	9.6	28.6
Other income	..	0.7	0.2	0.2
Total income from transactions^(a)	491.1	537.4	563.0	459.7

Source: Department of Premier and Cabinet

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.24: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26
	budget	revised	budget
Annual appropriations	397.9	395.4	318.1
Provision of outputs	387.6	395.3	318.1
Additions to the net asset base	10.3	0.1	..
Payments made on behalf of the State	..	..	..
Receipts credited to appropriations	..	..	..
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	7.0	..
Provision of outputs	..	6.0	..
Additions to the net asset base	..	1.0	..
Payments made on behalf of the State	..	..	..
Gross annual appropriation	397.9	402.5	318.1
Special appropriations	122.1	135.7	112.2
Trust funds	33.8	35.3	26.3
Departmental Suspense Account ^(a)	10.5	11.5	10.0
Other ^(b)	23.3	23.8	16.3
Total parliamentary authority^(c)	553.7	573.6	456.7

Source: Department of Premier and Cabinet

Notes:

(a) This account is a departmental working account.

(b) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Stronger policy outcomes for Victoria

This objective leads whole of government economic and social policy delivery and reform. It leads the public sector response to significant state and Commonwealth issues, policy challenges and projects. It delivers policies and programs that promote fairness, inclusion and participation of Victoria's culturally diverse communities.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- advice contributes to the achievement of government policies and priorities relating to economic and social outcomes, intergovernmental relations, and emergency management
- decrease experiences of discrimination.

Outputs

Economic policy advice and support (2025-26: \$20.1 million)

This output contributes to delivering strategic, timely and comprehensive analysis and advice on economic policy to support government decision making.

Social policy advice and intergovernmental relations (2025-26: \$22.4 million)

This output contributes to delivering strategic, timely and comprehensive analysis and advice on social policy and intergovernmental relations to support government decision making.

This output also contributes to the strategic coordination of emergency management strategies and planning across the Victorian public sector.

Multicultural affairs policy and programs (2025-26: \$48.2 million)

This output provides policy advice on multicultural affairs and social cohesion in Victoria, including settlement coordination for newly arrived migrants and refugees, and delivers a range of programs to directly support Victoria's multicultural communities. It also supports Victoria's whole of government approach to multiculturalism. The output includes monitoring of government departments' responsiveness to Victorians from culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse backgrounds.

Objective 2: First Peoples in Victoria are strong and self-determining

This objective focuses on improving outcomes and services for First Peoples through prioritising actions to enable self-determination, including advancing treaty, protecting and promoting cultural rights, recognising land and native title rights, and responding to the Yoorook Justice Commission Final Reports.^(a) It addresses trauma, supports healing, and stops systemic injustice. It provides culturally safe systems and services and transfers power and resources to communities.

The departmental objective indicator is:

- First Peoples in Victoria have increased control over decisions that impact their lives.

Note:

(a) The objective description has been adjusted for greater clarity.

Outputs

Self-determination policy and reform advice and programs (2025-26: \$100.6 million)

This output supports the Victorian Government's commitment to self-determination for First Peoples and to improving long-term social and economic outcomes. This includes progress towards treaty; and work to reform government to enable self-determination, as well as undertaking outcomes-focused reporting across the portfolio.^(a)

Note:

(a) The output description has been adjusted for greater clarity.

Traditional owner engagement and cultural heritage management programs (2025-26: \$35.7 million)

This output supports the Government's commitment to protecting Aboriginal cultural rights, including supporting Traditional Owners and First Peoples organisations to deliver self-determined initiatives for their communities. This includes the protection and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage and strengthening Aboriginal community organisations.

Objective 3: Improved public administration and support for the Victorian public service

This objective fosters and promotes a high-performing public service. It ensures effective whole of government performance and outcomes and supports the effective administration of government. It protects and promotes the values of good governance, integrity and accountability across the public service to foster and maintain public trust in government. It maintains compliance with government advertising and communication guidelines to support effective financial management, probity, and accountability of government advertising.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- support for Cabinet, committee members and Executive Council is valued and informs decision making
- agency compliance with government advertising and communication guidelines
- Victoria's electoral system is supported by an accurate and secure electoral roll, electoral services and conduct of fair and impartial elections
- provision of high-quality legislative drafting and publication services
- advice contributes to the achievement of government policies and priorities relating to public sector governance.

Outputs

Executive Government advice and services (2025-26: \$111.6 million)

This output contributes to:

- providing strategic, timely and comprehensive support to Cabinet and Cabinet Committees
- providing support to the Governor and maintaining Government House and its collections as a heritage asset of national importance
- delivering analysis and advice to support evidence-based decision making across the public sector
- providing whole of government community engagement and communications activity.

Public sector administration advice and support (2025-26: \$9.3 million)

This output provides advice and support on issues relevant to public sector administration, governance, service delivery and workforce matters. It also addresses matters of public sector professionalism and integrity. This includes conducting related research, data collection and analysis, and reporting and disseminating findings.^(a)

Note:

(a) The output description has been adjusted for greater clarity.

Chief Parliamentary Counsel services**(2025-26: \$9.3 million)**

This output provides bills for introduction in Parliament, including providing quality and timely legislative drafting services; hard copy and electronic publication of Acts and statutory rules; and maintaining a database of Victorian legislation and legislative information at www.legislation.vic.gov.au.

State electoral roll and electoral events**(2025-26: \$42.3 million)**

This output provides a high-quality electoral system that supports democracy in Victoria through administering an accurate and secure electoral roll, electoral services to ensure fair and equitable representation, the conduct of fair and impartial elections and encouraging greater participation in civic life through education and awareness activities and improving ease of access.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND PLANNING

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of Transport Infrastructure, Public and Active Transport, Planning, Suburban Rail Loop, Development Victoria and Precincts, Housing and Building, Roads and Road Safety and Ports and Freight.

The Department supports the Health Infrastructure portfolio with the Department of Health remaining responsible for the Health Infrastructure budget. The Department also supports the Minister for Finance in managing crown and freehold land.

Departmental mission statement

The Department of Transport and Planning's mission is to integrate Victoria's transport, land and planning system to create an inclusive, productive and sustainable state.

The Department and its agencies:

- plan, build and operate a transport network that keeps people and freight moving now and into the future
- manage precinct and policy functions, and the land, planning, building and heritage systems to shape places and communities
- understand the social, economic, and physical needs of communities to support the development of connected, sustainable and thriving local places
- oversee the delivery of the major transport infrastructure program to build a better transport future for Victoria.

Departmental objectives

Reliable and people-focused transport services

This objective group enhances liveability by providing Victorians with a transport system that connects people and places, taking them where they want to go, when they want to go.

The Bus Services, Tram Services and Train Services outputs contribute to the objective by delivering safe, inclusive, reliable and cost-effective public transport services across Victoria and infrastructure investments. This includes services delivered through contractual arrangements with private operators.

The Road Operations output contributes to this objective by delivering initiatives that provide more predictable and reliable journeys, improve safety and meet the service quality expected from transport users.

The Road Asset Management output contributes to the objective by delivering programs and initiatives to maintain Victoria's freeways and arterial roads.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- user satisfaction with the transport system
- reliable travel.

Safe and well-regulated transport services

The Department focuses on helping Victorians arrive safely, whether they are travelling by road, rail or water.

The Regulation of Commercial Passenger Vehicle Services output contributes to this objective by delivering a commercial passenger vehicle industry that is customer-focused, safe, accessible and competitive through the regulation of commercial passenger vehicles, booking service providers and drivers.

The Transport Safety and Security output contributes to this objective by delivering initiatives and regulatory activities that will improve safety and security on Victoria's transport network.

The departmental objective indicator is:

- safety of the transport system.

A safe and quality-built environment

This objective plans for the transformation of cities and regions to deliver more homes for more Victorians close to transport, jobs and services in thriving, liveable and sustainable neighbourhoods, and provides leadership and advice on heritage protection and the built environment. It delivers streamlined, fair and transparent planning, building and heritage systems.

The Planning and Heritage output contributes to this objective by delivering programs to improve housing affordability and choice, opportunities to live in attractive and well-designed neighbourhoods with access to transport, jobs and services across the State's cities and regions.

The Building output contributes to this objective by addressing risks associated with combustible cladding and ensuring Victoria's building system delivers a safe, compliant, durable, affordable and sustainable built environment and strong consumer protection.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- improved liveability, sustainability and inclusiveness of public spaces and neighbourhoods
- effective protection of cultural and natural heritage.

Effective management of Victoria's land assets

This objective facilitates better use of land in Victoria through authoritative, comprehensive and easily accessible services.

The Land Services output delivers high-quality and authoritative land administration and property information services, including the registration of land titles, survey, valuation and land information services. Land Services also incorporates the State's foundational spatial data services and government land policies. The probity of the Government's property transactions is overseen by the Government Land Monitor.

The departmental objective indicator is:

- increase in utilisation of Land Use Victoria's mapping and spatial data products relative to 2016-17.

Build prosperous and connected communities

This objective seeks to ensure that Victoria’s precincts and transport infrastructure are developed to support well-connected, prosperous, vibrant and diverse communities.

The Transport Infrastructure output contributes to this objective by delivering strategic transport infrastructure and planning initiatives to improve the transport system and transform the way that Victorians travel, to create more productive and liveable cities and regions.

The Ports and Freight output contributes to this objective by delivering a range of capital initiatives and programs to increase the capacity, efficiency and safety of the ports, freight and logistics network.

The Precincts and Suburbs output contributes to this objective by delivering activities to build vibrant and prosperous communities that drive economic growth, create jobs and improve liveability for all Victorians. The Department works collaboratively with government, industry, local councils, business, community organisations and other stakeholders to identify opportunities for the development and delivery of infrastructure, services and initiatives.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- Improved transport infrastructure and delivery^(a)
- Precincts developed and delivered.

Note:

(a) The ‘Build prosperous and connected communities’ objective indicator has been updated to more accurately describe the services provided.

Changes to the output structure

The Department has made changes to its output structure for 2025-26 as shown in the table below.

2024-25 outputs	Reason	2025-26 outputs
Precincts	The output has been aggregated to better reflect the services being provided.	Precincts and Suburbs
Suburbs	The output has been aggregated to better reflect the services being provided.	Precincts and Suburbs

Source: Department of Transport and Planning

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.25: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Reliable and people focused transport services				
Bus Services	1 552.2	1 530.9	1 614.3	4.0
Road Asset Management ^(b)	680.2	710.7	723.5	6.4
Road Operations	2 181.3	2 225.2	2 300.1	5.4
Train Services	2 718.0	2 769.0	2 940.5	8.2
Tram Services	443.1	707.5	775.7	75.1
Safe and well-regulated transport services				
Regulation of Commercial Passenger Vehicle Services ^(c)	129.2	160.3	117.1	(9.3)
Transport Safety and Security ^(d)	27.9	29.3	27.7	(0.8)
A safe and quality-built environment				
Building ^(e)	49.0	73.5	45.6	(6.8)
Planning and Heritage ^(f)	302.6	293.8	166.1	(45.1)
Effective management of Victoria's land assets				
Land Services ^(g)	357.8	368.8	352.8	(1.4)
Build prosperous and connected communities				
Ports and Freight ^(h)	91.3	104.8	85.3	(6.6)
Precincts and Suburbs	25.1	56.9	125.1	398.3
Transport Infrastructure	283.8	756.9	347.3	22.4
Total ⁽ⁱ⁾	8 841.5	9 787.6	9 621.1	8.8

Source: Department of Transport and Planning

Notes:

- (a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.
- (b) In 2025-26, expected road maintenance output and asset expenditure is \$976 million.
- (c) The lower 2025-26 target to 2024-25 target reflects the current funding profile of the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program.
- (d) The 2025-26 target represents a small variation from the 2024-25 target.
- (e) The lower 2025-26 target primarily reflects the funding profile of the Housing Statement: Building Reform.
- (f) The lower 2025-26 target primarily reflects the funding profile of Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution funded projects.
- (g) The 2025-26 target represents a small variation from the 2024-25 target.
- (h) The lower 2025-26 target primarily reflects the number of projects scheduled for completion in 2025-26.
- (i) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.26 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.27 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base and payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.26: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 actual	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Output appropriations	6 684.6	5 598.1	6 561.3	6 324.2
Special appropriations	712.0	931.6	742.8	848.7
Interest	35.9	6.7	15.5	10.6
Sales of goods and services	583.4	650.1	683.2	790.7
Grants	318.8	334.7	364.9	447.4
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	740.0	96.6	691.3	23.7
Other income	431.3	367.0	421.6	532.2
Total income from transactions^(a)	9 506.2	7 984.8	9 480.6	8 977.6

Source: Department of Transport and Planning

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.27: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget
Annual appropriations	14 460.8	17 148.9	16 280.7
Provision of outputs	5 232.8	6 009.9	5 908.3
Additions to the net asset base	9 098.1	11 009.1	10 221.1
Payments made on behalf of the State	129.9	129.9	151.2
Receipts credited to appropriations	1 387.5	1 438.8	1 739.4
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	1 271.7	..
Provision of outputs	..	199.4	..
Additions to the net asset base	..	1 072.3	..
Gross annual appropriation	15 848.4	19 859.3	18 020.0
Special appropriations	932.6	762.5	899.9
Trust funds	1 622.3	1 695.7	1 893.9
Public Transport Fund ^(a)	402.8	462.6	561.7
Road Safety Fund ^(b)	106.7	83.8	180.7
Other ^(c)	1 112.7	1 149.3	1 151.5
Total parliamentary authority^(d)	18 403.2	22 317.5	20 813.9

Source: Department of Transport and Planning

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to public transport functions of the Head, Transport for Victoria, as per section 39A of the Transport Integration Act 2010.

(b) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to the income received and payments made for the road system and road functions of the Head, Transport for Victoria and the Secretary of the department. The majority of the funds from the Transport Accident Commission will be receipted here.

(c) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(d) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Reliable and people-focused transport services

This objective group enhances liveability by providing Victorians with a transport system that connects people and places, taking them where they want to go, when they want to go.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- user satisfaction with the transport system
- reliable travel.

Outputs

Bus Services (2025-26: \$1 614.3 million)

This output delivers reliable and cost-effective statewide bus services and infrastructure investments, including services delivered through contractual arrangements with private operators.

Road Asset Management (2025-26: \$723.5 million)

This output delivers programs and initiatives to maintain Victoria's freeways and arterial roads.

Road Operations (2025-26: \$2 300.1 million)

This output operates the road network by managing access and use, and delivering initiatives that provide more predictable and reliable journeys, improve safety and meet the service quality expected from transport users.

Train Services (2025-26: \$2 940.5 million)

This output delivers reliable and cost-effective train services and infrastructure investments across the Victorian rail network, including services delivered through contractual arrangements with private operators.

Tram Services (2025-26: \$775.7 million)

This output delivers reliable and cost-effective tram services and infrastructure investments, including public transport services delivered through contractual arrangements with private operators.

Objective 2: Safe and well-regulated transport services

This objective focuses on helping Victorians arrive safely, whether they are travelling by road, rail or water.

The departmental objective indicator is:

- safety of the transport system.

Outputs

Regulation of Commercial Passenger Vehicle Services (2025-26: \$117.1 million)

This output delivers a commercial passenger vehicle industry that is customer-focused, safe, accessible and competitive in metropolitan and regional Victoria through regulating commercial passenger vehicles, booking service providers, and drivers.

Transport Safety and Security (2025-26: \$27.7 million)

This output contributes to this objective by delivering initiatives and regulatory activities that will improve safety and security on Victoria's transport network.

Objective 3: A safe and quality-built environment

This objective plans for the transformation of cities and regions to deliver more homes for more Victorians close to transport, jobs and services in thriving, liveable and sustainable neighbourhoods, and provides leadership and advice on heritage protection and the built environment. It delivers streamlined, fair and transparent planning, building and heritage systems.

The department recognises the link between the natural and built environment in the quality of our lives and works to accommodate population needs while maintaining world-class liveability and protecting our heritage for future generations.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- improved liveability, sustainability and inclusiveness of public spaces and neighbourhoods
- effective protection of cultural and natural heritage.

Outputs

Building

(2025-26: \$45.6 million)

This output addresses risks associated with Victoria's building, plumbing and architecture industries and ensures that Victoria's building system delivers a safe and quality-built environment. It also provides strategic leadership, oversight and advice on the built environment and relevant industry policies and reform initiatives. Through this output, the Department administers the statutory responsibilities of the Minister for Housing and Building and provides for fair, transparent and safe building systems, and strong consumer protection.

Planning and Heritage

(2025-26: \$166.1 million)

This output delivers programs to address development and transformation of cities and regions through: strategic and integrated land use planning; urban development, design and renewal; land supply; heritage conservation and management; and regulatory reform. Through this output, the Department administers the statutory responsibilities of the Minister for Planning and provides for fair and transparent planning and heritage systems.

Objective 4: Effective management of Victoria’s land assets

This objective facilitates better use of land in Victoria through authoritative, comprehensive and easily accessible services. It delivers high-quality and authoritative land administration and property information services, including the registration of land titles, survey, valuation and land information services.

The departmental objective indicator is:

- increase in utilisation of Land Use Victoria’s mapping and spatial data products relative to 2016-17.

Output**Land Services****(2025-26: \$352.8 million)**

This output delivers high-quality and authoritative land administration and property information services, including the registration of land titles, survey, valuation and land information services. Land Use Victoria also incorporates the State’s foundational spatial data services and government land policies. The probity of the Government’s property transactions is overseen by the Government Land Monitor.

Objective 5: Build prosperous and connected communities

This objective seeks to plan and deliver major transport infrastructure projects, and to plan and deliver precincts, to transform the way Victorian's travel and experience inclusive, prosperous and sustainable communities.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- Improved transport infrastructure planning and delivery^(a)
- Precincts developed and delivered.

Note:

(a) The 'Build prosperous and connected communities' objective indicator has been updated to more accurately describe the services provided.

Outputs

Ports and Freight

(2025-26: \$85.3 million)

This output delivers a range of capital initiatives and programs to increase the capacity, efficiency and safety of the ports, freight and logistics network.

Precincts and Suburbs

(2025-26: \$125.1 million)

This output delivers activities to build vibrant and prosperous communities that drive economic growth, create jobs and improve liveability for all Victorians. The Department works collaboratively with government, industry, local councils, business, community organisations and other stakeholders to identify opportunities for the development and delivery of infrastructure, services and initiatives.

Transport Infrastructure

(2025-26: \$347.3 million)

This output delivers strategic transport infrastructure and planning initiatives to improve the transport system and transform the way that Victorians travel, to create more productive and liveable cities and regions.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE

Ministerial portfolios

The Department supports the ministerial portfolios of the Treasurer, Finance, Industrial Relations, and WorkSafe and the TAC.

Departmental mission statement

The Department of Treasury and Finance's mission is to provide economic, commercial, financial, infrastructure, industrial relations and resource management advice to help the Victorian Government deliver its policies.

Departmental objectives

Optimise Victoria's fiscal resources

The Department of Treasury and Finance has the central role in providing high-quality advice to Government on sustainable financial, resource and performance management policy and other key policy priorities; overseeing related frameworks; as well as leading the production of the State budget papers and reports of both financial and non-financial performance in the Victorian public sector.

The Budget and Financial Advice output contributes to this objective by providing strategic, timely and comprehensive analysis and information to Government to support decision-making and reporting.

The Revenue Management and Administrative Services to Government output contributes to this objective by providing revenue management and administration services across the various state-based taxes for the benefit of all Victorians.

Strengthen Victoria's economic performance

The Department of Treasury and Finance provides the Government with advice on key economic matters and policies to increase economic productivity, competitiveness and equity across the Victorian economy.

The Economic and Policy Advice output contributes to this objective by providing strategic, timely and comprehensive analysis and information to Government to support decision-making and reporting.

The Economic Regulatory Services output contributes to this objective by providing economic regulation of utilities and other specified markets in Victoria to protect the long-term interests of Victorian consumers with regard to price, quality and reliability of essential services.

Improve how Government manages its balance sheet, commercial activities and public sector infrastructure

The Department of Treasury and Finance develops and applies prudent financial and commercial principles and practices to influence and help deliver government policies focused on overseeing the State's balance sheet, major infrastructure and government business enterprises (in the public non-financial corporations (PNFC) sector and public financial corporations (PFC) sector).

The Commercial and Infrastructure Advice output contributes to this objective by providing strategic, timely and comprehensive analysis and information to the Government to support decision-making and reporting.

The Infrastructure Victoria output provides independent and transparent advice to government on infrastructure priorities and sets a long-term strategy for infrastructure investment.

Strengthen Victoria's economic performance through fair, equitable and productive workplaces

The Department of Treasury and Finance delivers strategic industrial relations legislative, policy and technical advice to the Government and departments. The Department develops and reviews regulatory frameworks to support a positive industrial relations environment and promotes fair and productive workplaces, secure work and gender pay equity.

The Industrial Relations output contributes to this objective by providing oversight of enterprise bargaining across the Victorian public sector and supporting Victoria's participation in the national workplace relations system.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.28: Output summary

(\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Optimise Victoria's fiscal resources				
Budget and Financial Advice	39.0	43.1	42.2	8.1
Revenue Management and Administrative Services to Government ^(b)	242.7	259.1	235.7	(2.9)
Strengthen Victoria's economic performance				
Economic and Policy Advice	60.3	75.2	81.4	34.9
Economic Regulatory Services ^(c)	8.2	10.2	6.9	(15.8)
Improve how the Government manages its balance sheet, commercial activities and public sector infrastructure				
Commercial and Infrastructure Advice	85.6	94.6	92.1	7.6
Infrastructure Victoria	9.2	9.5	9.3	1.1
Strengthen Victoria's economic performance through fair, equitable and productive workplaces				
Industrial relations	32.4	26.8	33.1	2.0
Total^(d)	477.5	518.5	500.7	4.8

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Notes:

(a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.

(b) The lower 2025-26 target reflects the Victorian Government's focus on cost of living relief and frontline service priorities.

(c) The lower 2025-26 target mainly reflects the phasing of expenditure.

(d) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.29 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.30 summarises the sources of Parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base, payments made on behalf of the State, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.29: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 <i>actual</i>	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Output appropriations	387.8	441.5	506.4	470.9
Sales of goods and services	2.0	..	1.5	1.0
Grants	0.4	0.6	1.9	2.6
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	7.7	7.7	7.7	25.1
Other income	..	2.3	1.1	1.1
Total income from transactions ^(a)	397.9	452.1	518.5	500.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.30: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Annual appropriations	24 600.6	9 889.4	22 467.3
Provision of outputs	436.9	474.1	466.2
Additions to the net asset base	10.3	2.8	12.6
Payments made on behalf of the State	24 153.5	9 412.5	21 988.5
Receipts credited to appropriations	4.7	8.6	4.7
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	24.5	..
Provision of outputs	..	23.6	..
Additions to the net asset base	..	0.8	..
Gross annual appropriation	24 605.3	9 922.5	22 472.0
Special appropriations	2 299.8	2 241.8	1 874.8
Trust funds	5 723.5	6 127.6	6 202.0
Commonwealth Treasury Trust Fund ^(a)	5 208.0	5 442.2	5 594.6
Victorian Future Fund	413.8	474.7	468.6
Other ^(b)	101.8	210.7	138.7
Total parliamentary authority ^(c)	32 628.6	18 291.9	30 548.8

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust primarily relates to the receipt of Commonwealth Government grants to be on-passed to relevant departments.

(b) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: Optimise Victoria's fiscal resources

Under this objective, the Department provides analysis and advice to the Government on the management of Victoria's fiscal resources to support decision-making and reporting for the benefit of all Victorians.

The Department leads the development of financial policy advice to the Government and the Victorian public sector through detailed analysis of key policy priorities including resource allocation, financial risk and government service performance, financial reporting frameworks, and the State's budget position to inform and support the publication of key whole-of-state financial reports.

The departmental objective indicators that support the Government to achieve its fiscal objectives are:

- general government net debt as a percentage of gross state product (GSP) to stabilise and reduce in the medium term
- fully fund the unfunded superannuation liability by 2035
- a net operating cash surplus consistent with maintaining general government net debt at a sustainable level
- general government interest expense as a percentage of revenue to stabilise in the medium term
- agency compliance with the Standing Directions under the *Financial Management Act 1994*
- advice contributes to the achievement of Government policies and priorities relating to optimising Victoria's fiscal resources.

Outputs

Budget and Financial Advice

(2025-26: \$42.2 million)

This output contributes to the provision of strategic, timely and comprehensive analysis and advice to Ministers, Cabinet and Cabinet Subcommittees on:

- Victorian public sector resource allocation
- departmental financial, output and asset delivery performance to support government in making decisions on the allocation of the State's fiscal resources
- departmental and agency funding reviews.

This output maintains the integrity of systems and information for financial planning, management, monitoring and reporting of the State of Victoria via:

- a best practice financial reporting framework, and whole-of-state management information systems, supporting financial reporting across the Victorian public sector
- publication of the State budget and financial reports, including quarterly, mid-year, annual and estimated financial reports
- publication of non-financial performance in the Victorian public sector.

This output develops and maintains cohesive financial and resource management frameworks that drive sound financial and resource management practices in the Victorian public sector by:

- enhancing key frameworks to drive performance
- monitoring Victorian Public Sector (VPS) agencies' compliance
- advising government and key stakeholders on financial and resource management and compliance issues
- ensuring that financial and resource management frameworks are established and complied with
- promoting continuous improvement in VPS resource allocation and management through regular reviews and updates to ensure the frameworks represent good practice
- promoting awareness of financial management accountabilities and roles.

This output contributes to the Department's objective to optimise Victoria's fiscal resources.

Revenue Management and Administrative Services to Government

(2025-26: \$235.7 million)

This output provides revenue management and administrative services across the various state-based taxes in a fair and efficient manner for the benefit of all Victorians. By administering Victoria's taxation legislation and collecting a range of taxes, duties and levies, this output contributes to the Department's objective to optimise Victoria's fiscal resources.

Objective 2: Strengthen Victoria's economic performance

Under this objective, the Department delivers advice on economic policy, forecasts, legislation and frameworks. It also supports the Government by administering economic regulation of utilities and other specified markets in Victoria to protect the long-term interests of Victorian consumers with regard to price, quality, efficiency and reliability of essential services.

The Department leads the development of advice to the Government on key economic and financial strategies including regulatory reform, tax policy and intergovernmental relations to drive improvements in Victoria's productive and efficient resource allocation, competitiveness and equity across the Victorian economy.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- economic growth to exceed population growth as expressed by GSP per capita increasing in real terms (annual percentage change)
- total Victorian employment to grow each year (annual percentage change)
- advice contributes to the achievement of government policies and priorities relating to economic and social outcomes.

Outputs

Economic and Policy Advice

(2025-26: \$81.4 million)

This output contributes to strengthening Victoria's economic performance and improving the lives and prosperity of Victorians by providing evidence, advice and engagement on: ^(a)

- strengthening productivity, workforce participation, living standards and the State's overall competitiveness
- State tax and revenue policy (including development and implementation of major State tax reforms)
- intergovernmental relations, including the distribution of Commonwealth funding to states and territories
- production of the economic and revenue forecasts that underpin the State budget
- economic cost-benefit analysis, economic and financial modelling of early intervention proposals, and evaluation of best-practice regulatory frameworks
- approaches for innovative, effective and efficient delivery of government services and regulation
- whole of government risk and pricing frameworks.

This output also includes advice on ways the Government can improve the business environment by the Commissioner for Economic Growth and Better Regulation, *inter alia*:

- reviewing Regulatory Impact Statements, Legislative Impact Assessments, and providing advice for Regulatory Change Measurements
- assisting agencies to improve the quality of regulation in Victoria and undertaking research into matters referred to it by the Government
- operating Victoria's competitive neutrality unit
- working with businesses and not-for-profit organisations to identify and solve red tape issues.

Note:

(a) The output description has been updated to reflect contemporary responsibilities and priorities.

Economic Regulatory Services

(2025-26: \$6.9 million)

This output provides economic regulation of utilities and other specified markets in Victoria to protect the long-term interests of Victorian consumers with regard to price, quality, reliability and efficiency of essential services. By providing these services, this output contributes to the Departmental objective to strengthen Victoria's economic performance.

Objective 3: Improve how the Government manages its balance sheet, commercial activities and public sector infrastructure

Under this objective, the Department delivers Government's policies focused on overseeing the State's balance sheet, major infrastructure and Government Business Enterprises by the delivery and application of prudent financial and commercial principles and practices.

The Department leads the development of strategic commercial and financial advice to Government to support key decisions regarding the State's financial assets and liabilities and infrastructure investment to drive improvement in public sector commercial activities and asset management and the delivery of infrastructure for the State of Victoria.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- High-Value High-Risk (HVHR) projects have had risks identified and managed through tailored project assurance, policy advice, governance and oversight to increase the likelihood that projects are completed within agreed timeframes, budget and scope
- Government Business Enterprises performing against agreed financial and non-financial indicators
- advice contributes to the achievement of government policies and priorities relating to Victoria's balance sheet, commercial activities and public sector infrastructure
- quality infrastructure drives economic growth activity in Victoria.

Outputs

Commercial and Infrastructure Advice

(2025-26: \$92.1 million)

This output contributes to the Department's objective to improve how the Government manages its balance sheet, commercial activities and public sector infrastructure by:⁽⁴⁾

- providing advice to the Government and guidance to departments on infrastructure investment and other major commercial projects
- providing advice and reports on the State's financial assets and liabilities and associated financial risks, including the State's investments, debts, unfunded superannuation, and insurance claims liabilities
- providing commercial, financial and risk management advice to the Government and guidance to departments regarding infrastructure projects including Partnerships Victoria projects, administration of the Market-led Proposals Guidelines and managing major commercial activities on behalf of the Government
- providing project advice on technical, scope, cost and scheduling matters at key milestones in a project's lifecycle to complement the economic, financial, contractual and risk advice provided by the Department
- overseeing the governance and financial management of the State's government business enterprises, including the preparation of budget and financial reporting data for government business enterprise sectors

- overseeing the prudential supervision framework for the State’s public financial corporations
- managing Public Account operations
- overseeing potential commercialisation opportunities
- supporting the implementation and delivery of government priorities related to social and affordable housing
- overseeing the registration and regulation of community housing agencies.

Note:

(a) The output description has been updated to reflect current Commercial Division focal areas.

Infrastructure Victoria

(2025-26: \$9.3 million)

This output provides independent and transparent advice to government on infrastructure priorities and sets a long-term strategy for infrastructure investment.

Objective 4: Strengthen Victoria’s economic performance through fair, equitable and productive workplaces

Under this objective, the Department delivers strategic industrial relations legislative, policy and technical advice to the Government and departments. The Department develops and reviews regulatory frameworks to support a positive industrial relations environment and promotes fair and productive workplaces, secure work and gender pay equity.

The departmental objective indicator is:

- advice contributing to the achievement of government policies and priorities relating to industrial relations outcomes.

Output

Industrial Relations

(2025-26: \$33.1 million)

This output contributes to the promotion of fair jobs and a positive industrial relations environment through sound industrial relations policy and advice to government. This includes oversight of enterprise bargaining across the Victorian public sector and support for Victoria’s participation in the national workplace relations system.

PARLIAMENT

(INCLUDING THE VICTORIAN AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE, PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE, AND THE INTEGRITY AGENCIES)

The Parliament of Victoria is an independent body that, through its elected representatives, is accountable to the Victorian community for the provision and conduct of representative government in the interests of Victorians.

The Parliament has three administrative departments: the Department of the Legislative Council, the Department of the Legislative Assembly and the Department of Parliamentary Services.

The vision of the parliamentary departments is to deliver apolitical, professional and innovative services that support Victoria's elected representatives and the Parliament as an institution to ensure the proper, effective and independent functioning of the Parliament.

Parliamentary Budget Office

The Parliamentary Budget Office is an independent body that informs policy choices by providing trusted economic, fiscal and financial advice to Members of Parliament.

Victorian Auditor-General's Office

Victoria's *Constitution Act 1975* provides that the Auditor-General is an independent officer of Parliament. For budgetary purposes, the Victorian Auditor-General's Office is included as an output classification within Parliament.

The main purpose of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office is to provide assurance to Parliament on the accountability and performance of the Victorian public sector.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission

The Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) is Victoria's independent anti-corruption agency responsible for investigating, exposing and preventing public sector corruption and police misconduct, and monitoring and overseeing the use of police powers through applicable legislative frameworks. Its jurisdiction covers state and local government, police, parliament and the judiciary.

The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor in Council and holds office for a term of five years. For budgetary purposes, IBAC is included as an output classification within Parliament. IBAC reports direct to Parliament.

Under the General Order, the Attorney-General is responsible for overseeing IBAC's legislation.

Integrity Oversight Victoria

The Chief Integrity Inspector is appointed by the Governor in Council. As an Independent Officer of the Parliament, the Chief Integrity Inspector reports directly to Parliament and does not report to any Minister. For budgetary purposes, Integrity Oversight Victoria is included as an output classification within Parliament. Integrity Oversight Victoria (formerly known as the Victorian Inspectorate, was established in 2013 by the *Integrity Oversight Victoria Act 2011* (formerly the *Victorian Inspectorate Act 2011*), to provide oversight of other integrity, accountability or investigatory bodies and their officers. On 10 February 2025 the former Victorian Inspectorate was renamed to Integrity Oversight Victoria following proclamation of the *Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Act 2024*.

Vision

An integrity system that is robust and trusted.

Aspirations

Public confidence and trust in Victoria's integrity system

- The right checks and balances are in place.
- Participants understand rights and responsibilities in the integrity system.
- The community knows when to come to Integrity Oversight Victoria to protect their rights.

A robust Victorian integrity system

- Parliament and integrity agencies have confidence in Integrity Oversight Victoria.
- Integrity Oversight Victoria is positively influencing integrity agencies.
- Intrusive and coercive powers are exercised lawfully.
- The public sector is being held to account.

Victorian Ombudsman

The Victorian Ombudsman provides a service essential to promoting public confidence in the integrity of government through investigating complaints about an action or decision made by a Victorian public organisation. The Victorian Ombudsman is one of only three constitutionally Independent Officers of the Victorian Parliament and does not report to any Minister.

The Ombudsman acts to ensure fairness for Victorians in their dealings with the public sector and to improve public administration. The Ombudsman is open, transparent and evidence-based, focusing on practical and meaningful outcomes to address injustice. The Ombudsman is sensitive to the circumstances of individuals and communities with specific needs.

In more recent years, the Ombudsman's mandate has grown to include proactive functions to assist authorities improve their administration and complaint handling practices; to prevent maladministration and improper conduct; and to educate the community and public sector about matters related to its work. Accordingly, in addition to providing independent oversight, the Ombudsman serves as a partner in good governance and administration.

Departmental objectives

Parliament

The Presiding Officers have approved the following strategic priorities for Parliament:

- supporting members
- parliament for the people
- First Nations focus
- a contemporary workplace.

Parliamentary Budget Office

The Parliamentary Budget Office:

- provides members of parliament with ongoing, authoritative, independent and credible policy costing and advisory reports
- ensures all services are delivered in a timely, relevant, and readily understandable manner
- informs policy development and public debate in the parliament and the community.

Victorian Auditor-General's Office

Through the services it delivers to the Parliament and to the public sector, the Victorian Auditor-General's Office seeks to achieve two outcomes:

- a more accountable and transparent public sector
- better public services.

The strategies underpinning its Strategic Plan are:

- produce and share contemporary public products
- increase direct community engagement
- provide stronger advocacy
- leverage information
- implement NextGen sector reporting
- refine organisation and audit delivery models
- define and deliver a capability framework
- clarify and embed Better Normal approaches to the workplace
- revisit and update audit quality management systems and the methodologies they support
- refine and update audit solutions and toolsets.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission

The Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission's mission is strengthening Victoria's integrity. The objectives of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission are to:^(a)

- educate the public sector, police and community about the harm caused by corruption and police misconduct

The objective indicators are:^(b)

- Public sector attendees intend to apply learnings from IBAC corruption prevention forums and events
- Police attendees intend to apply learnings from IBAC police misconduct prevention forums and events

- identify, investigate and expose public sector corruption and police misconduct

The objective indicators are:^(b)

- Complaint and Assessments Services identify which matters warrant further action
- Investigations consider suspected corrupt conduct and police misconduct

- assist improving public sector and police capability to prevent corruption and police misconduct

The objective indicators are:^(b)

- Recommendations accepted by public sector agencies
- Recommendations accepted by Victoria Police

- monitor and oversight use of police powers through applicable legislative frameworks.^(c)

Notes:

(a) The order of the objectives was updated to align with the IBAC Annual Plan 2024-25.

(b) Objective indicators were added.

(c) The word 'various' was changed to 'applicable' to better reflect IBAC's operating environment.

Integrity Oversight Victoria^(a)

Objective 1: Ensuring other integrity, accountability or investigatory bodies and their officers, which together with Integrity Oversight Victoria, collectively constitute Victoria's 'integrity system', act lawfully and properly in the performance of their functions.

This objective aims to provide the Parliament and the people of Victoria with independent assurance that the right checks and balances are in place and that Integrity Oversight Victoria is positively influencing integrity agencies to lawfully exercise intrusive and coercive powers. The objective indicators are:

- systemic improvements by agencies to support compliance in the integrity system
- percentage of recommendations by Integrity Oversight Victoria that are accepted by integrity agencies.

Objective 2: Ensuring the community understands their rights and responsibilities in the integrity system and has access to Integrity Oversight Victoria.

This objective aims to build public confidence and trust in the integrity system by ensuring the community knows when to come to Integrity Oversight Victoria to protect their rights. The objective indicators are the timeliness measures relating to complaints and investigations, as well as:

- educational activities to improve community access and explain rights, responsibilities and Integrity Oversight Victoria's role
- reasons for decisions provided for complaint outcomes.

Note:

(a) On 10 February 2025 the former Victorian Inspectorate was renamed to Integrity Oversight Victoria following proclamation of the Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Act 2024.

Victorian Ombudsman

Ensure fairness

This includes:

- independent and impartial complaint resolution
- encouraging fair and reasonable decision making within the public sector.

Enhance integrity and accountability

This includes:

- independently investigating serious matters
- reports on misconduct and poor administration.

Support innovation and improvement

This includes:

- assisting agencies to learn from complaints and investigations
- investigating systemic issues and identify solutions.

Protect Humans Rights

This includes:

- investigating whether an action or decision is incompatible with human rights
- making it easier for vulnerable people to complain.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives, outputs, are presented below.

Table 2.31: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
Legislative Council ^(b)	24.3	25.2	25.4	4.5
Legislative Assembly ^(c)	46.9	49.1	49.2	4.9
Parliamentary Investigatory Committees	6.2	6.2	6.3	1.6
Parliamentary Services	151.0	141.1	155.6	3.0
Parliamentary Budget Office	3.5	3.5	3.9	11.9
Victorian Auditor-General's Office	51.1	60.5	61.7	20.7
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission	63.6	65.6	65.6	3.1
Integrity Oversight Victoria	8.4	9.0	9.0	7.1
Victorian Ombudsman	22.0	22.8	22.7	3.2
Total^(d)	377.0	383.0	399.1	5.9

Sources: Parliament of Victoria, Parliamentary Budget Office, Victorian Auditor-General's Office, Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, Integrity Oversight Victoria, and Victorian Ombudsman

Notes:

- (a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.
- (b) The 2025-26 Budget includes special appropriation funding of \$16.2 million for members' salaries and allowances, special appropriation funding of \$0.2 million for the department, output funding of \$1.7 million for members' salary on-costs, and output funding of \$7.2 million for the Department of Legislative Council.
- (c) The 2025-26 Budget includes special appropriation funding of \$36.2 million for members' salaries and allowances, special appropriation funding of \$0.6 million for the department, output funding of \$4.2 million for members' salary on-costs, and output funding of \$8.2 million for the Department of Legislative Assembly.
- (d) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.32 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.33 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base, payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.32: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24 <i>actual</i>	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Output appropriations	316.1	321.8	328.4	344.1
Special appropriations	48.8	57.4	54.5	54.6
Sales of goods and services	1.5	..	..	..
Grants	..	..	..	..
Total income from transactions^(a)	366.4	379.2	383.1	398.7

Sources: Parliament of Victoria, Parliamentary Budget Office, Victorian Auditor-General's Office, Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, Integrity Oversight Victoria, and Victorian Ombudsman

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.33: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25 <i>budget</i>	2024-25 <i>revised</i>	2025-26 <i>budget</i>
Annual appropriations	285.0	288.1	297.2
Provision of outputs	281.4	284.5	296.0
Additions to the net asset base	3.6	3.6	1.2
Receipts credited to appropriations	32.7	38.9	39.8
Unapplied previous years appropriation	7.7	5.1	8.3
Provision of outputs	7.7	5.0	8.3
Additions to the net asset base	..	0.1	..
Gross annual appropriation	325.3	332.1	345.3
Special appropriations	60.1	63.0	63.2
Trust funds	..	..	..
Total parliamentary authority^(a)	385.4	395.1	408.5

Sources: Parliament of Victoria, Parliamentary Budget Office, Victorian Auditor-General's Office, Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, Integrity Oversight Victoria, and Victorian Ombudsman

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Legislative Council

(2025-26: \$25.4 million)

This output involves the provision of procedural advice to Members of the Legislative Council including: processing of legislation; preparation of the records of the proceedings and documentation required for the sittings of the Council; providing assistance to Parliamentary Committees; providing information relating to the proceedings of the Council; and the enhancement of public awareness of Parliament.

Legislative Assembly

(2025-26: \$49.2 million)

This output involves the provision of procedural advice to Members of the Legislative Assembly including: processing legislation; preparing records of the proceedings and documentation required for the sittings of the Assembly; providing assistance to Parliamentary Committees; providing information relating to the proceedings of the Assembly; and the enhancement of public awareness of Parliament.

Parliamentary Investigatory Committees

(2025-26: \$6.3 million)

Joint Investigatory Committees are appointed pursuant to the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003* to inquire into and report on matters referred by either House or the Governor in Council, or which may be self-generated by a committee.

Parliamentary Services

(2025-26: \$155.6 million)

The Department of Parliamentary Services supplies and supports technology, buildings including electorate offices, information services, human resources, catering facilities, security and financial management, maintenance, grounds and facilities along with planning, implementation and management of capital projects, for the Parliament of Victoria.

Parliamentary Budget Office

(2025-26: \$3.9 million)

The Parliamentary Budget Office provides independent and confidential policy costing and advisory services to all members of parliament.

Victorian Auditor-General's Office

(2025-26: \$61.7 million)

The purpose of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office is to help the Parliament hold government to account and help the public sector to improve its performance. Under the *Audit Act 1994*, the Auditor-General audits financial statements prepared by Victorian public sector agencies and issues audit reports. In addition, the Auditor-General carries out performance audits and assurance reviews to determine whether authorities, operations or activities are operating effectively, economically and efficiently in compliance with all relevant Acts.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (2025-26: \$65.6 million)

IBAC aims to prevent and expose public sector corruption and police misconduct in Victoria by:

- receiving and assessing complaints and notifications, including assessing all complaints to see if they qualify as public interest disclosures
- referring matters to other appropriate agencies (such as public sector bodies and integrity agencies) for action and reviewing Police and Public sector investigations to assess if they are thorough, impartial and timely
- investigating allegations of serious or systemic corruption and police misconduct
- making recommendations to the public sector and Victoria Police to strengthen integrity and prevent corruption and police misconduct
- monitoring and overseeing use of police powers as required by applicable legislative frameworks
- undertaking strategic research and other initiatives to inform the public sector, police and the community of the detrimental impacts of corruption and how it can be prevented.

Integrity Oversight Victoria (2025-26: \$9.0 million)

The purpose of Integrity Oversight Victoria is to provide oversight of other integrity, accountability or investigatory bodies and their officers. Integrity Oversight Victoria is committed to providing the Parliament and the people of Victoria with independent assurance that these bodies, which collectively constitute Victoria's 'integrity system', act lawfully and properly in the performance of their functions. Under the *Integrity Oversight Victoria Act 2011*, Integrity Oversight Victoria receives and investigates complaints, monitors how bodies use their coercive powers and inspects records of bodies that use covert powers including the conduct of controlled operations and the use of surveillance devices and police counter-terrorism powers. In addition, Integrity Oversight Victoria has a key function under the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2012* to receive disclosures and to assess and investigate some public interest complaints.

Victorian Ombudsman (2025-26: \$22.7 million)

The Ombudsman is an independent officer of Parliament. Under the *Ombudsman Act 1973*, the Ombudsman resolves and investigates complaints, protected disclosure complaints and 'own motion' matters. The Ombudsman investigates complaints related to the administrative actions of government and public service authorities and plays a key role in Victoria's integrity system. Core to the Ombudsman's role is to make recommendations to improve and promote the trust of the Victorian community in Government institutions.

COURT SERVICES VICTORIA

Ministerial portfolios

Victoria's courts and tribunals are part of the ministerial portfolio of the Attorney-General.

Departmental mission statement

Victoria's courts and tribunals' mission is to safeguard and maintain the rule of law through the fair, timely and efficient administration of justice.

Victoria's courts and tribunals are supported by Court Services Victoria, which is an independent statutory body established to provide administrative services and facilities to support Victorian courts, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the Judicial College of Victoria and the Judicial Commission of Victoria.

Departmental objectives

The fair, timely and efficient dispensing of justice

Victoria's courts and tribunals aim to:

- provide equal access to justice
- ensure fairness, impartiality and independence in decision making
- follow processes that are transparent, timely and certain
- strive for leadership and best practice in court administration
- strengthen links with the community.

The Courts output contributes to this objective by delivering court and tribunal services, which provide access to the highest standard of justice for the community and inspire public confidence in the rule of law.

Output summary by departmental objectives

The Department's outputs and funding are provided in the table below. Detailed descriptions of objectives and outputs are presented below.

Table 2.34: Output summary (\$ million)

	2024-25 budget	2024-25 revised	2025-26 budget	Variation % ^(a)
The fair, timely and efficient dispensing of justice				
Courts	813.0	864.1	834.2	2.6
Total ^(b)	813.0	864.1	834.2	2.6

Source: Court Services Victoria

Notes:

(a) Variation between 2024-25 budget and 2025-26 budget.

(b) Table may not add due to rounding.

Amounts available

The following tables detail the amounts available to the department from parliamentary authority and income generated through transactions.

Table 2.35 outlines the department's income from transactions and Table 2.36 summarises the sources of parliamentary authority available to the department to fund the provision of outputs, additions to the net asset base, payments made on behalf of the state, and other sources expected to become available to the department.

Table 2.35: Income from transactions (\$ million)

	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26
	<i>actual</i>	<i>budget</i>	<i>revised</i>	<i>budget</i>
Output appropriations	569.8	561.0	595.2	580.9
Special appropriations	228.7	226.3	229.1	226.7
Grants	31.1	25.7	39.8	26.5
Fair value of assets and services received free of charge or for nominal consideration	..	..	..	..
Other income	0.2	..	..	..
Total income from transactions^(a)	829.8	813.0	864.1	834.2

Sources: Court Services Victoria

Note:

(a) Table may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.36: Parliamentary authority for resources (\$ million)

	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26
	<i>budget</i>	<i>revised</i>	<i>budget</i>
Annual appropriations	777.0	686.2	625.6
Provision of outputs	485.6	509.7	495.3
Additions to the net asset base	291.4	176.6	130.3
Receipts credited to appropriations	75.4	85.6	85.6
Unapplied previous years appropriation	..	8.2	..
Provision of outputs	..	..	..
Additions to the net asset base	..	8.2	..
Gross annual appropriation	852.5	780.0	711.1
Special appropriations	300.1	303.0	233.9
Trust funds	25.7	39.8	26.5
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Trust ^(a)	23.8	33.3	22.0
Other ^(b)	1.9	6.5	4.6
Total parliamentary authority^(c)	1 178.3	1 122.7	971.6

Sources: Court Services Victoria

Notes:

(a) The purpose of this trust relates to funding the Victorian Administrative Tribunal's Owners Corporation, Domestic Building, and Residential Tenancies lists.

(b) Includes interdepartmental transfers.

(c) Table may not add due to rounding.

Departmental objectives and outputs

Objective 1: The fair, timely and efficient administration of justice

This objective delivers the fair, timely and efficient administration of justice for Victorians. It aims to provide equal access to justice for all, and ensure fairness, impartiality and independence in decision making. All processes followed by courts and tribunals are transparent, timely and certain for all parties. The delivery of this objective requires courts and tribunals to strive for leadership and best practice in court administration of justice for Victorians and engage with the community to strengthen their understanding of court procedure and confidence in the rule of law.

The departmental objective indicators are:

- clearance of criminal caseload (finalisations/lodgements)
- clearance of civil caseload (finalisations/lodgements).

Output

Courts

(2025-26: \$834.2 million)

This output delivers impartial and independent dispensing of justice across six jurisdictions:

- Supreme Court of Victoria
- County Court of Victoria
- Magistrates' Court of Victoria
- Children's Court of Victoria
- Coroner's Court of Victoria
- Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Other areas that contribute to the achievement of this objective include functions that support the operation of each jurisdiction. These include:

- corporate and service functions delivered by Court Services Victoria
- criminal recording and transcription services delivered by the Victorian Government Reporting Service
- judicial training and education delivered by the Judicial College of Victoria
- investigative and other functions of the Judicial Commission of Victoria.

APPENDIX A – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL RELATIONS

This appendix provides an overview of the local government sector in Victoria and highlights the *2025-26 Budget* initiatives that impact on councils.

Local government is a distinct and essential tier of government, enshrined in Victoria’s Constitution. Victoria has 79 councils providing a wide range of services and infrastructure. Many Victorian Government programs are delivered by, or in partnership with, local governments.

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE AND EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councils play a critical role in creating liveable, inclusive, and sustainable communities. Councils deliver vital services and infrastructure, support local economies, and provide meaningful local democracy and governance.

The *Local Government Act 2020* (The Act) came into effect on 24 March 2020. The Act introduced a principles-based approach to the operations of Victoria’s 79 councils, empowering councils to tailor their policies and plans to meet the needs of their local communities. The Act emphasises community engagement, including explicitly recognising the Aboriginal community as an important part of the municipal community. It also introduced a new, robust governance framework and universal standards of conduct.

The *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Act 2024* made a number of amendments to the Act to enhance standards of governance and conduct across the local government sector. These reforms to the Act, and associated regulations, aim to support improved integrity, accountability and governance at Victoria’s 79 councils. The reforms include the introduction of a mandatory Model Councillor Code of Conduct, a program of mandatory annual training for all councillors, mayors and deputy mayors, and stronger sanctions for councillor misconduct.

Victoria’s local government sector faces constant change. In particular, interface and rural councils face challenges resulting from population movements, local economic circumstances and their capacity to deal with multifaceted issues confronting their communities.

The Government remains committed to ensuring that the impact of council rates on the cost of living is minimised through the Fair Go Rates System. Victorian council rate rises have been capped at 3 per cent for 2025-26 in line with the forecast CPI for the same year. The rate cap mechanism is scheduled for a statutory review in 2025. Other reforms to the local government rating system continue, following the implementation of the *Local Government Legislative Amendment (Rating and Other Matters) Act 2022*. The reforms prioritise support to ratepayers in financial hardship and improve the transparency and consistency of decision making by councils in areas such as waste charges and rate setting.

An ongoing investment of \$4.9 million per year towards the Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program supports the capacity and capability of councils to prepare for emergencies.

The Government will continue to support the delivery of public library services and programs across the state and provide local communities with access to physical and electronic resources, community programs and services, computer facilities and meeting spaces.

FUNDING SOURCES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN VICTORIA

Victorian councils spent around \$11.8 billion in 2023-24. Councils have vital responsibilities that include community services, planning, local roads, waste management, recreation and cultural activities.

Rates revenue of \$7.5 billion in 2023-24 (\$7.1 billion in 2022-23) comprised 56 per cent of total revenue. The third largest revenue stream for the sector was government grants revenue, totalling \$1.7 billion in 2023-24 (\$2.6 billion in 2022-23).

The Government provides local government with exemptions from land and payroll tax, the Mental Health and Wellbeing Levy and the COVID Debt Levy. It is estimated that these exemptions will benefit Victorian councils by around \$942 million in 2025-26 (refer to Tables 5.2 and 5.4 in Budget Paper No. 5 *Statement of Finances*)

Table A.1: Grants and transfers to local government (\$ thousand)

<i>Department</i>	<i>2024-25 budget</i>	<i>2024-25 revised</i>	<i>2025-26 budget</i>
Education	200 705	124 179	241 887
Energy, Environment and Climate Action	24 318	47 385	5 907
Families, Fairness and Housing	4 209	4 209	4 209
Government Services	857 396	239 376	970 989
Health	9 840	9 840	11 810
Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	346 583	230 150	463 112
Justice and Community Safety	12 294	17 445	13 882
Premier and Cabinet	4 097	4 097	4 097
Transport and Planning	194 296	158 045	168 051
Treasury and Finance	13 309	11 359	10 429
Total grants	1 667 047	846 085	1 894 373

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Local Government Victoria within the Department of Government Services provides the majority of funds to local government. For 2025-26 it is estimated that around \$833.2 million of total grants will be Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants, including local road and general purpose grants that are passed on to local government in their entirety. This amount is higher than the \$792.1 million provided by the Commonwealth for 2024-25. All administration costs are borne by the Department of Government Services.

As shown in Table A.1, grants and transfers to local government are expected to be \$846 million in 2024-25. This is a decrease of \$821 million from the original 2024-25 estimate of \$1 667 million. The key drivers of the variance in 2024-25 include:

- Department of Government Services – a decrease in grants and transfers mainly due to the bring forward of some of the 2024-25 Commonwealth local government grant payments to 2023-24
- Department of Education – a decrease in grants and transfers mainly driven by revised delivery timelines of various Early Childhood Education programs
- Department of Jobs, Skills, Industries and Regions – a decrease in grants and transfers mainly driven by rephasing of funding for the *Regional Sports Infrastructure Program*.

This is partially offset by:

- Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action – an increase in grants reflecting one-off funding for the *Severe weather event recovery* initiative following the August – September 2024 severe weather events that caused damage across Victoria’s coast. Funding was needed to address short-term public safety and access, infrastructure damage and to reopen recreational areas for the community.

The *2025-26 Budget* provides an estimated \$1 894 million in grants and transfers to local government in 2025-26. This represents an increase of \$1 048 million from the 2024-25 revised figures. The key drivers relate to:

- Department of Government Services – an increase in grants and transfers mainly due to the bring forward of some of the 2024-25 Commonwealth local government grant payments to 2023-24. In addition, the *Thriving Suburbs Program* initiative funded by the Commonwealth Government increased grants to local government in 2025-26
- Department of Education – an increase in grants and transfers mainly driven by revised delivery timelines of various Early Childhood Education programs
- Department of Jobs, Skills, Industries and Regions – an increase in grants and transfers mainly driven by the rephasing of funding and a Treasurer's Advance reinstatement related to the *Regional Sports Infrastructure Program*, and the rephasing of funding and a trust adjustment from the Community Support Fund regarding *Local Community Sport and Recreation Projects*.

This is partially offset by:

- Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action – a decrease in grants reflecting the ending of the one-off funding provided to the *Severe weather event recovery* initiative.

The value of grants and transfers made to local government by a number of departments is also expected to increase due to the funding of *2025-26 Budget* initiatives listed later in this appendix.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

The Government funds a range of initiatives through the Community Support Fund (CSF), some of which are delivered by councils. The CSF grant payments are provided by the Department of Treasury and Finance to other departments, which administer and oversee the CSF funded projects and distribute funds to grant recipients.

In 2024-25 and 2025-26, councils continue to receive funding from the CSF for the development of community infrastructure and the provision of community support initiatives.

Disaster Response

Emergency Recovery Victoria, within the Department of Justice and Community Safety, administers the Commonwealth's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), which provides financial assistance to councils affected by disasters such as bushfires, floods and severe storms.

The DRFA standard assistance measures are used to reimburse eligible costs incurred by councils, including emergency assistance for individuals, counter-disaster operations and in the repair and reinstatement of damaged essential public assets.

DRFA special financial assistance measures were also made available for significant disaster events. The funding for the various special measures may be made directly to the departments and agencies delivering the initiatives or to Emergency Recovery Victoria to administer.

Actual natural disaster financial assistance expenditure fluctuates each year depending on the number and scale of natural disasters that have occurred, and claims submitted. The standard and special DRFA measures can follow up to three years from the date of the natural disaster. Assistance may also be provided to councils outside of the DRFA that is directly provided by various Victorian Government agencies.

2025-26 BUDGET INITIATIVES

This section outlines the key *2025-26 Budget* initiatives by department that will be undertaken in partnership with local government. This includes initiatives that broadly impact on local government. Funding details for each of these initiatives are provided in Chapter 1 *Output, asset investment, savings and revenue initiatives*.

Department of Education

The Department of Education works with local government to plan, provide or facilitate early childhood services and provides financial support including capital grants for this purpose.

The Department of Education's *2025-26 Budget* initiatives that affect local government include:

- Best Start, Best Life
- Kindergarten Building Blocks improvement and inclusion grants.

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action works in close partnership with the local government sector to deliver programs across Victoria. This includes support for community infrastructure, coastal assets and integrated water management strategy and projects.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's *2025-26 Budget* initiatives that affect local government include:

- Delivering outdoor recreation and tourism
- Severe weather event recovery.

Department of Health

The Department of Health partners with community providers and local government to deliver important services that Victorians rely on.

The Department of Health's *2025-26 Budget* initiatives that affect local government include:

- Community mental health supports.

Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

The Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions works closely with local government to deliver a broad range of programs across Victoria, providing financial and in-kind support in areas such as regional development, small business and sport and recreation.

The Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' *2025-26 Budget* initiatives that affect local government include:

- Business Approvals Incentive Scheme
- Delivering community sports infrastructure
- Place-based partnerships
- Supporting Victoria's Small Businesses
- Visitor Economy Partnerships.

Department of Transport and Planning

The Department of Transport and Planning works with local government to deliver a range of initiatives, including local infrastructure and roads that benefit Victorian communities. This can include providing financial and in-kind support to local government.

The Department of Transport and Planning's *2025-26 Budget* initiatives that affect local government include:

- Critical public and active transport upgrades
- Road Blitz.

APPENDIX B – EARLY INTERVENTION INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

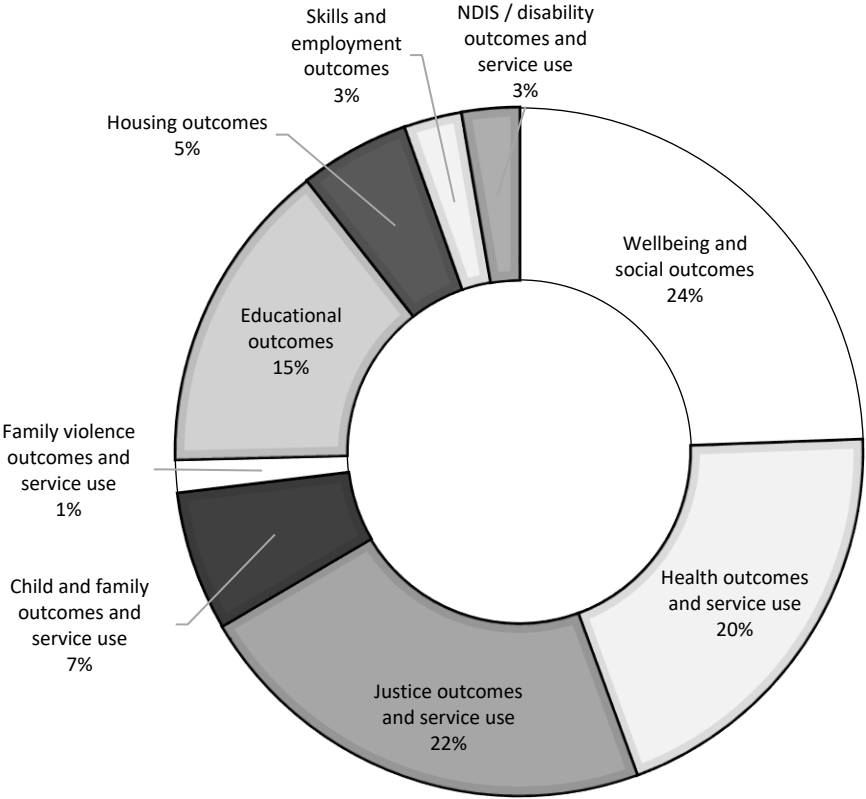
This section outlines the *2025-26 Budget* initiatives that are aligned with the Early Intervention Investment Framework (EIIF). The EIIF has been embedded in the budget process since 2021-22, to guide investment in social services and shift investment towards early intervention relative to acute services.

The EIIF encourages an evidence-based approach to social investing. It prioritises programs with strong social outcomes and fiscal benefits, and improves evaluation and oversight by tracking program outcomes. Funded programs are expected to have a clear and ambitious program logic that is backed by evidence, and the benefits each program delivers are tracked annually ahead of each budget.

Annual impact reporting covers a range of domains related to improved client outcomes, such as educational attainment, stable housing, and reported health and wellbeing (Figure B.1). Where possible, programs also track reduced service usage for Victorian government services, including health services (such as hospitals and mental health services), statutory services (such as corrections, courts and child protection), and other human services (such as homelessness and family services). Impacts are tracked using information from client surveys, program reporting and government-linked data.

The 2025-26 Budget funds \$714.1 million over five years for 32 early intervention initiatives, generating an expected \$0.6–1.0 billion of direct financial and economic benefits over the next 10 years. This includes approximately \$310–425 million in avoided costs, in terms of reduced need for Victorian government services, and further economic benefits of approximately \$300–600 million which includes reduced healthcare costs to individuals and to the Commonwealth Government, increased earnings and reduced social security payments.

Figure B.1: EIIF impact domains from operating EIIF programs ^(a)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Note:

(a) The graph represents outcome measures from EIIF initiatives funded in previous budgets as a percentage of total service impact areas, and measures can relate to multiple impact areas.

Table B.1: Early Intervention investments

Output initiative	EIF funding (\$ million)	Estimated EIF impacts				≈Cohort size (people)
		Key impact areas	Avoided costs (\$ million)	Economic benefit ^(a) (\$ million)	5 years	
Department of Education						
Address chronic absenteeism and support students to remain in learning	25.6	Education; Skills and Employment; Wellbeing	<5	<20	9 000 ^(b)	
Career Start program	21.1	Education; Skills and Employment	<5	<20	700	
Continue education supports for children in out of home care	25.3	Child and Family; Education; Wellbeing ^(c)	<5	<20	4 000	
Excellence in mathematics education	32.5	Education ^(c)	<5	<20	4 000	
Excellence in reading and writing education	22.9	Education ^(c)	<5	<20	6 000	
Keeping school staff safe from violence	9.3	Education; Wellbeing ^(c)	<5	<20	1 000	
Koorie literacy and numeracy program	18.5	Education ^(c)	<5	<20	24 000 ^(b)	
School-wide positive behaviour support	10.4	Education; Wellbeing ^(c)	<5	<20	22 000	
Self-determination for Aboriginal early childhood education	5.3	Education; Wellbeing ^(c)	<5	<20	4 000 ^(b)	
Student Excellence Program	6.7	Education; Wellbeing ^(c)	<5	<20	36 000	
Supporting equal participation in early education and care	6.9	Education; Wellbeing ^(c)	<5	<20	1 000 ^(b)	
Targeted investment to improve educational outcomes in youth justice	1.0	Education; Justice ^(c)	<5	<20	200	
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing						
Continuing critical services to address homelessness and community needs	61.1	Housing; Child and Family; Justice	<10	<20	300–400	
Continuing support for Victorians with disability	14.5	Disability; Child and Family; Health; Wellbeing	5–10	<20	1 000	
Investing early in young Victorians	18.0	Skills and Employment; Child and Family; Health; Justice; Wellbeing	10–15	20–40	4 000	
Living Learning: innovative support to re-engage young people	7.5	Education; Child and Family	<5	<20	<100	
Supporting Victoria’s response to family violence	59.7	Family Violence; Justice; Health; Wellbeing	105–110	100–120	14 000 ^(b)	
Supporting Victoria’s response to sexual violence	23.1	Health; Family Violence; Justice	15–20	<20	3 000	
Strong Families, Safe Children: connecting, strengthening and restoring families	161.0	Child and Family; Justice; Wellbeing	40–45	<20	27 000	
Department of Health						
Delivering the right care at the right time	27.2	Health	20–25	<20	155 000	
Perinatal Emotional Health Program	21.3	Health	40–45	40–60	5 000	
Supporting Aboriginal women on their journey into motherhood	15.8	Health; Child and Family; Wellbeing	5–10	<20	3 000	
Supports for people with disability outside of the NDIS	19.5	Disability; Health	<5	<20	8 000	

Output initiative	EIFF funding (\$ million) 5 years	Key impact areas	Estimated EIFF impacts		
			Avoided costs (\$ million) 10 years	Economic benefit ^(a) (\$ million) 10 years	≈Cohort size (people) 5 years
Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions					
Unlocking potential: building a skilled workforce and inclusive employment initiatives	0.8	Justice; Skills and Employment	<5	<20	100
Department of Justice and Community Safety					
Continuing early intervention and resolution legal services	40.1	Justice; Family violence; Housing	35–40	40–60	36 000
Embedded Youth Outreach Program	3.8	Justice	5–10	<20	1 000
Maintaining investment in Aboriginal community-based justice solutions	14.0	Justice; Child and Family; Family Violence; Housing	5–10	<20	700
Supporting a safe and effective corrections system	10.0	Justice; Skills and Employment; Housing	5–10	<20	3 000
Supporting a safe and effective Youth Justice system	17.5	Justice; Health; Wellbeing	<5	<20	500
Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre and initiatives to counter violent extremism	1.8	Justice	<5	<20	800
Sub-total for service delivery	702.2		310–425	300–600	375 000
Enabler funding					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Enabling equitable pathways reform	6.5				
<i>Department of Families, Fairness and Housing</i>					
Victorian Social Investment Model (VicSIM): enabling effective social policy and early intervention	5.4				
Sub-total for EIFF enablers	11.9				
Total funding ^(d)	714.1				

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Notes:

- Estimated economic benefits capture the direct impact on individuals rather than broader economic impacts (e.g. labour force participation, Commonwealth Government welfare expenditure and reduced cost incurred by individuals). Estimates generally exclude macroeconomic factors such as productivity and taxation deadweight loss, making economic benefits an underestimate of total economic impacts.
- Cohort numbers reflect the total number of people expected to directly benefit from the program over the next 10 years as these initiatives are funded ongoing.
- In addition to these key impact areas, these initiatives are expected to have longer-term economic benefits in skills and employment outcomes. Economic benefits do not include impacts beyond 10 years, which are important for these initiatives.
- One DJCS initiative in the Strengthening Women's Safety Package received \$4.8 million of EIFF funding in May 2024. This is expected to deliver up to \$5 million of avoided costs and up to \$20 million in economic benefits over the next 10 years. This initiative contributes to total EIFF investment of around \$3.5 billion since 2021-22, generating estimated benefits of \$3.8 billion.

STYLE CONVENTIONS

Figures in the tables and in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components reflect rounding. Percentage changes in all tables are based on the underlying unrounded amounts.

The notation used in the tables and charts is as follows:

n.a. or na	not available or not applicable
1 billion	1 000 million
1 basis point	0.01 per cent
..	zero, or rounded to zero
tbc	to be confirmed
ongoing	continuing output, program, project etc.
(x xxx.x)	negative amount
x xxx.0	rounded amount

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