

# 2026-27 Victorian State Budget

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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# Portfolio overview

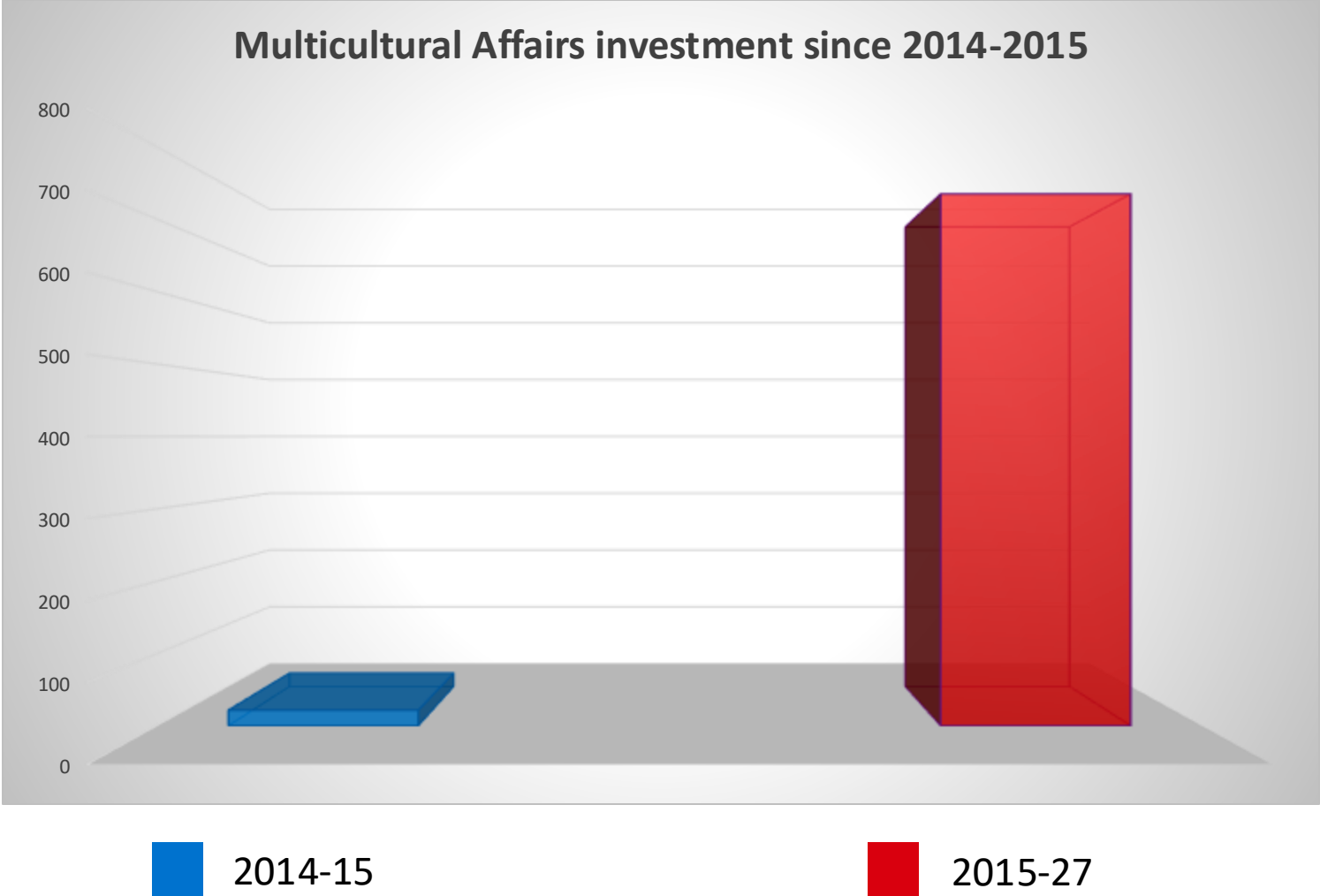
## Supporting Victoria's multicultural and multifaith communities by:

- addressing racism and religious vilification
- celebrating cultural diversity and traditions
- encouraging community connections through cultural spaces
- facilitating equitable access to support services
- supporting newly arrived communities
- working with communities to improve outcomes
- working with the Victorian Multicultural Commission
- fostering cultural safety and social cohesion



# Portfolio investment since 2014-15

Since coming to Government in 2014, we have invested more than **\$750 million** in the Multicultural communities, initiatives and infrastructure.



# Achievements in the last 12 months

- **\$8.2 million** for 31 multicultural community infrastructure projects, with more to be delivered.
- **\$2.4 million** in targeted supports for Victorians of African heritage.
- **\$5.99 million** to over 470 multicultural festivals and events.
- **\$1.7 million** to 850 multicultural seniors' organisations.
- **\$2.0 million** to deliver Victoria's first Anti-Racism Strategy.
- **\$2.24 million** to support regional multicultural organisations through the Regional Settlement Support Fund.
- **106 scholarships to bilingual Victorians** to study interpreting and translating.



# Multicultural Review



## Priority actions:

- establishing Multicultural Victoria
- developing a new four-year whole of government Multicultural Strategy led by the Premier
- introducing a new social cohesion values commitment for all funded organisations
- establishing a **\$5.0 million** Multicultural Capacity Building Program
- investing **\$925,000** in a Multicultural Museums Program
- recognising language services as essential for multicultural communities
- requiring all Cabinet submissions to include an impact statement on multicultural affairs

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- **\$5.3 million** for multicultural seniors' organisations to reduce isolation, promote social connections and enhance digital literacy
- **\$3.4million** to address the rise in racism and racial discrimination across Victoria
- **\$3.4 million** to maintain the Support for Asylum Seekers Initiative, delivering essential care to people who are ineligible for Commonwealth Government safety net supports, such as Medicare



**Thank you**

