

# 2026-27 State Budget Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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# Portfolio scope and responsibilities

The Special Minister of State portfolio leads the government's work in transparency, integrity, accountability and public administration across the Victorian public sector

## **Leading public sector administration advice and support**

- Provides advice and support on issues relevant to public sector administration, governance and workforce matters.
- Addresses matters of public sector professionalism and integrity.
- Guidance and support to the public sector provided through the Victorian Public Sector Commission (VPSC).

## **Supporting Victoria's integrity system**

- Supporting a holistic approach to Victoria's integrity system.
- Respecting the independent nature of agencies that are part of the system.
- Mindful of the relevant portfolio arrangements, oversight and jurisdictional responsibilities.

# Public sector workforce highlights (2025)

## Key highlights



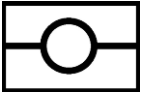
393,663 people employed in the public sector, including 58,169 people employed in the VPS



17.8 per cent of public sector respondents were born outside Australia



18.1 per cent of public sector respondents speak a language other than English



Estimated 1.41 per cent of public sector employees are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

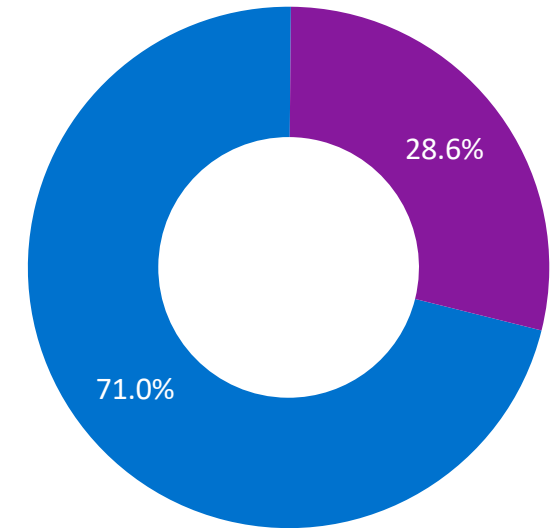


7.7 per cent of overall public sector workforce employees identify as a person with disability



Over half of executive roles are held by women

## Public sector staff by work location



■ Metropolitan ■ Rural and Regional

Source: [Employee work locations 2025 - VPSC](#)

Note: Location data does not add up to 100% as a small number of workers had invalid, missing or non-Victorian postcodes.

# 2026-27 Budget overview

The 2026-27 State Budget supports aspects of the Special Minister of State's portfolio, including through:

## **Public administration advice and support**

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's Public Administration Advice and Support output includes funding for the Victorian Public Sector Commission.

## **Public Sector and Local Government Integrity, Privacy and Information Protection**

The Department of Justice and Community Safety's outputs support integrity agencies and departmental support for the Special Minister of State portfolio.

## **Parliamentary appropriations**

The Department of Parliamentary Services' outputs provide funding for independent integrity agencies.

# The government remains committed to supporting the vital work of Victoria's integrity agencies

Supporting integrity education and prevention across the community and public sector

## Education and prevention highlights:

### **Victorian Ombudsman**

- updated Complaint Handling guide
- thematic Focus Areas

### **Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner (OVIC)**

- VPS-wide Privacy and Freedom of Information training
- AI guidance

### **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC)**

- new public sector risk profiles and 'integrity scenario' guidance
- online complaints dashboard

## Outreach highlights:

- Privacy Awareness Week
- Victorian Law Week
- Regional Outreach

**Thank you**