

2025-26 Victorian State Budget

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Portfolio overview

Supporting Victoria's multicultural and faith communities by:

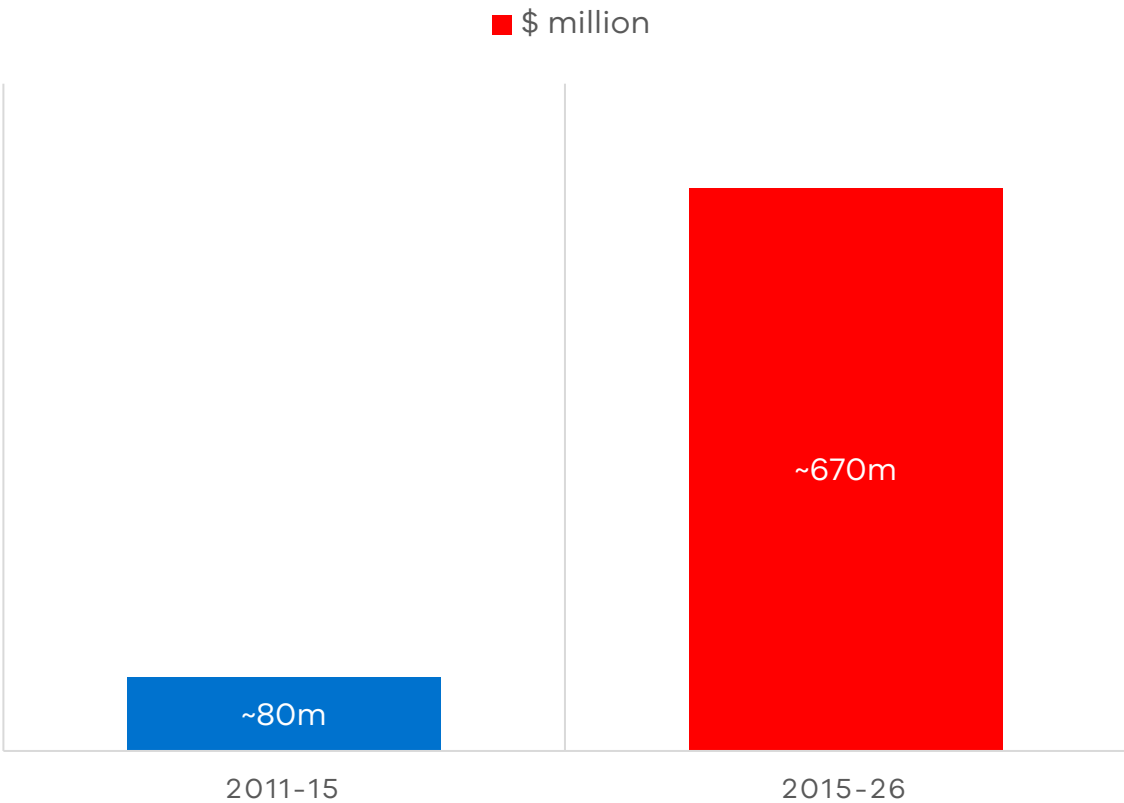
- celebrating cultural diversity and traditions
- encouraging community connections through cultural spaces
- facilitating equitable access to support services
- addressing racism and religious vilification
- supporting newly arrived communities
- working with communities to improve outcomes
- working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



Portfolio investment since 2014-15

Since 2015, more than **\$670 million** has been invested in the Multicultural Affairs portfolio.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS TOTAL
OUTPUT COST



Achievements in the last 12 months

In 2024-25 the Multicultural Affairs portfolio has:

- delivered **\$6.5 million** to fund over **500** multicultural festivals and events
- provided **\$8.5 million** for **41** multicultural community infrastructure projects, with more to be delivered
- invested **\$0.6 million** to **24** multicultural media organisations
- invested **\$7.3 million** to enable targeted supports for Victorians of African heritage
- invested **\$4.0 million** to deliver Victoria's first Anti-Racism Strategy



Funding for government election commitments

Work is underway to deliver \$69.7 million in funding for the 2022 election commitments including:

- **\$40 million** for improving community spaces and facilities
- **\$12 million** for community events and festivals
- **\$9.8 million** for the Victorian African Communities Action Plan; the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria; the Bachar Houli Foundation; and multicultural museums
- **\$6 million** for anti-vilification campaigns
- **\$1.5 million** for multicultural media organisations
- **\$0.5 million** to support the work of multicultural and multifaith organisations



The 2025-26 Victorian State Budget will deliver

- **\$5.6 million** to support multicultural communities to build or upgrade facilities, connect with culture, and foster positive community engagement
- **\$1.3 million** to deliver the Vietnamese Museum of Australia
- **\$7.6 million** to support migrant workers and international students in Victoria to be safe and secure in employment
- **\$3.6 million** to support settlement outcomes, including settlement support programs in regional Victoria and supported playgroups for newly arrived families
- **\$2.1 million** to support multicultural seniors in Victoria to reduce isolation by strengthening connections with community



Thank you

