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2011-12 PAEC Presentation

Hon. Wendy Lovell MLC, Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development



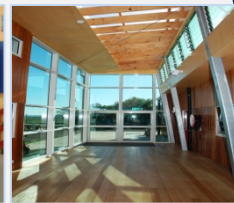
Portfolio responsibilities

Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development

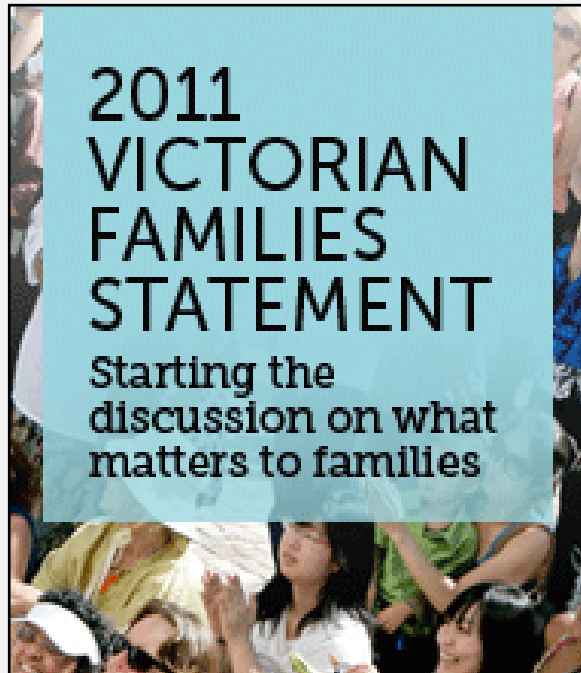
- Early childhood services (encompassing the maternal and child health service, licensing and regulation of children's services)
- Kindergartens
- The Children's Capital Grants program
- Kindergarten cluster management
- Children's policy and research
- Indigenous early childhood policy and services
- Early childhood intervention services



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Learning for life

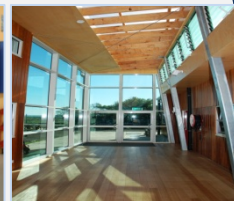


“We need to recognise Early Child Development as a genuine tier in the education system, and the fact that strong education programs in the early years can set a child on the right path for life.”

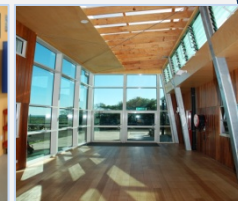
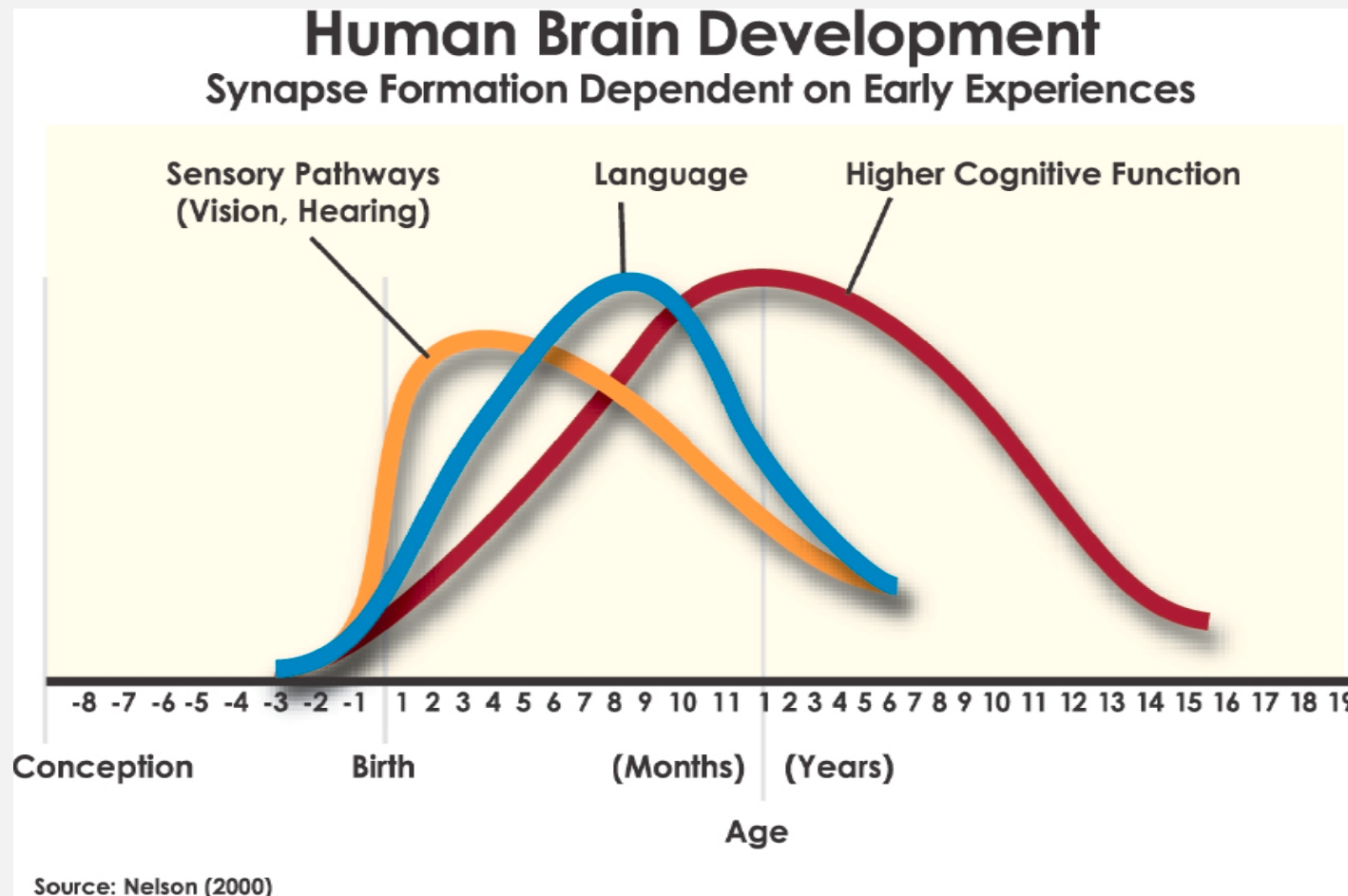
“In today’s world, having the right skills is increasingly important to securing and keeping a good job.”



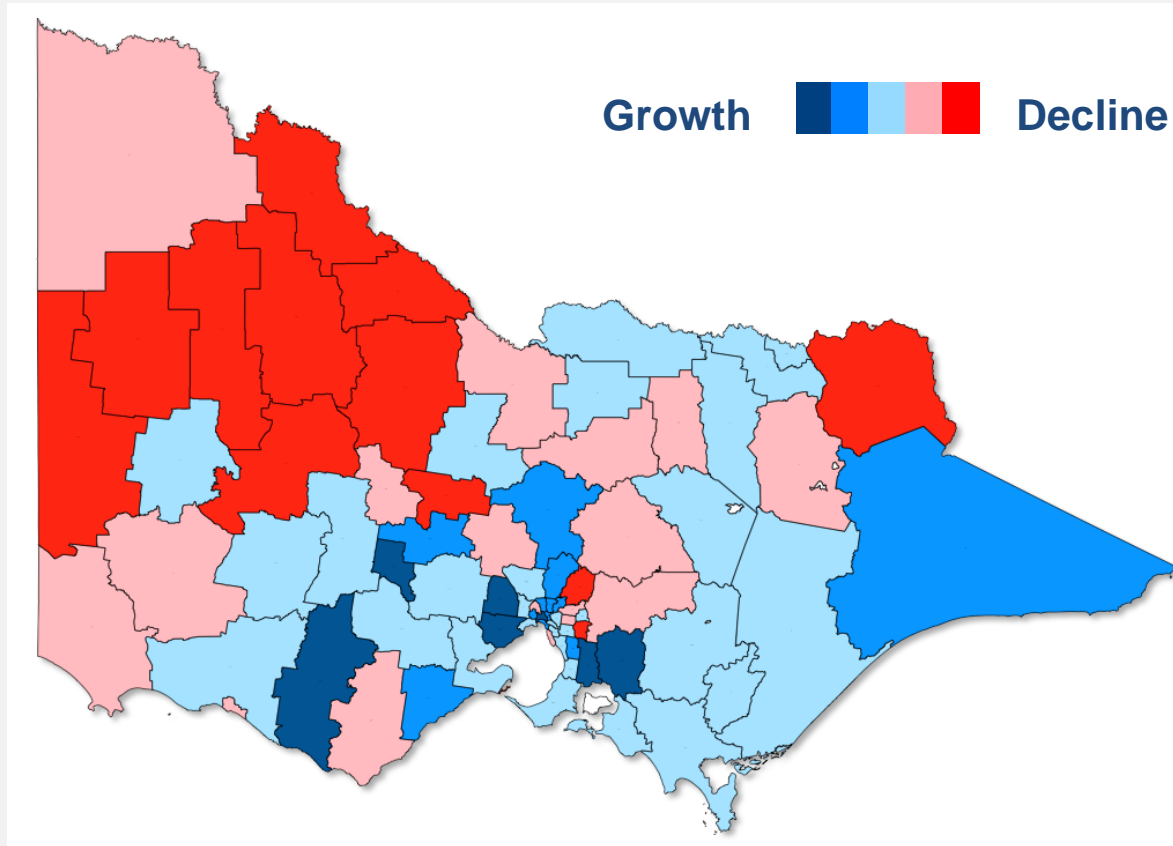
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Importance of early years services



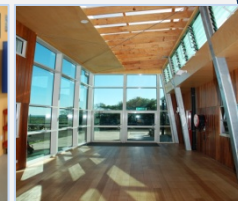
Increase in demand – birth notifications



**Percentage change in MCH birth notifications
between 2000/01 and 2009/10**



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Challenges

Implementing National Reform obligations

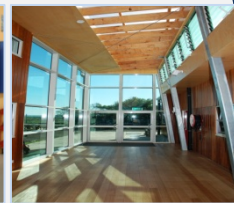
Workforce supply/shortages

Meeting needs of growth areas/corridors

Demand for early childhood intervention services



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National context

National Partnership on Early Childhood Education

- Provide every child with access to a preschool program for 15 hours a week in the year before school by 2013 .

National Partnership on Indigenous Early Childhood Development

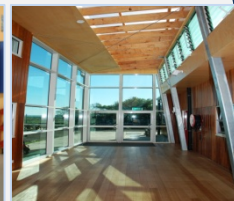
- Delivery of two Children and Family Centres in Victoria in Bairnsdale and Whittlesea.

National Partnership on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care

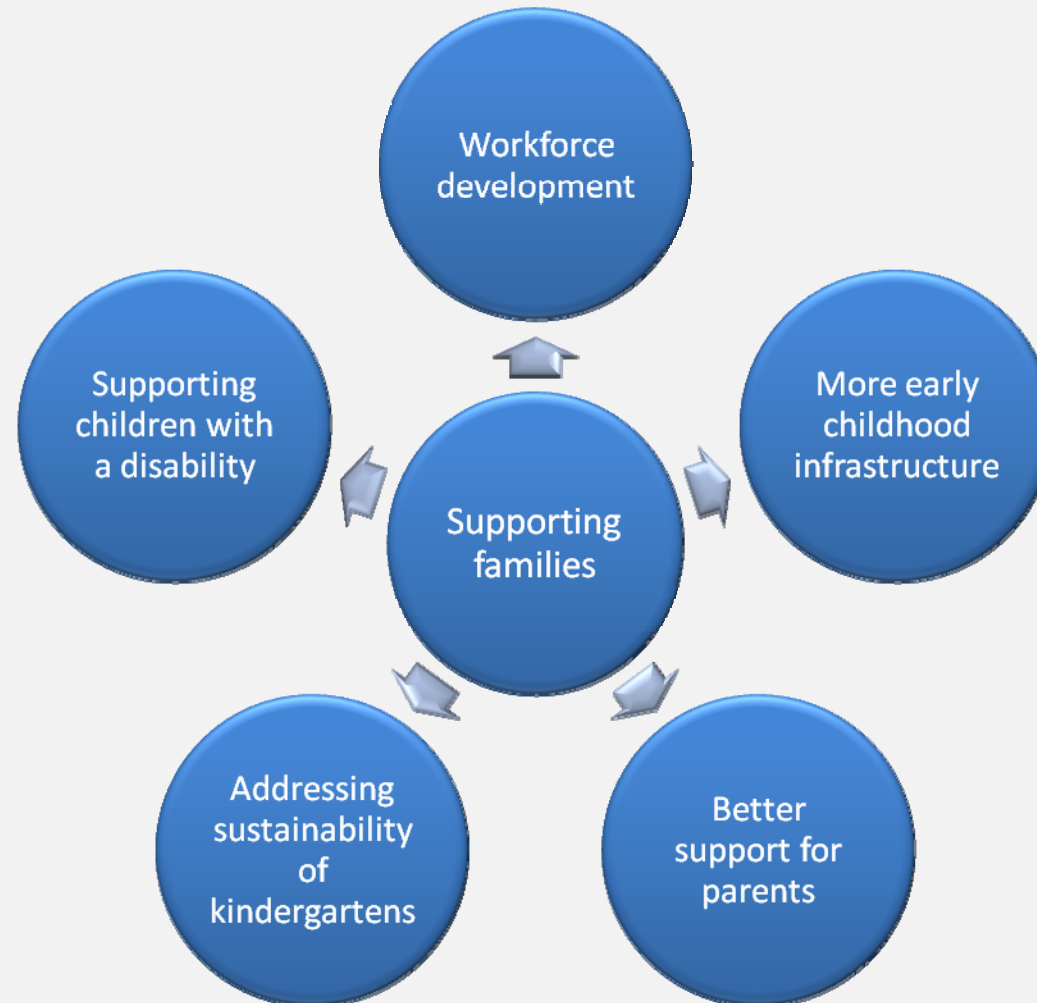
- Creation of a national quality framework from 1 January 2012 to replace State regulation and Commonwealth accreditation of children's services.



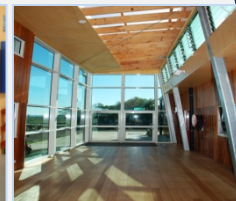
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Priority directions



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Total 2011-12 State Budget Investment

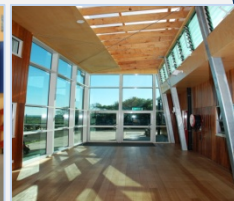
Output Initiatives

\$101.2 million

- \$94.9m Early Childhood Services
- \$6.3m Support for parents and children in the early years



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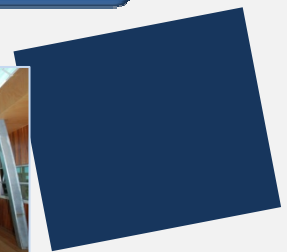
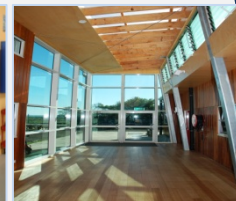
Securing Kindergarten funding



New kindergarten enrolment based funding model

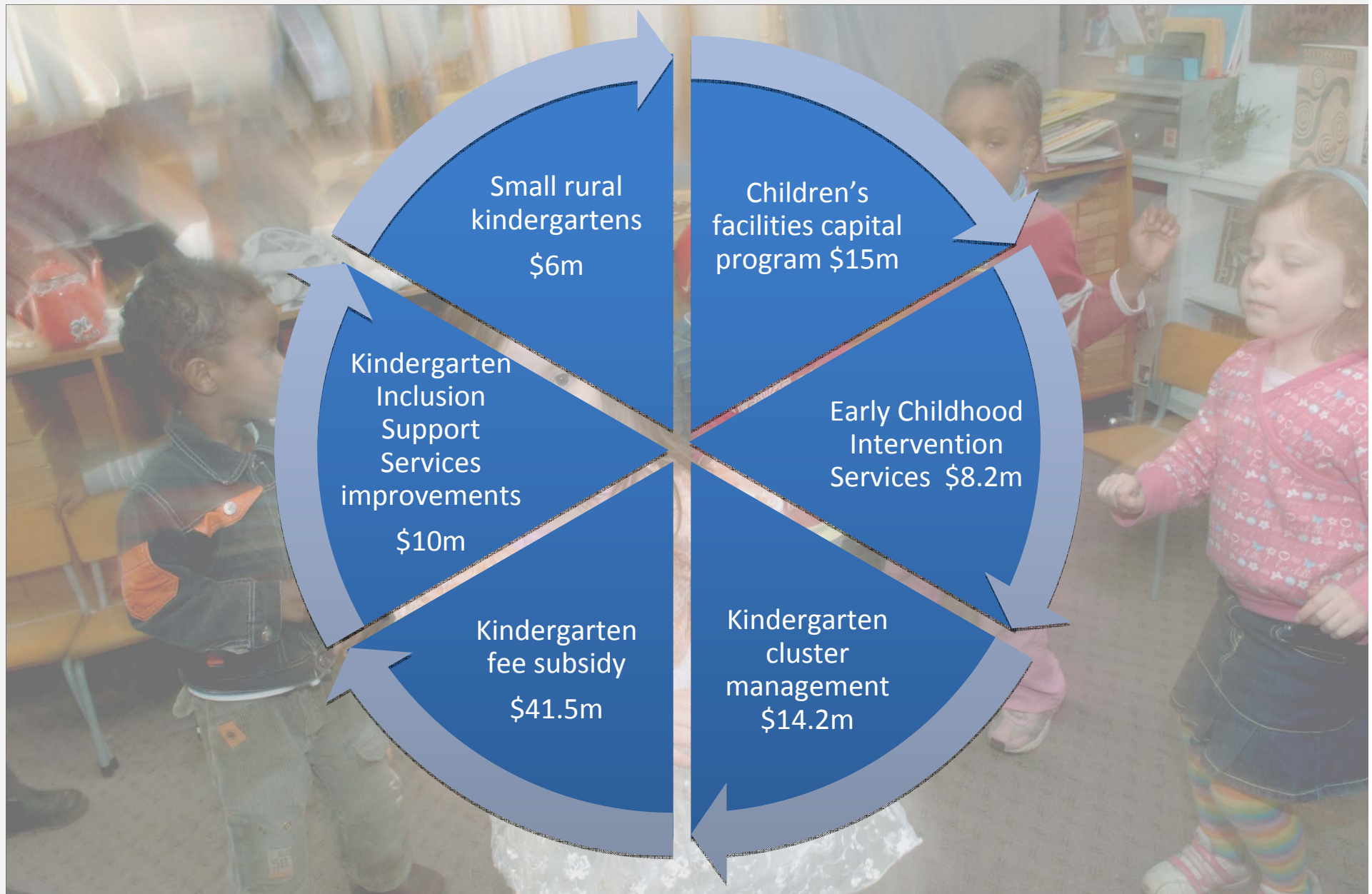


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\$94.9m

Improving early childhood services



\$6.3m

Support for Parents and Children in the Early Years

Assistance in dealing with children's behavioural and development challenges

Parenting Strategy
\$2m

Providing a Boost to Maternal and Child Health Services

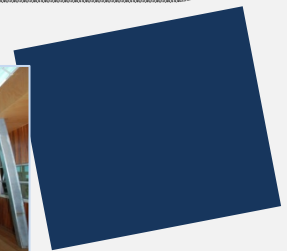
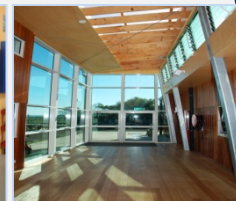
Funding boost for the Victorian Branch of Australian Breastfeeding Association \$0.35m

Maternal and child health line
\$3.7m

Maternal and child health nurses scholarship program \$0.18m



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Summary

Maintaining
quality service
delivery

**Total 2011-12 State Budget
Investment**

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million

Delivering on
Election
commitments

Responsible
Financial
Management



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