



2010 PAEC Hearing

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Whole of Victorian Government Commitment

Closing the Gap – August 2008

- life expectancy
 - 12 years for males, 10 years for females (ABS National figure)
- year 12 completions
 - 50.9% year 12 completions (non-Indigenous 80.9% completion)
- youth unemployment
 - 2.3 times the non-Indigenous unemployment rate

Whole of Government approach

- COAG aligned
- Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework (VIAF) – 5,10,15 year targets
- Ministerial Taskforce
- Indigenous Affairs Report



VIAF Early Outcomes

- Increasing kindergarten participation rates – free access for 3 & 4 year old Aboriginal children
 - 10% increase for 4 year olds in 2009
 - 130% increase for 3 year olds in first year of operation 2009
- Support for Indigenous students – Wannik Strategy
 - Two thirds now have a tailored Individual Learning Plan
 - Homework and Tutorial schemes implemented
- Decreased proportion of Indigenous adults remanded in custody.



2009-10 Highlights

- Stronger Indigenous 'Voice'
 - Premier's Aboriginal Advisory Council (PAAC) – 8 regional representatives
 - Over 1,200 Indigenous Victorians participate in the 38 Local Indigenous Networks (out of a population of 33,000)
- Stronger Governance of Indigenous Organisations
 - Governance Training Program
 - Leadership Network & CEO Forum
 - Accredited training for Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)



2009-10 Highlights

- Protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
 - Greater certainty for planning and development
 - 700 approved cultural heritage management plans since May 2007
 - Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council deciding Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)
 - RAPs appointed over 56% of Victoria (9 to date)
 - Cultural heritage training for Aboriginal participants
- Housing – Approximately 1,000 houses transferred by the Office of Housing to Aboriginal Housing Victoria



Budget Outcomes & Focus 2010-2011

- Improve cultural heritage management
 - \$3.55m over 4 years
- Infrastructure upgrades for key Indigenous Organisations
 - \$2m in 2011-12
- Support for Lake Tyers and Framlingham
 - \$1.03 over 4 years
- Continue Indigenous Leadership and Capacity Building
 - \$2.27m over 2 years
- Establish 8 Regional Indigenous Councils
- Support members of the stolen generations
- Strong economic pathways for Aboriginal Victorians
 - Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group
 - Report and Government response released in near future