

## Department of Justice Gaming

#### Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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The Hon Tony Robinson MP Minister for Gaming

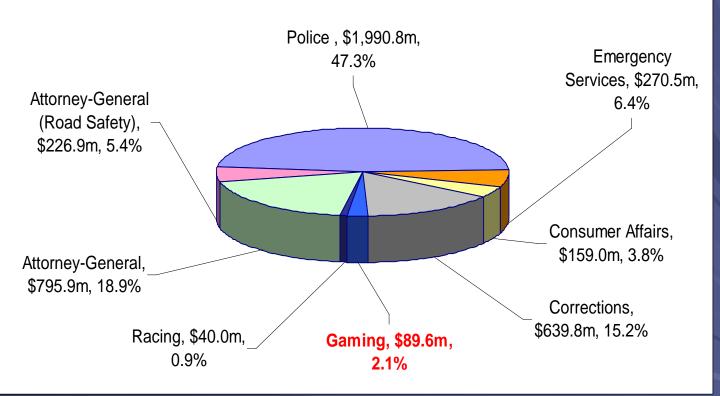


Introduction

Gaming budget
Key priorities
Major Achievements 2009-10
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# Justice Budget Breakdown





# **Key Priorities**

 Restructuring the gambling industry
 Combating problem gambling & minimising harm
 Ongoing modernisation of the regulatory environment



Major Achievements Restructuring the Gambling Industry

- Gambling Regulation Amendment (Licensing) Act 2009
- Pre-auction Club Offer
- Gaming Auction
- Keno licence 'invitation to apply' phase
- Wagering and Betting, and Monitoring Licences



Major Achievements Combating problem gambling

Taking Action on Problem Gambling – total funding \$132.3m

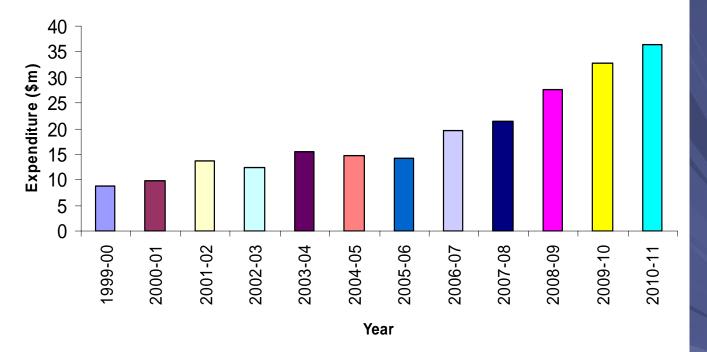
Community Awareness and Education Strategy - \$37.5m

Treatment services - \$79m



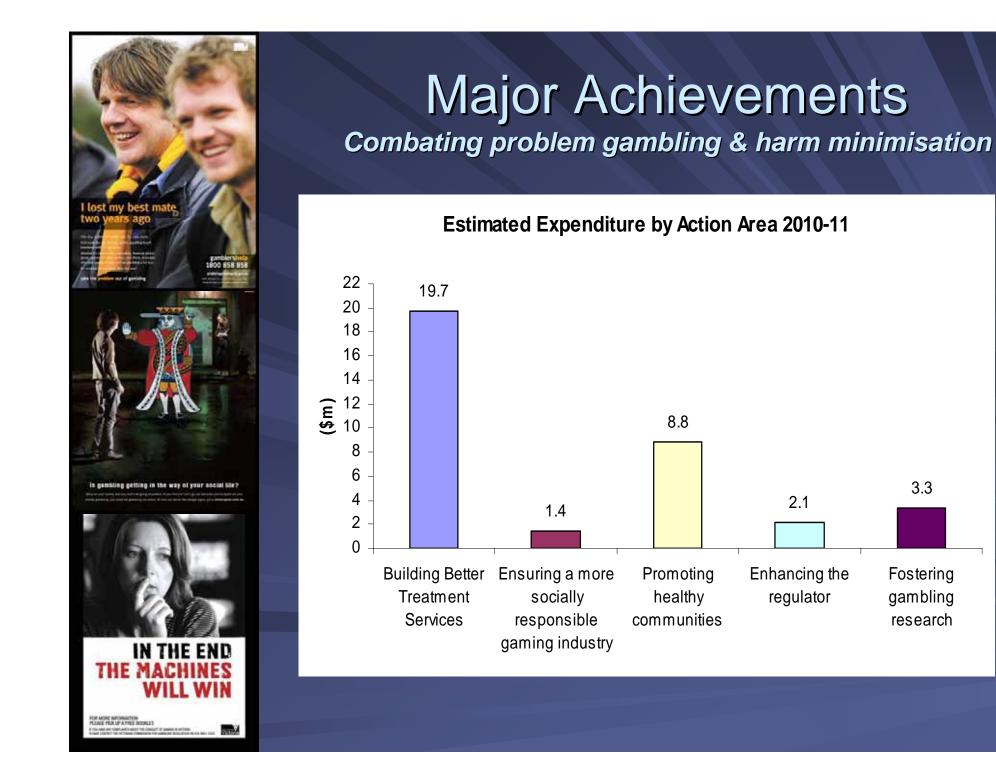
#### Major Achievements Combating problem gambling

Total Problem Gambling Program Expenditure 1999-00 to 2010-11



Note: 2009-10 to 2010-11 data is predicted expenditure based on commitments in Taking Action on Problem Gambling

Source: Department of Human Services and Department of Justice





Major Achievements Combating problem gambling

- Significant Others' and 'At-Risk' Campaigns
- National online counselling services
- Research: A Study of Gambling in Victoria
- Alfred Psychiatry and Bouverie Centre Partnerships – mental health needs of problem gamblers



## Major Achievements Harm Minimisation

- Strengthening ban on gaming machine advertising
- Power to ban a gambling product or practice
- Removal of ATMs
- Codes of Code / Self-exclusion programs
- Pre-commitment
  - Increased penalties for allowing a minor to gamble



Major Achievements Modernising the Gambling Regulatory Environment

- Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation
  - Ongoing licensing, investigation and compliance
  - Involvement in licence awarding processes for post 2012 licences
  - Fostering responsible gambling



## 2010-11 Priorities

Implementing the new gambling licensing arrangements Continuing the success of Taking action on problem gambling Implementing pre-commitment Increasing Gambler's Help service access and uptake Strengthening linkages between Gambler's Help and the mental health and drug and alcohol sectors



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