

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: NICK MCGOWAN

Question: On community crime prevention, I notice it has gone from \$12.9 million in 2024–25 to \$26.1 million as the revised envelope of funding down to \$15.7 million, so that is quite a significant reduction.

What was the \$13.2 million extra used for in the revised figure of \$26.1 million?

Reply:

The Community Crime Prevention output includes crime prevention initiatives that support communities in preventing crime and addressing local crime issues. The output includes activities that span and support both the Community Safety and Police portfolios.

Community Safety encompasses a broad range of work across Victoria, including work supported by police, courts and corrections.

Crime prevention and early intervention initiatives within this output include:

- Crime prevention initiatives
- Preventing youth crime through early intervention
- Early intervention to counter violent extremism
- Youth Referral and Independent Person Program (YRIPP)

The 2024-25 Revised Budget output cost includes several initiatives that received fixed term funding and once off Commonwealth funding during the financial year (post the 2024-25 Published Budget). Noting this funding does not continue into the 2025-26 financial year, there is a variance between the two financial years.

In addition to this, there has been a reduction in corporate costs allocated to this output, in line with this output's share of the department's overall budget for 2025-26.



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Question: Can you provide a list of the budgeted crime prevention programs that will be funded by this year's budget?

Reply:

In the 2025-26 Budget, the Government is continuing to support crime prevention initiatives including:

- Investment in Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch to empower Victorians to take an active role in preventing crime and enhancing community safety.
- Providing funding for the installation of approximately 100 new security cameras at key locations, to improve safety across the city of Melbourne.
- Continuing key early intervention responses to counter violent extremism within the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre and initiatives to counter violent extremism initiative, which includes support for:
 - the Northern Community Support Group, and
 - the Centre for Resilient Inclusive Studies.

In addition, the Youth Crime Prevention Program (YCPP) will operate programs in priority areas across Victoria to support young people and prevent youth offending. The 2023-24 Budget included funding to continue delivery of the YCPP to 30 June 2026.



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