Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Financial and Performance Outcomes, 2024-25

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DJSIR supports 9 Ministerial portfolios

Community Sport

Creative Industries

Industry and Advanced Manufacturing

Economic Growth and Jobs

Outdoor Recreation Regional Development

Small Business and Employment

Skills and TAFE

Tourism, Sport and Major Events

Who we are

- At the end of 2024-25, the department had 1,743 staff working across
 Metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria
- The department has 23 international trade and investment offices strategically located in Victoria's key export markets
- The department acts as the responsible department for 46 entities
- In 2024-25 DJSIR met or exceeded 77% of its 142 performance measures.

What we are here to do

In 24-25 DJSIR focused on growing Victoria's prosperity, building the productive capacity of our economy and increasing participation.

For Victoria, this meant:



Creating more opportunities for people through skills and jobs



Helping businesses and industries to thrive



Building vibrant communities and regions.

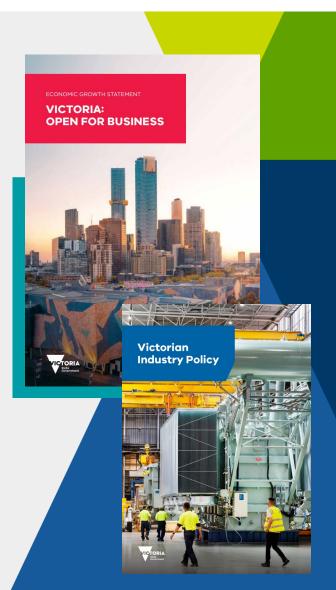
Our role in delivering the Economic Growth Statement

The Economic Growth Statement is a strategic roadmap to drive economic growth, boost investment, foster innovation, and ensure prosperity for all Victorians.

- The Economic Growth Statement was released in December 2024.
- The department is leading delivery of more than half of the statement's 40+ initiatives, including:
 - Boosting Victorian Exports Package
 - Investment Coordinator General
 - Investment Front Door
 - Future of Housing Construction Centre of Excellence

- Yes to International Students Fund
- Digital Jobs
- Destination Marketing
- Skills Solutions Partnerships

Building on the Statement, the Victorian Industry Policy was released in June 2025, providing a framework to drive competitiveness and productivity, build economic resilience, and seize emerging opportunities.



Economic Growth and Jobs

Industry and Advanced Manufacturing

The department worked closely with businesses to grow Victorian jobs by supporting international competitiveness, productivity and economic resilience:

- Stimulated the **creation of 3,054 jobs** and **capital expenditure of \$1,172 million** in the Victorian economy
- Secured 37 foreign direct investment projects expected to deliver 1,847 direct jobs and \$205 million in innovation expenditure
- Maintained Melbourne's ranking as Australia's best student city in the QS Best Student City
 Rankings 2025
- Opened Stage 1 of the \$170 million Hanwha Armoured Vehicle Centre of Excellence in August 2024 the company's first overseas production base
- Launched the **\$35 million** Children's Cancer CoLab to undertake collaborative research to tackle childhood cancer
- Secured the Australian and New Zealand headquarters of Firstsource, creating 400 jobs.



The department worked to drive economic development in the regions and foster vibrant, thriving, and inclusive regional communities:

- Progressed Round 1 of the Regional Worker Accommodation Fund supporting more than 20 projects
- capability program to upskill regional businesses
- Released an expression of interest for contractors to deliver the \$45 million Bendigo Art Gallery Redevelopment project

- Ongoing delivery of 32 projects under the \$676 million Geelong City Deal
- Oversaw the delivery of 8 Albury
 Wodonga Regional Projects
- Enabled Latrobe Magnesium in Gippsland to deliver a first stage magnesium production facility in the Latrobe Valley
- Supported the expansion of businesses in the Grampians, including CE Bartlett (defence) and J.G King (window joinery)

Tourism, Sport and Major Events Creative Industries

The department championed and supported the state's vibrant and resilient tourism and events sectors, and the creative industries for the benefit of Victorians:

- Reached a record tourism spend across Victoria of \$43.7 billion
- Supported 61 new and improved tourism infrastructure projects in regional Victoria through the \$8 million Enabling Tourism Fund 2024 and the \$62 million Regional Tourism Investment Fund
- Launched the \$3.6 million First Peoples Tourism Industry Strengthening Program
- Recorded over 11.6 million attendances at cultural institutions
- Supported 144 live music venues through the first round of 10,000 Gigs: The Victorian Gig
 Fund
- Invested in the VICSCREEN strategy, which created over
 8,100 local jobs and generated \$502 million in direct expenditure.





Our achievements 2024-25

Skills and TAFE

Small Business and Employment

The department worked to give Victorians access to the skills they need today and into the future, and supported small businesses to start and grow:

- Saved 47,000+ students more than \$166 million in fees through Free TAFE in 2024
- Secured \$139 million in Commonwealth funding through the National Skills
 Agreement
- Delivered the Victorian Skills Plan for 2024 into 2025
- Celebrated 15 years of the Small Business Bus
- Established employment '**Thrive Hubs**' in Broadmeadows and Frankston in partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence.
- Delivered **86 grants** to Aboriginal businesses servicing regional Victoria under the **Aboriginal Business Investment Program**

Community Sport Outdoor Recreation

The department worked to create positive experiences by coordinating outdoor recreation functions, and enabling Victorians to be more active and participate in sport and recreation:

• Distributed more than 41,000 vouchers through the Get Active Kids Voucher Program, supporting families with the cost of children's sport

Provided \$129 million towards 152 community sport infrastructure projects

 Provided more than 913 grants totalling over \$1.3 million through Sporting Club Grants and Aboriginal Sport Participation Grants

 Helped remove barriers for people with disabilities to get involved in sport and recreation through the \$40 million All Abilities Sport Fund

Progressed commitments in the Government Response to the Select
 Committee into Victoria's Recreational Gamebird Hunting Arrangements

 Delivered the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024, to improve hunting practices and strengthen environmental and wildlife protections.

