



# 2006 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Presentation

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# Office of Women's Policy: Role

## Add Value to **Government:**

- Provide *leadership, advice, advocacy & expertise on women* to Government and the community
- Collect *evidence based research* to influence policy development that meets and reflects the needs of the diverse women of Victoria
- Build *relationships, influence and maintain partnerships* with key stakeholders internal and external to Government

## Add Value to **Women:**

- Act *as a conduit* to give women a voice in government
- Recognize and *promote the experiences and achievements* of women

# Office of Women's Policy: Priority Areas

*Leading with Victoria's Women 2004-07*

- 1. Representation and Equity**
- 2. Education, Work & Economic Independence**
- 3. Justice & Safety**
- 4. Health, Wellbeing & Community Strengthening**

# Office of Women's Policy : Key Achievements 2005-06

## 1. Representation & Equity

- Achieved 41% representation by women on Government boards & committees (as at June 2005)
  - Expanded the Diversity Register to include CALD, Indigenous, Young, and Disability
- Added 24 women to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women (356 inducted since 2001).
- Awarded 32 Women's Community Leadership Grants (in 2005) with extra emphasis on disadvantaged LGA's (total of 87 grants since 2002)

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## 2. Education, Work & Economic Independence

- Held sixth Premier's Annual Women's Summit 2005 – *Ageing with Financial Security*
- Created *Making Superannuation Work for You* – a woman's practical guide and translated into 10 languages.
- Conducted *20 Financial Literacy Workshops* attended by 460+ women across Victoria.
- Released research *Paving the Way for Older Women in the Workforce 2025* identifying how women can engage and re-engage with the workforce.

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## 3. Justice & Safety

- \$35.1 mill funding for the *Integrated Family Violence Strategy*
- Implemented *Respectful Behaviours : People in Sport* training to 16 AFL clubs to 690 participants including players and club officials. 25% agreed to act as mentors.
- Released *Safe At Work?* groundbreaking research violence against women in the workplace: 62% of women experienced workplace violence in last 5 years.
- Continued government and non-government engagement towards women's safety with 3 *Statewide Steering Committees.*

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## 4. Health, Wellbeing & Community Strengthening

- Hosted the fourth Women's Health & Wellbeing Forum to contribute to next Women's Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- Held 10 Women's Roundtable events throughout Victoria, as part of the Government's Community Cabinet
- Developed \$300k service agreement with Queen Victoria Women's Centre with key performance indicators.
  - \$700k capital funds; \$300k maintenance funds
  - established the InfoHub – connecting with women across Victoria
  - achieved full tenancy

# Office of Women's Policy Priorities for 2005-06

## **New strategic directions**

- New Vision for Women - beyond 2007
- Next Women's Safety Strategy
- Next Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Centenary of Women's Suffrage Planning for 2008