

Public Accounts & Estimates Committee

2007-08 Budget Estimates Hearing

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Technology**

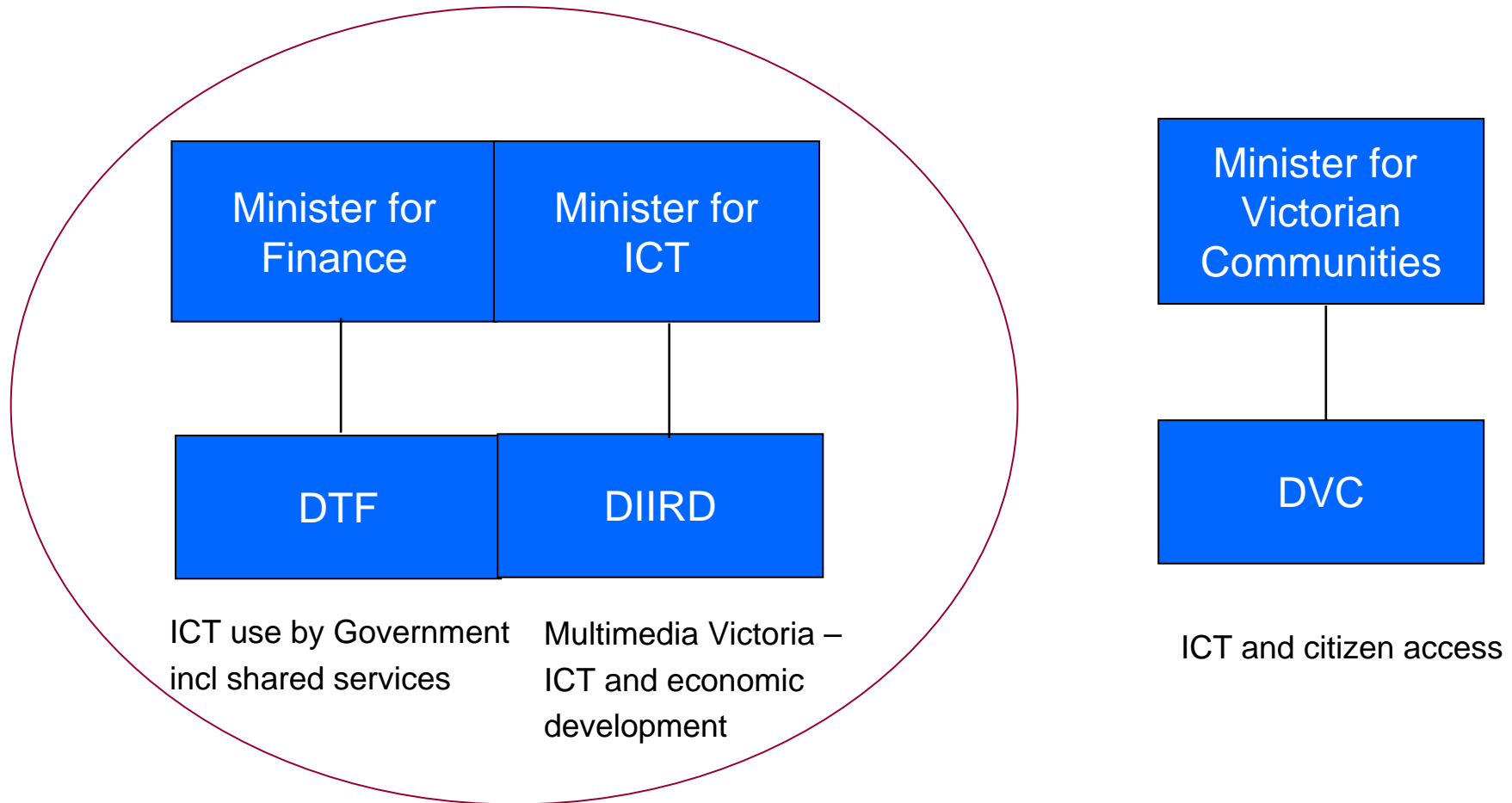
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Machinery of Government Changes

- Reflects integration of ICT into mainstream agendas



Key Achievements in 2006/2007

- **Solid ICT sector growth**

- Industry growth
- Investment attraction program
- Export facilitation program

- **ICT Skills**

- Enrolments
- Start Here: Go anywhere campaign
- ICT Scholarships

- **Broadband Framework deliverables**

- Broadband Innovation Fund
- Fibre to the Home
- Advocacy to the Commonwealth – positioning Victoria for the Connect Australia package

Key Priorities for 2007/2008

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- ICT Skills
- Investment and Exports
- Next Generation Networks (NGNs) infrastructure and advanced use

Responses

- ICT Skills scholarships package, *Grow Start Here: Go Anywhere* campaign
- Investment Attraction Program, ICT Trade Events and Export Assistance Program
- Secure and implement Connect Australia projects in Victoria
- Work with all levels of Govt to develop a strategic framework for deployment and use of NGNs

BreastScreen Victoria Project

BreastScreen Victoria (BSV) aims to reduce deaths from breast cancer through early detection.

The **Rural Broadband Digital Mammography Project (RBDMP)** uses digital technology and broadband to connect the mobile screening service to the regional assessment centre.

BSV received \$1.9 million from the Victorian State Government towards this project.

This project has delivered many benefits to women in regional Victoria.

Following the success of this project the State is providing \$10 million to roll out digital breast screening services across Victoria.

