

The Hon

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Public Accounts & Estimates Committee

**2007- 08 Budget Estimates
Hearing**

**Minister for State & Industry Development
Minister for Small Business**

Integration of New Responsibilities for DIIRD

- Significant changes for DIIRD following the 2006 Election
 - Responsibility for skills, the ICT sector, film and TV and major events have been added to DIIRD
 - ETIS has moved to the energy portfolio
- Some new Ministerial portfolios to reflect revised focus
 - Industry and State Development
 - Skills, Educational Services and Employment
 - Information and Communication Technology
- And some continuing ones
 - Innovation
 - Regional and Rural Development
 - Small Business
 - Tourism
 - Industrial Relations

What Does This Mean?

- DIIRD is now clearly responsible for the broad economic development agenda
- Increased focus on whole economy, global supply chains and critical capabilities
 - including skills and ICT
- Total budget for DIIRD has increased from \$276.9m in 2006-07 to \$2205.5m in 2007-08

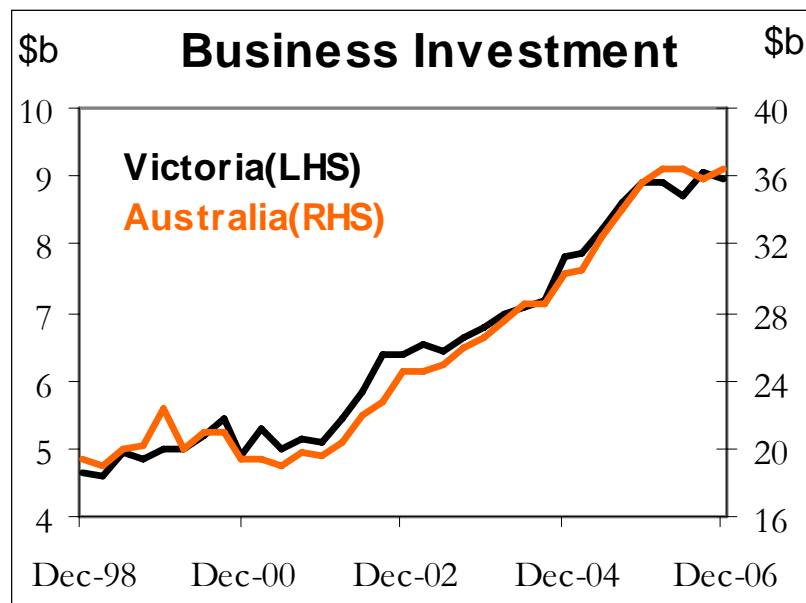
Priorities

- Industry and State Development portfolio
 - Continue strong performance in Investment Attraction and Facilitation
 - Grow Exports
 - Deliver Victorian Manufacturing Statement
 - Implement the Defence Industry Roadmap
 - Build international connections
- Small Business portfolio
 - World Class Service initiative
 - Regulatory burden reduction
 - *My Business, My People* skills initiative



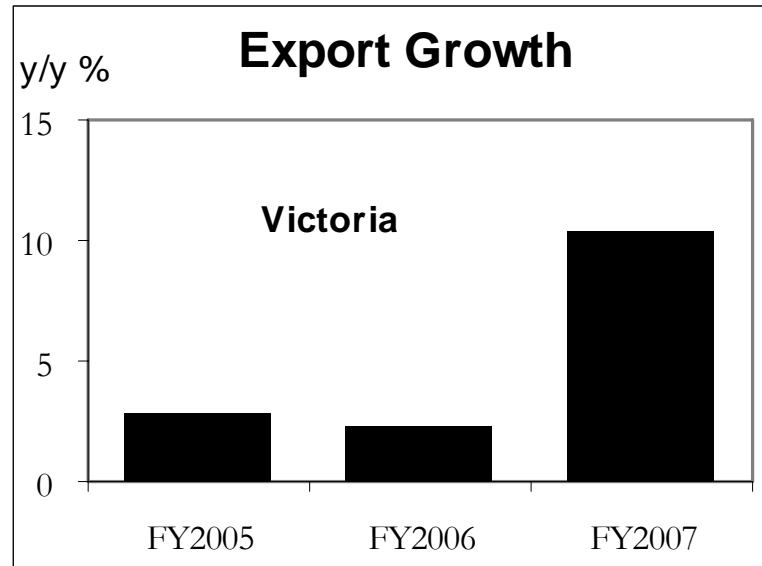
Achievements 2006-07

- Strong business investment



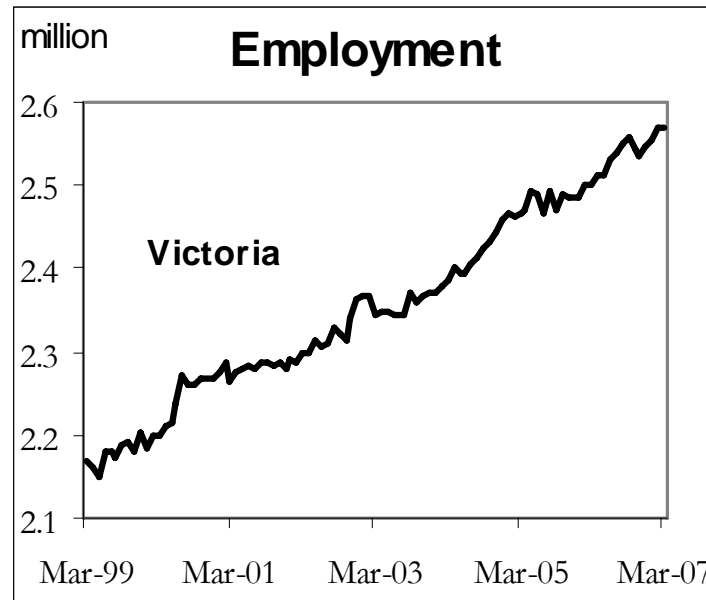
Achievements 2006-07

- Strong export outcomes



Achievements 2006-07

- Strong employment growth and low unemployment
- Victoria's record high employment has risen 183,600 in the past three years
- Victoria's unemployment rate is 4.9 %



Investment Attraction & Facilitation

- Another strong performance on investment attraction and facilitation
- \$2.0 billion of investment is expected to be facilitated in 2006-07
 - Exceeding the target of \$1.6 billion
- 5,000 jobs are estimated to be associated with these investments
 - Meeting the target

New Initiatives

- Industry and State Development
 - \$9.9m to expand *Opening Doors to Export*
 - \$5.4m for the ICN to encourage import replacement
 - \$2.1m to create *Tiger Teams* and a new *Victorians Abroad* program
 - \$8.1 m to boost the *Strategic Industry Development* program
- Small Business
 - \$9.3m for the Small Business Commissioner