



Presentation to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Multicultural Affairs Portfolio

The Hon Steve Bracks MP
Premier and Minister for Multicultural Affairs
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Achievements in 2006-07

- Multicultural and Multifaith Harmony
- Language Services Strategy
- Refugee Brokerage Program
- Victorian Multicultural Community Grants
- Merger of the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs (VOMA) into the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)



New Budget Initiatives

Three major cultural precincts to be refurbished: Lygon, Lonsdale and Little Burke Streets

- \$8m investment to restore key lane ways, undertake street beautification and boost resources to communities to showcase their cultural heritage.

Increased funding to the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)

- Increase of core funding from \$180,000 to \$250,000 per annum.

Establish DW Hope Multicultural Centre in Norlane, Geelong

- Up to \$1m in matched funding



New Budget Initiatives (cont.)

Increased funding to VMC's Community Grants Program

- Additional funding of \$4 million over 4 years.

Increased funding for Community Harmony Initiatives

- Additional funding of \$2m over 2 years.

