

# Police & Emergency Services

**Keeping homes, streets and  
neighbourhoods safe**

**Bob Cameron, MP**

Minister for Police & Emergency Services

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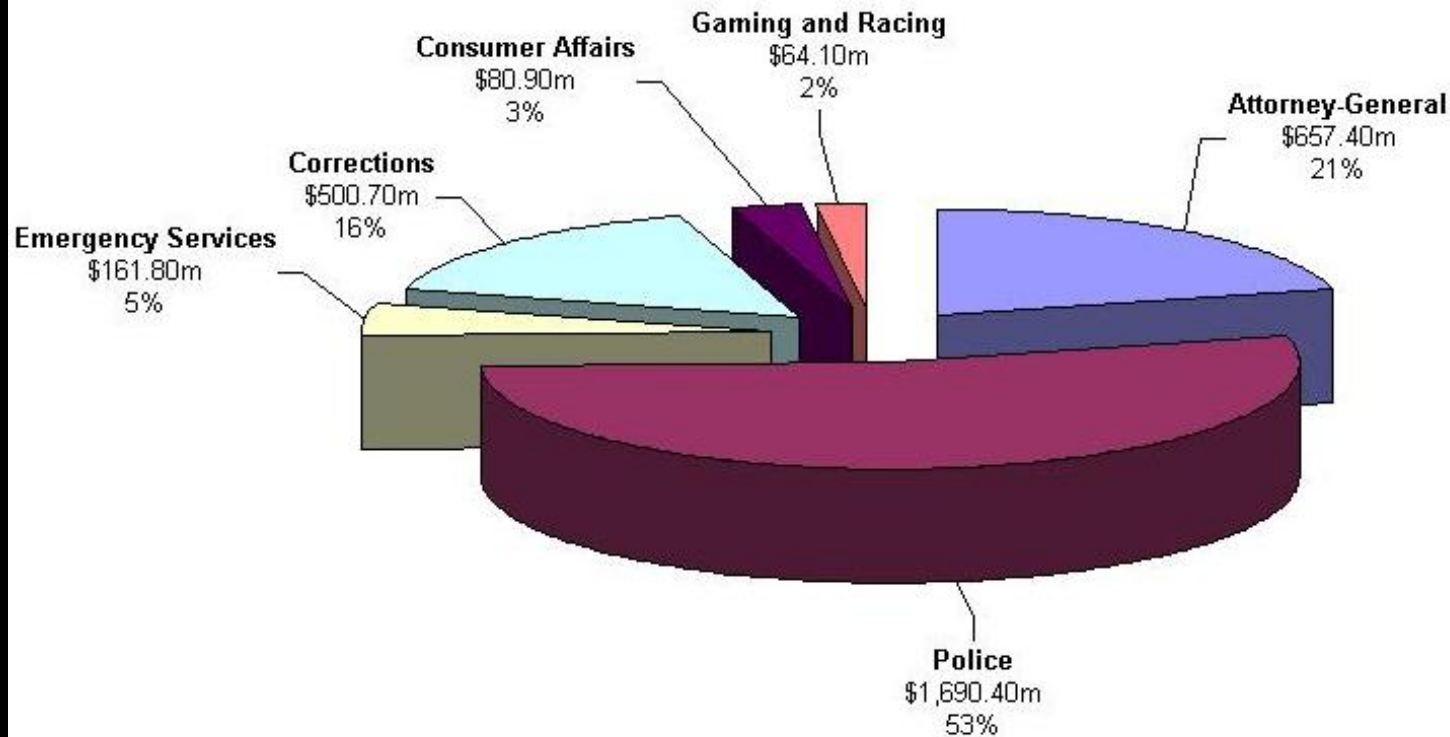
# Justice 2007-08 Budget

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## JUSTICE BUDGET

Share of \$3,155.30 million budget



# POLICE BUDGET

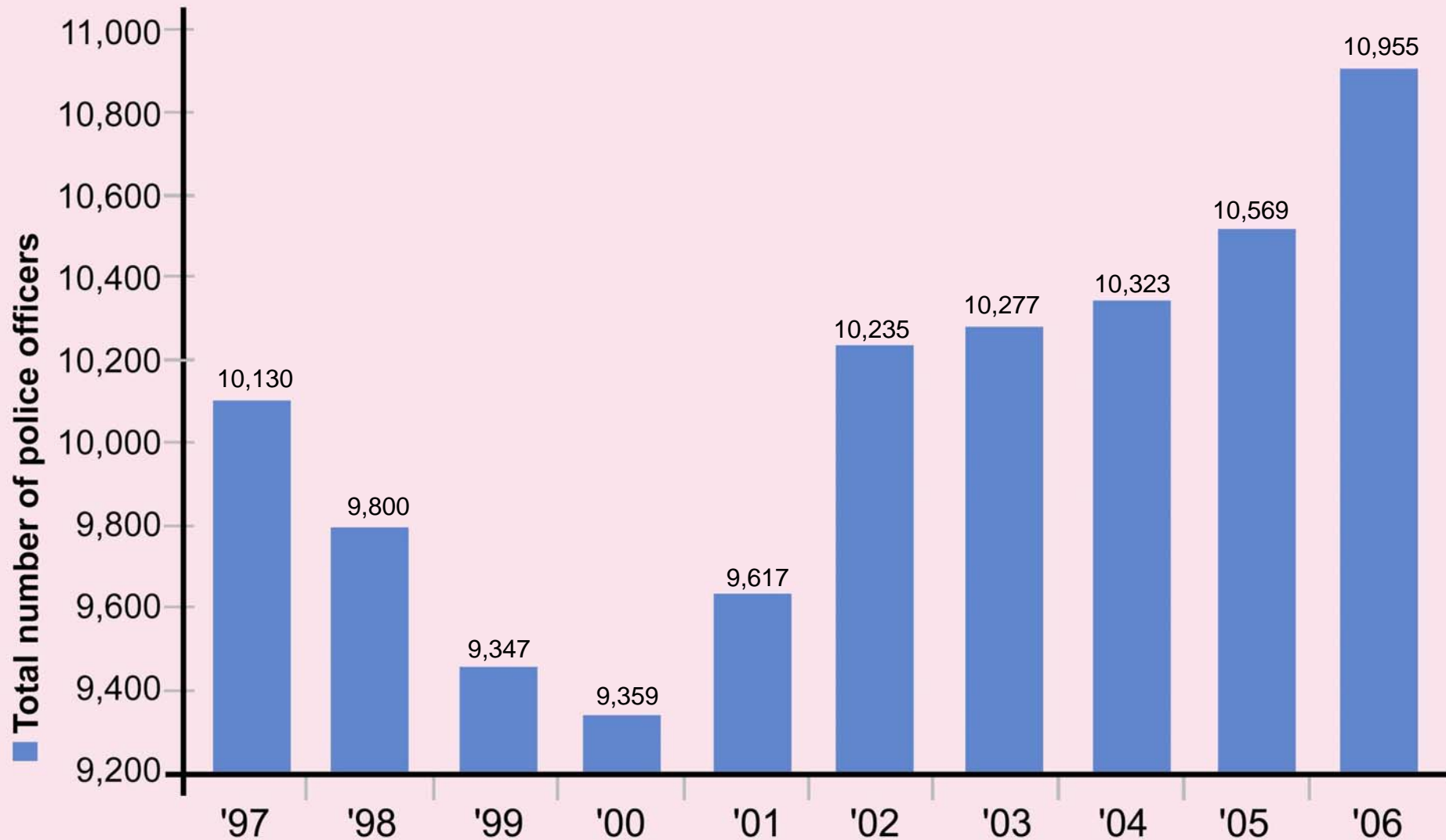
Police Budget: 2000/01 to 2007/08



Source: Victoria Police Recorded offences and Victoria Police Annual Reports 96/97-03/04

# POLICE NUMBERS

Number of Victoria Police officers (FTE) 1996/97 to 2005/06

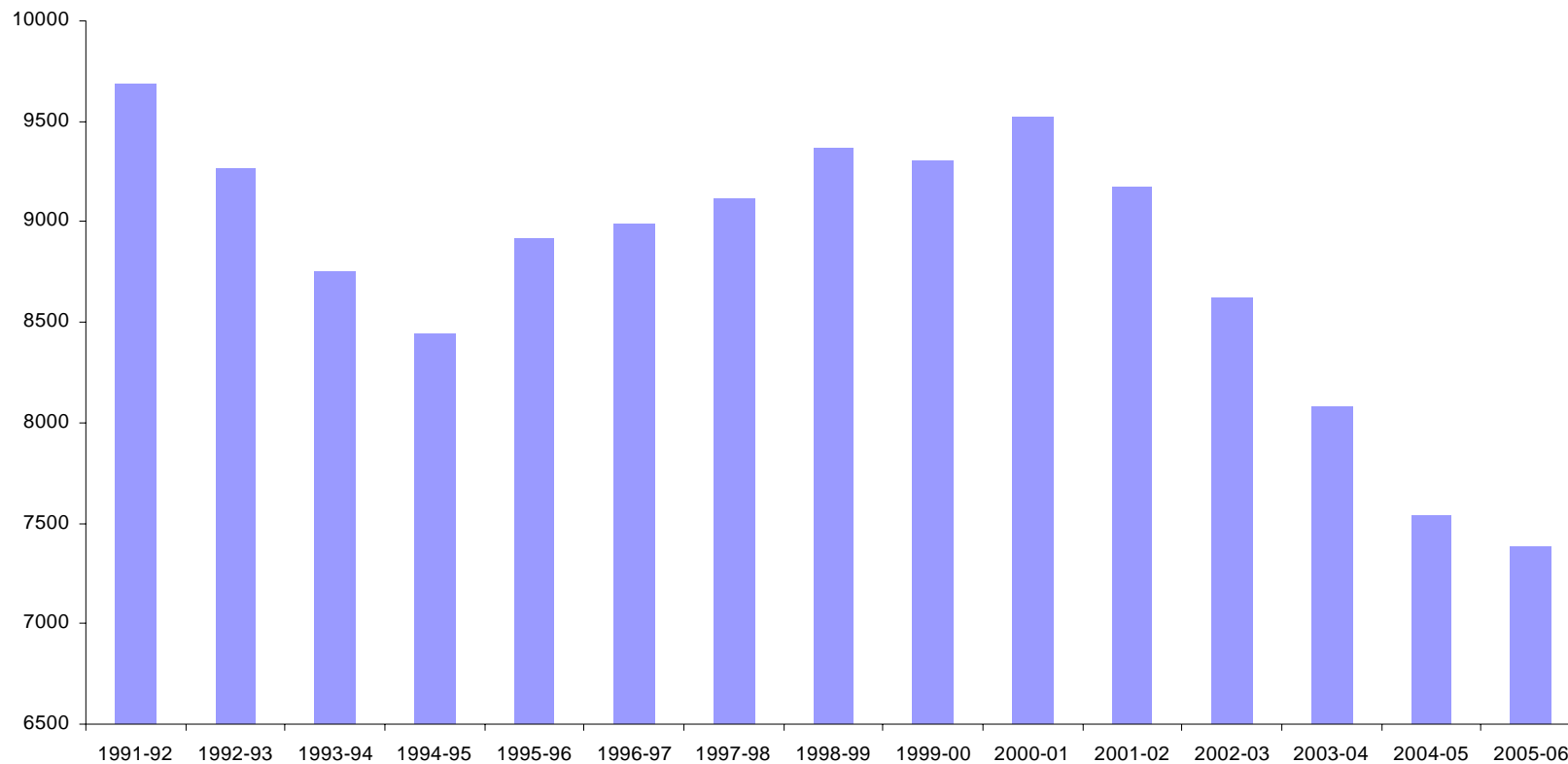


# VICTORIAN CRIME RATE

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## Crime Rate (per 100,000 population)



# More resources for police

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- **Biggest police budget in history**
  - Total of \$1.64 billion for 07/08
  - Up by 55.4 per cent from 1999/00
- **\$87m over 4 years :**
  - 350 new police
  - 25 specialist crime fighters
- **\$8.8m for**
  - 25 forensic investigators
  - Additional equipment
- **\$86m for eight new police stations**



# More resources for police

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- **\$14m to provide police with improved weapons and equipment**
- **\$8m for Crime Department**
  - Improved interview rooms
  - Upgrade of accommodation
- **\$10m over 3 years to**
  - Increase police fleet by 100
- **Facial Recognition technology**
- **Laptops for police**

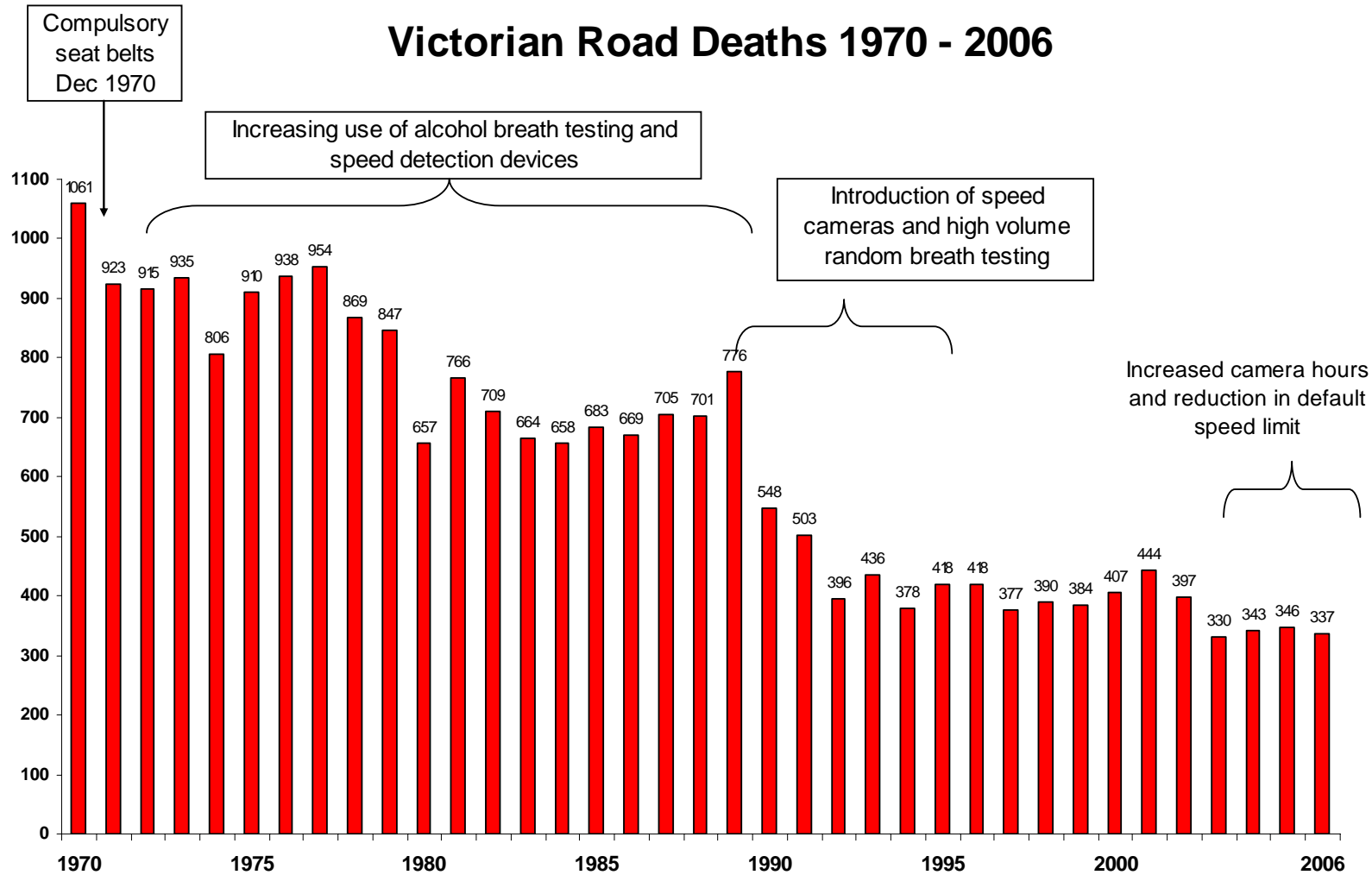


# Driving down the road toll

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## Victorian Road Deaths 1970 - 2006





# Emergency Services 2005 - 06

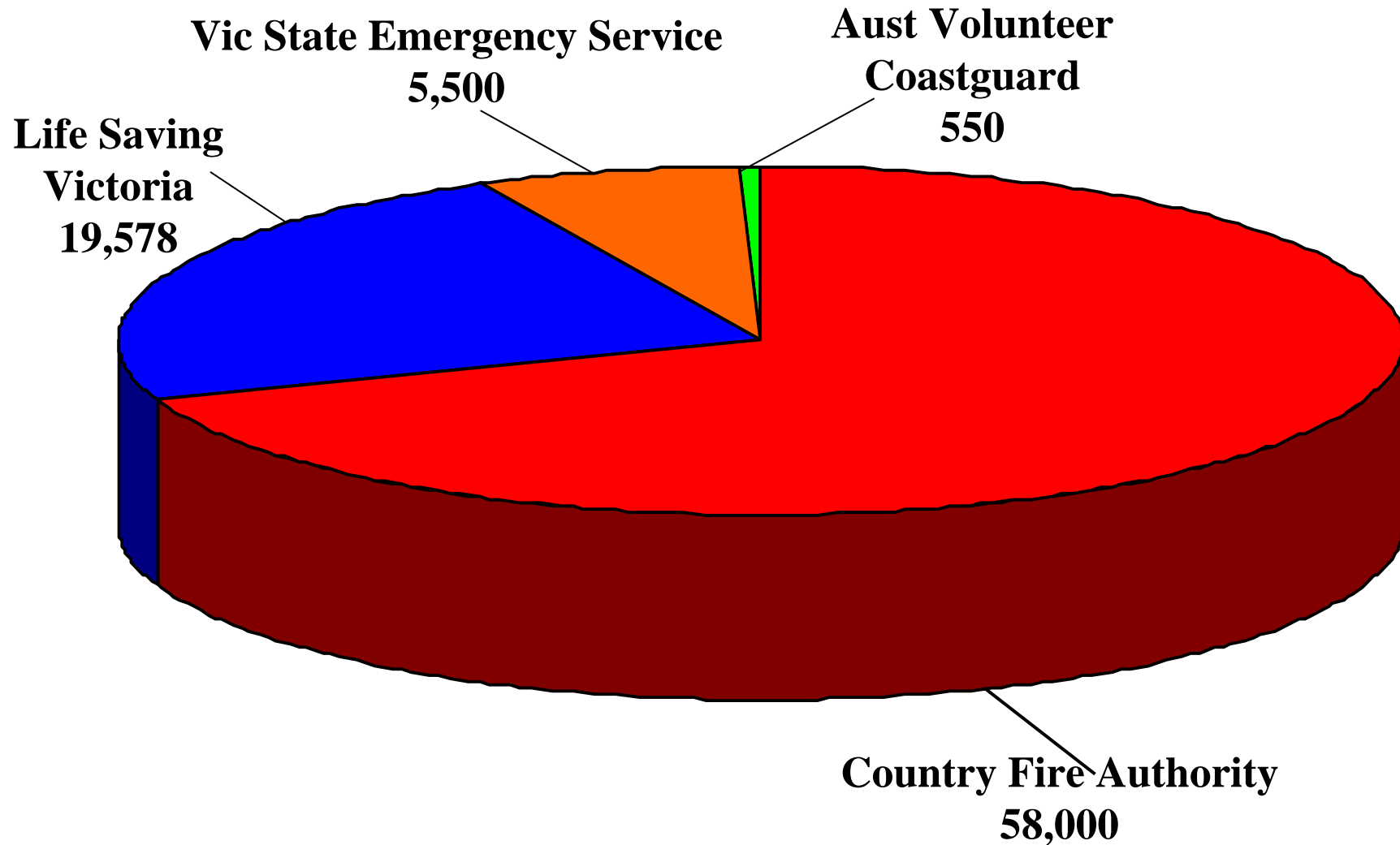


- **Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority**
  - Handled around 1.5million calls for help
- **Metropolitan Fire Brigade**
  - More than 33,000 fires and rescues
- **Country Fire Authority**
  - Handled 33,325 incidents
- **Victoria State Emergency Service**
  - Over 10,000emergencies and calls for help
- **Life Saving Victoria**
  - 1,185 water rescues



# Emergency Services Volunteers 2006-07

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# Emergency Services Support



- **Community Safety and Emergency Support Program**  
– continued support
- **Structural Fire fighters Personal Protective Equipment**
- **New and upgraded fire stations for CFA and MFESB**
- **Valuing Volunteer Emergency Service Workers Program**



# Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES)



- **5,500 Volunteers; 88 Staff**
- **Enacted as a Statutory Authority in November 2005 with new Act, CEO and 7-member Board**
- **The 2007-08 Budget provides VICSES with:**
  - \$37m for :
    - increased operational costs
    - new information technology systems and broadband access for units
    - Training and equipment.
  - \$8M for new and improved Units
  - \$4M for equipment including trucks trailers and 4WDs.



# Bushfires – 2006-07

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- Over 1,000 fires
- 1,192,934 hectares burnt
- Over 19,000 personnel

Per day:

- Over 4,000 personnel
- 60 Tankers
- 180 Bulldozers
- 60 Aircraft

# Conclusion



- **Police**
  - Modern Professional force for the future
  - New directions in policing
  
- **Emergency Services**
  - Interagency Co-operation
  - Interoperability