



2007 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Presentation

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Government Key Achievements 2000-07

Key achievements within the four key themes of the women's portfolio:

Representation & Equity

- Achieved target of 40% women on government boards and committees (up from 31% in 1999).
- Increased women Chairs from 12% to 28% (at 2005-06).

Education, Work & Economic Independence

- 386 Victorian women inducted onto the Honour Roll, valuing women's contributions in science, health, sport, acting, politics, social justice and community service.
- 500 women attended Women & Money: Workshops for a Financially Fit Future - 77% took action towards financial planning.

Justice & Safety

- Launch of the landmark Women's Safety Strategy 2002-07 – whole of government commitment of 60 initiatives to reduce level and fear of violence against women.
 - \$35.1 million to develop an integrated response to family violence - linking police and legal response with increased services and support to victims.
 - \$34.2 million to strengthen and improve the system response to sexual assault

Health, Wellbeing & Community Strengthening

- Launch of two whole of government Women's Health & Well Being Strategies (2002 & 2006).

Government Key Achievements 2006-07

- Continued implementation of the New Approach to Family Violence including Risk Assessment Framework and Family Violence Partnerships in 9 regions
- Met target of 40% representation by women on government boards & committees
- Increased participation of women and women's organisations in the Queen Victoria Women's Centre from 3,000 in 2005-06 to more than 17,000 in 2006-07
- Held 7th Premier's Annual Women's Summit 2006 Respecting Diversity: Harmony in Practice and allocated \$250,000 in grants for women-led community harmony projects
- Conducted the first dedicated Yarnin' Up consultations with Victorian Indigenous Women in 3 regional locations
- Added 30 women to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women (386 inducted since 2001)

Government Priorities for 2007-08

- New Women's Policy Framework 2008-2011
- Women's Safety Strategy Evaluation
- Safer Families Training Program
- Women's Financial Literacy Training
- Centenary of Women's Suffrage Celebrations for 2008