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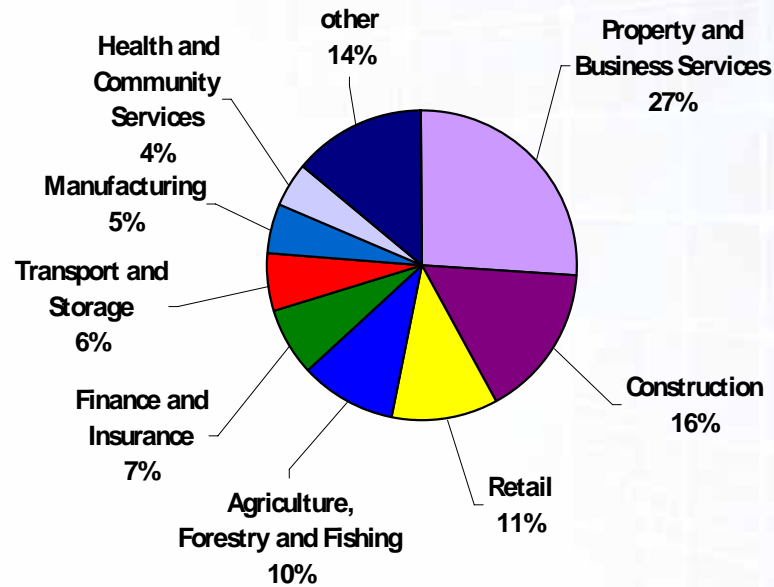
The Hon. Joe Helper MP
Minister for Small Business



Small Business is diverse & growing

- As at June 2007, there were over **482,000** small businesses in Victoria

Small Business Industries in Victoria by Number



Number of Small Businesses in Victoria - June 2003 to June 2007



Source: ABS Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits 2007 (8165.0)

Small Business Challenges

Top Challenges*

- ❖ Finding skilled staff
- ❖ Interest Rates & Inflation
- ❖ Slowing economy
- ❖ Regulation



*Source: Sensis February 2008 & ACCI Small Business Survey February 2008)

The Government's Response

- ❖ Skilling Small Business for Growth
- ❖ More Time for Business
- ❖ A Fairer Deal for Small Business
- ❖ Cutting the Cost of Doing Business



Small Business Achievements

Skilling Small Business for Growth



Small Business Mentoring Service Inc.
www.sbms.org.au



Small Business Workshops & Seminars



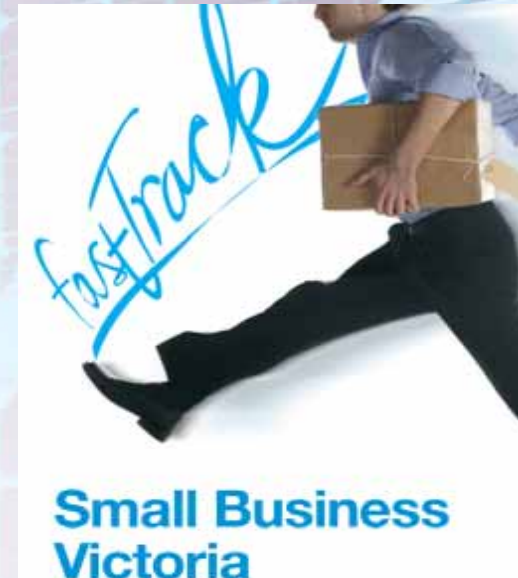
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ENERGISE ENTERPRISE 07

VICTORIA'S **SMALL BUSINESS** FESTIVAL

INSPIRATION, IDEAS & INFORMATION TO START AND BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

More Time for Business



A Fairer Deal for Small Business



Office of the Victorian
Small Business Commissioner
Education | Investigation | Mediation | Representation



Key Initiatives for Small Business Victoria 08-09



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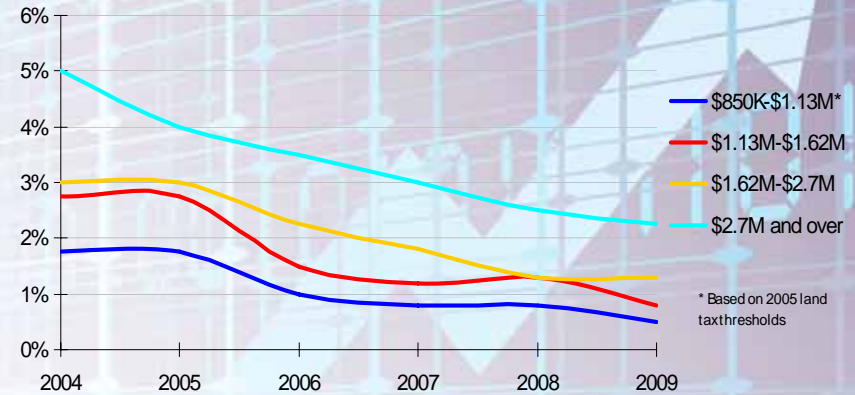


Cutting the cost of Doing Business

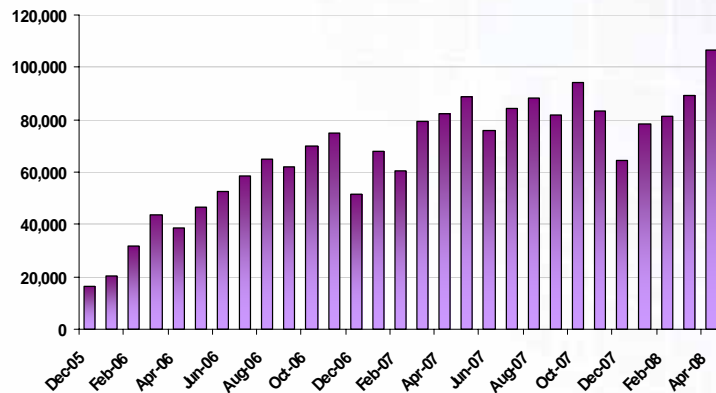
Average WorkCover Premiums



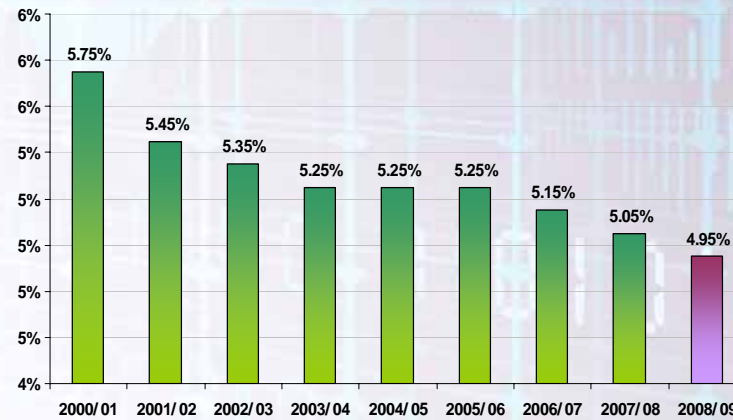
Land Tax Reductions



Unique Visits to Business Victoria Website

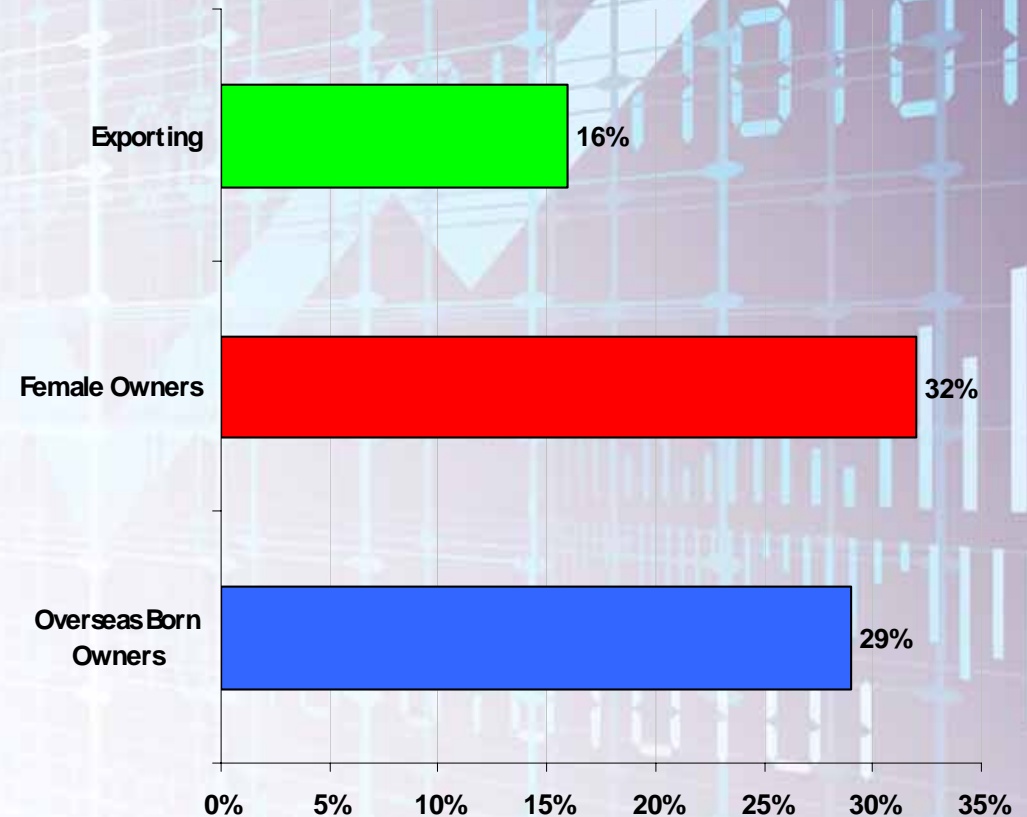
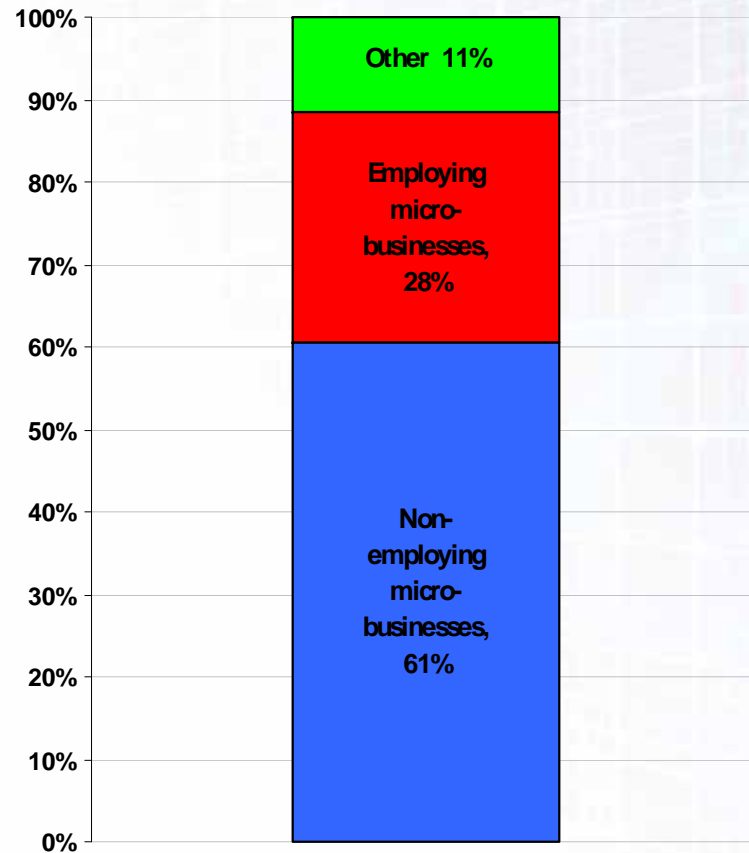


Payroll Tax Rates



Appendix A

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Source: ABS Characteristics of Small Business 2004 (8127.0)

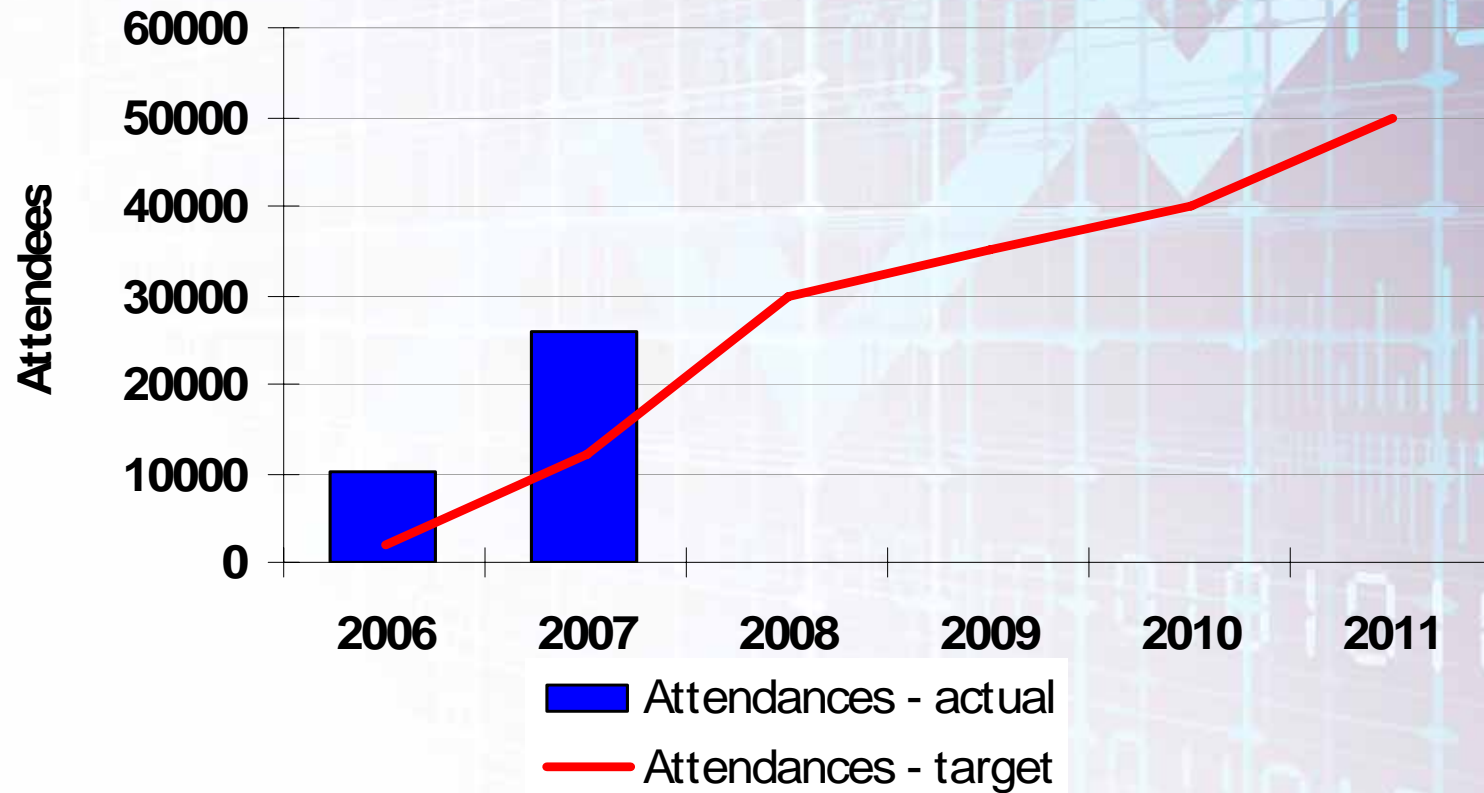
Source: Sensis Business Index, Sweeney Research February 2008

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Appendix B

Skilling Small Business for Growth – *Energise* Enterprise

Energise Enterprise Attendance

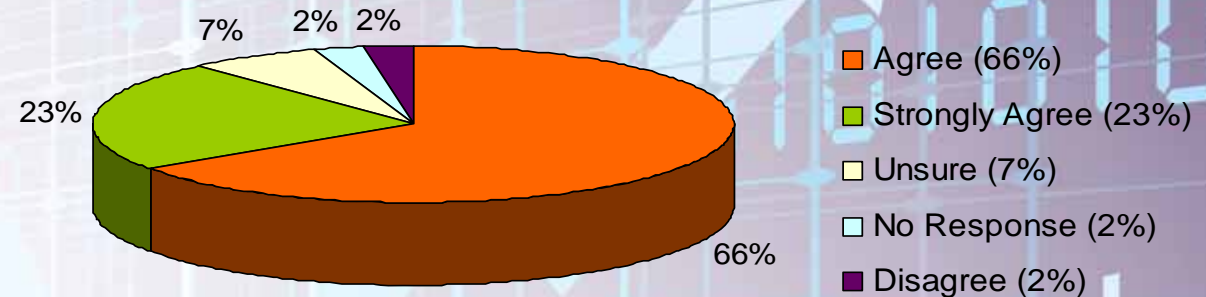


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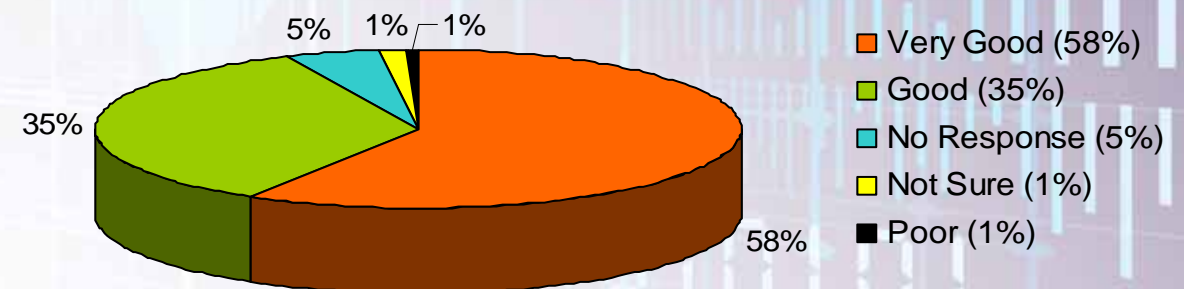
Appendix C

Skilling Small Business for Growth – *Energise* Enterprise

Attendees response when asked if the event they attended improved their knowledge and skills?



Attendees response when asked to rate the event they attended on value for money/time.

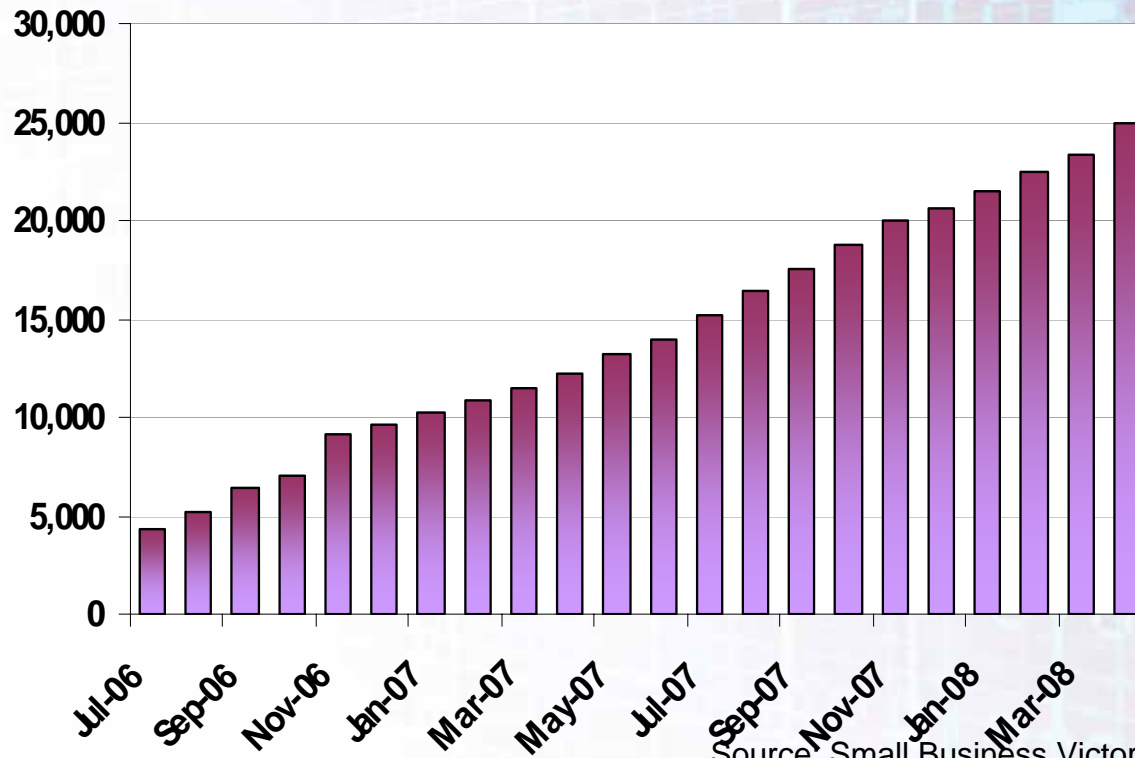


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Appendix D

More Time for Business – World Class Service

BV Registrations - Cumulative Total

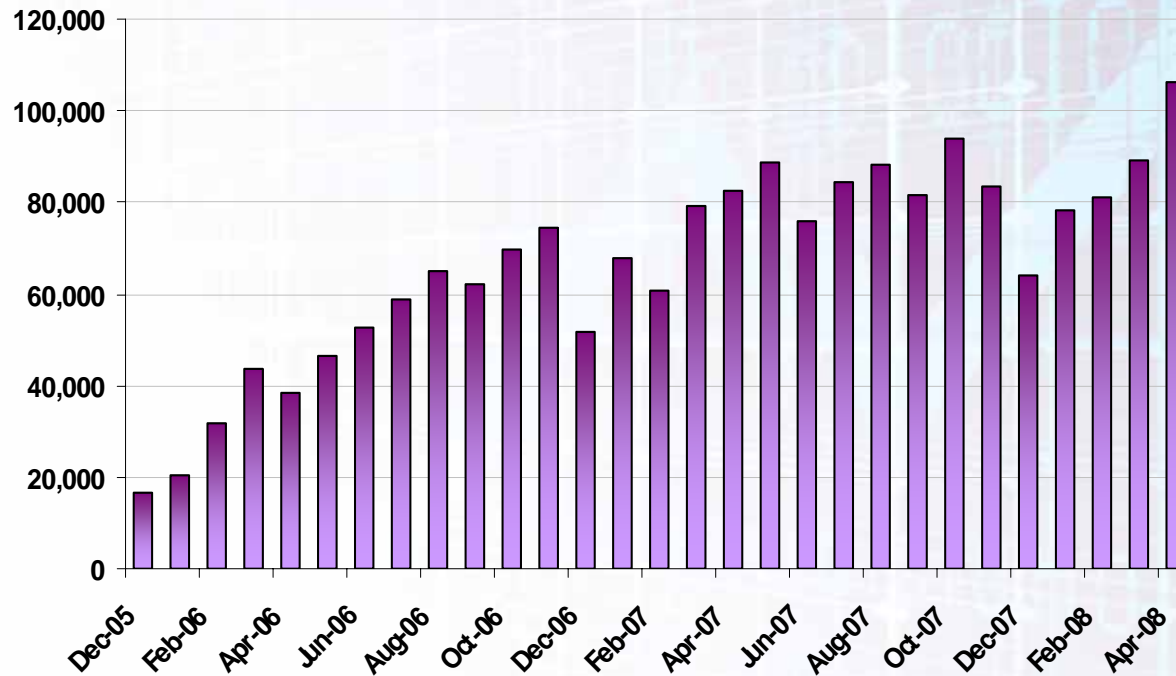


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