

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2010

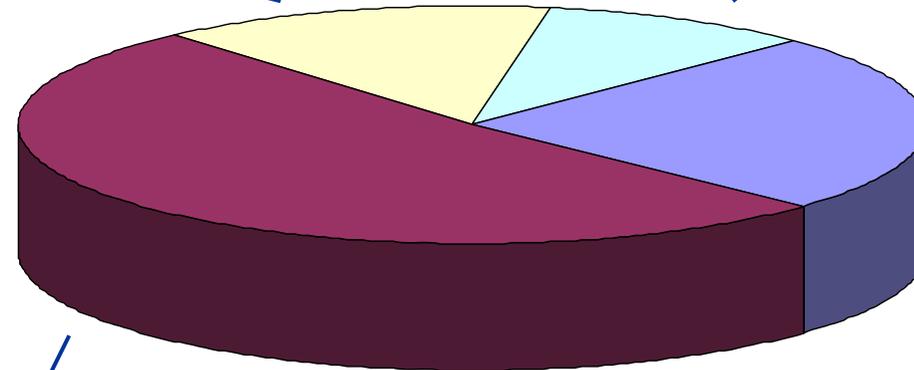
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Minister Jennings

Output Summary – DSE Budget by Portfolio 2010-11

Less Waste, Less Pollution; and Clean Air, Liveable Climate - \$190.5m

Land Administration and Property Information - \$132.7m



Healthy and Productive Land; Healthy, Productive and Accessible Marine, Coastal and Estuarine Systems; and Flourishing Biodiversity in Healthy Ecosystems - \$695.1m

Healthy and Productive Water Systems - \$327.7m



2009 Bushfires Recovery

- Since the 2009-10 Budget: State-wide plan for Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery released in October 2009
 - Builds upon significant funding previously provided
 - \$18.8 million to rebuild key Crown-owned community assets
 - \$17.5 million to rehabilitate the environment
 - \$9.2 million for Lake Mountain alpine resort
 - \$5.4 million to enhance tourist facilities and re-open National Parks
- Significant progress over the past 15 months:
 - Over 3400 km of control lines rehabilitated
 - Over 4500 hectares of forest reseeded
 - Over 30 facilities restored in parks and forests

Preparing for future bushfires

- \$35.1 million for fire preparedness activities
 - Additional project fire fighters
 - Hiring of an additional air crane helicopter and extension of flying hours
 - Community awareness and engagement programs
- \$31.2 million for Incident Control Centres, Incident Management teams and the State Control Centre
- \$21.1 million over four years for outer urban fire protection
- \$6.2 million for strategic fuel breaks
- \$3.7 million to expand the Victorian Bushfire Information Line
- Royal Commission's Final Report – expected in July 2010
 - Further Government actions to address the Commission's findings



Securing our Natural Future

- Securing Our Natural Future - A white paper for land and biodiversity at a time of climate change
 - A \$105 million investment plan released in December 2009
 - Sets out a long-term strategic framework to secure the health of Victoria's land, water and biodiversity
 - 2010-11 Budget includes funding for:
 - Natural Resources Investment Program - \$19.3 million,
 - taking the total commitment over three years to \$85 million
 - Land Health- \$14.9 million
 - Enhancements to natural resource institutions - \$4.1 million
 - Ecosystem Services - \$1.2 million
- Grassland Reserves
 - \$20 million over four years (\$200 million over ten years) to acquire 15,000 hectares of native volcanic plain grasslands to protect Victoria's endangered ecosystems

Jobs for the Future Economy

- \$175 million over five years for 18 priority actions to capture climate change opportunities and generate jobs
- Over \$75 million for initiatives within my portfolio:
 - \$59.7 million to boost recycling and tackle litter
 - \$28 million to drive waste reduction and resource recovery and recycling
 - \$8.8 million to assist Councils
 - \$6 million to establish a strike force to address illegal dumping
 - \$6 million for a litter strategy
 - \$5.7 million to assist environmental agencies
 - \$5.5 million to clean up contaminated legacy sites
 - \$5 million for Solar hubs for Victorian communities
 - Further action to cut 'green tape'
 - \$12m for seven new research and industry partnership - Innovation portfolio

Other 2010-11 Budget Initiatives

- Climate Communities
 - \$23 million program for a range of projects that reduce emissions, assist communities adapt to climate change or process to tackle climate change
- Go For Your Life
 - Walking Trails
 - \$2 million over four years and \$1.5 million TEI to improve recreational opportunities in regional communities
 - Active in Parks
 - \$2.4 million over four years to support community participation and involvement in Victoria's parks
- Blueprint for Regional Victoria
 - To be announced by 30 June 2010
 - Will include major new investment for a number of projects



Protecting the Environment

- \$11.2 million TEI to upgrade or renew facilities in metropolitan and regional state parks
 - replacement of walking trails, viewing platforms, boardwalks, staircases and visitor facilities
- \$2.0 million in 2010-11 for free entry to Victoria's national and metropolitan parks
- \$3.4 million over three years to rehabilitate the Summerland Estate on Phillip Island
 - will improve the habitat for the fairy penguin population
- \$5 million over four years to tackle weeds and pests on public land
 - Includes a \$4 million matching grant program with local councils