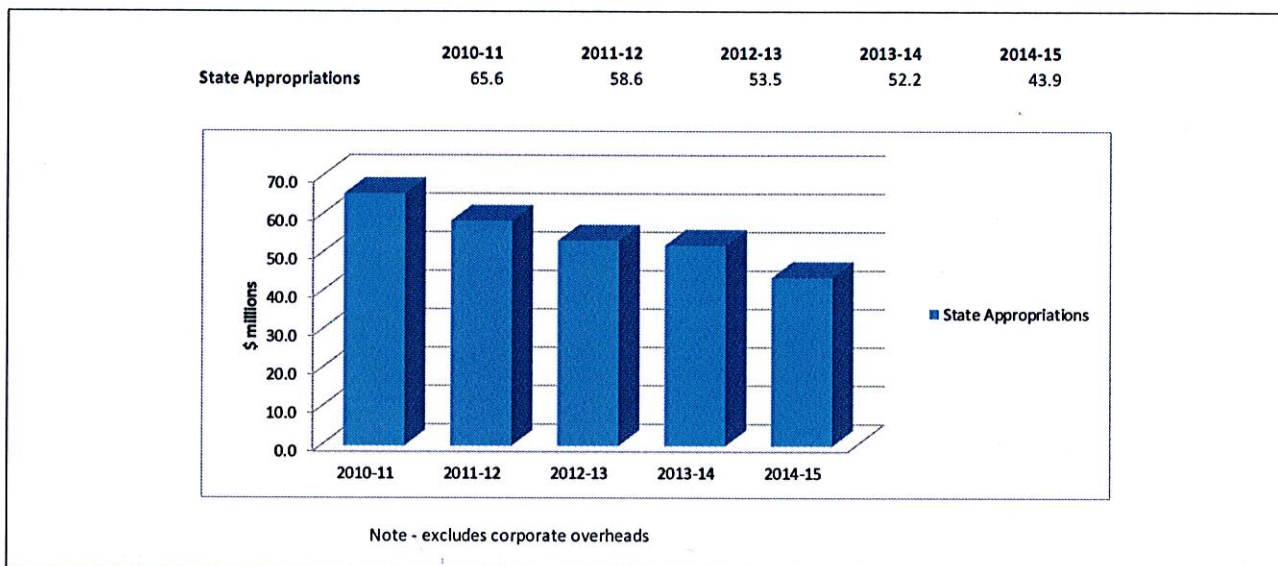


Reduction in budget for biosecurity services since 2010

Figure 1: Biosecurity budget 2010-11 to 2014-15



- Funding for biosecurity is used to provide critical services which improve market access and productivity for Victoria's food and fibre industries.
- Funding for these services is derived from a number of different fund sources; mainly state appropriations but also funding from industry and from other jurisdictions through national cost sharing agreements; and Treasurer's advances for significant biosecurity outbreaks (TAs).
- State appropriated funds for the provision of critical biosecurity services has declined 33% from 2010-11 to 2014-15.
- As a result of the reduced funding, there are 112 fewer Biosecurity staff (full time equivalents) in 2015 compared with 2010. This is a 24% reduction from 432 to 320. Many of these staff are regionally located and are responsible for managing biosecurity risks across the State.
- An additional \$9.4 million has been allocated to the biosecurity program in 2015-16 under the Maintaining market access and productivity of Victoria's agricultural industries initiative.