



Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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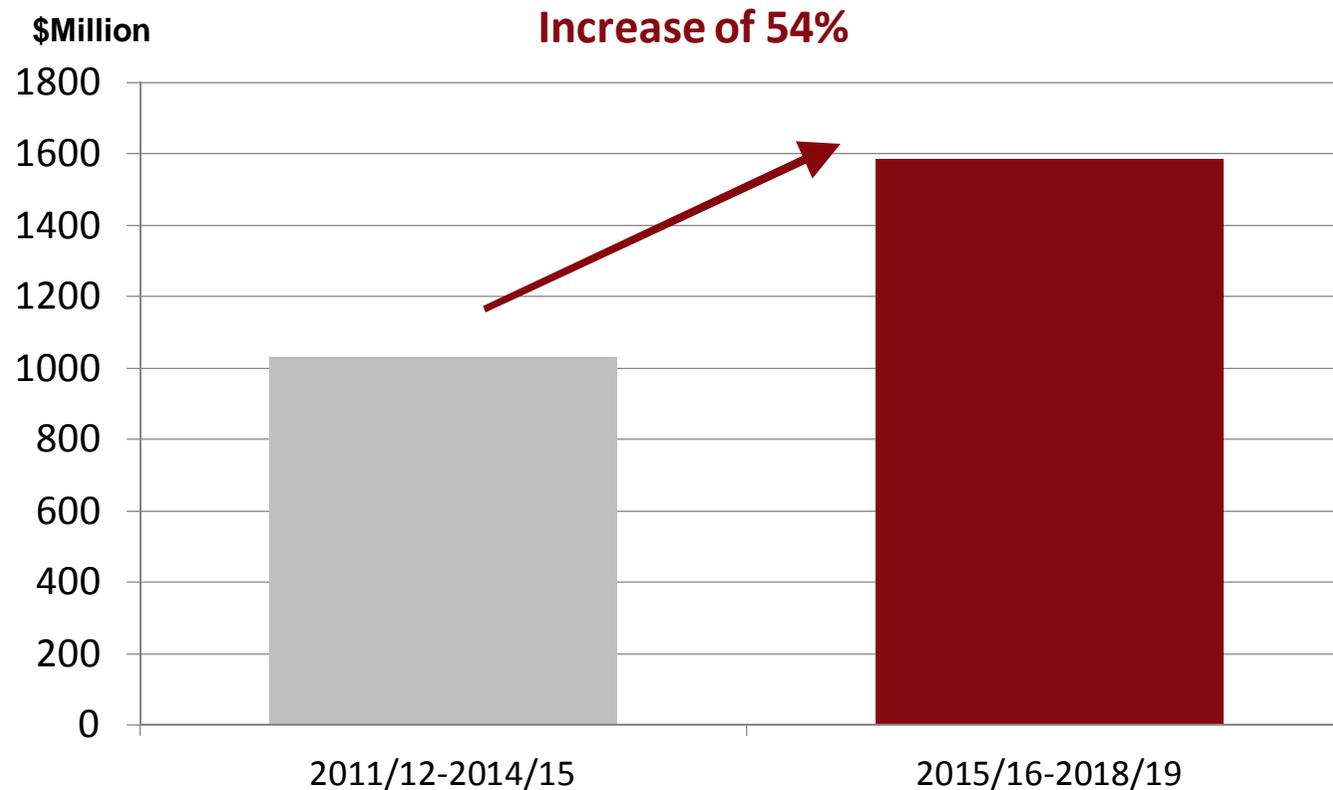
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Victorian Budget 2018/19



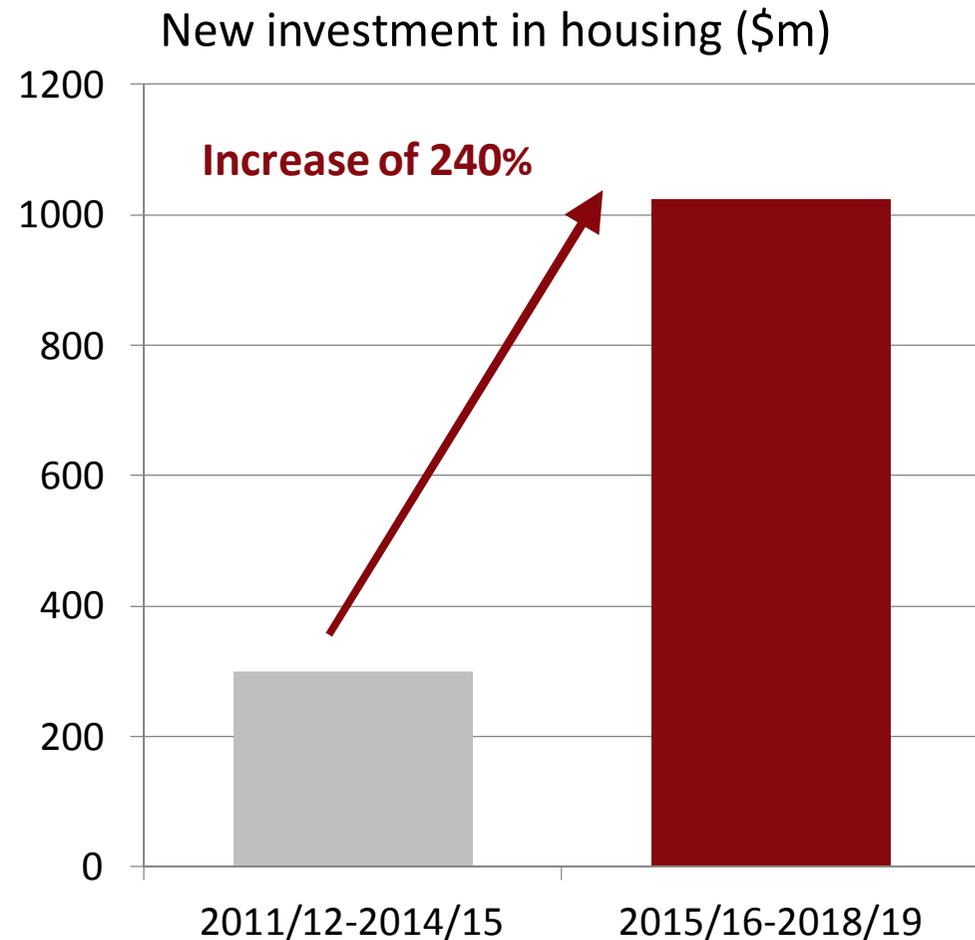
Growth in housing, disability and ageing over previous years

Across the portfolios of Housing, Disability and Ageing the last four budgets have seen an increase of **54 percent** compared to the previous four years.



More housing and homelessness investment

- The Government is investing more to support vulnerable Victorians to access safe, affordable and secure housing.
- The last four budgets have seen the Andrews Labor Government triple the investment of the previous four years
- **Over \$1 billion** has been invested in new initiatives, compared to \$322 million in the previous 4 years.



Doing more for victims of family violence and breaking the cycle of homelessness

In 2018-19, the Government will invest significantly to support victim survivors of family violence and vulnerable homelessness people. This includes:

- **\$26.4 million** to address homelessness and rough sleeping as part of an action plan targeted at the most vulnerable cohorts, including those escaping family violence
- **\$23.9 million** in 2018-19 for Victoria to match the Commonwealth's contribution for homelessness services under the proposed National Housing and Homelessness Agreement
- **\$29 million** for additional family violence crisis properties and continued funding to support up to 12 family violence refuges to continue to provide, secure, after-hours crisis accommodation for women and children seeking immediate support.

In the most recent census data, the rate of homeless people per 10,000 population in Victoria only grew by **0.5 per cent** from **41.7** to **41.9** between 2011 and 2016.

This compares to growth of **27 per cent** in New South Wales over the same period, from a rate of **39.7** to **50.4** homeless people per 10,000 population.

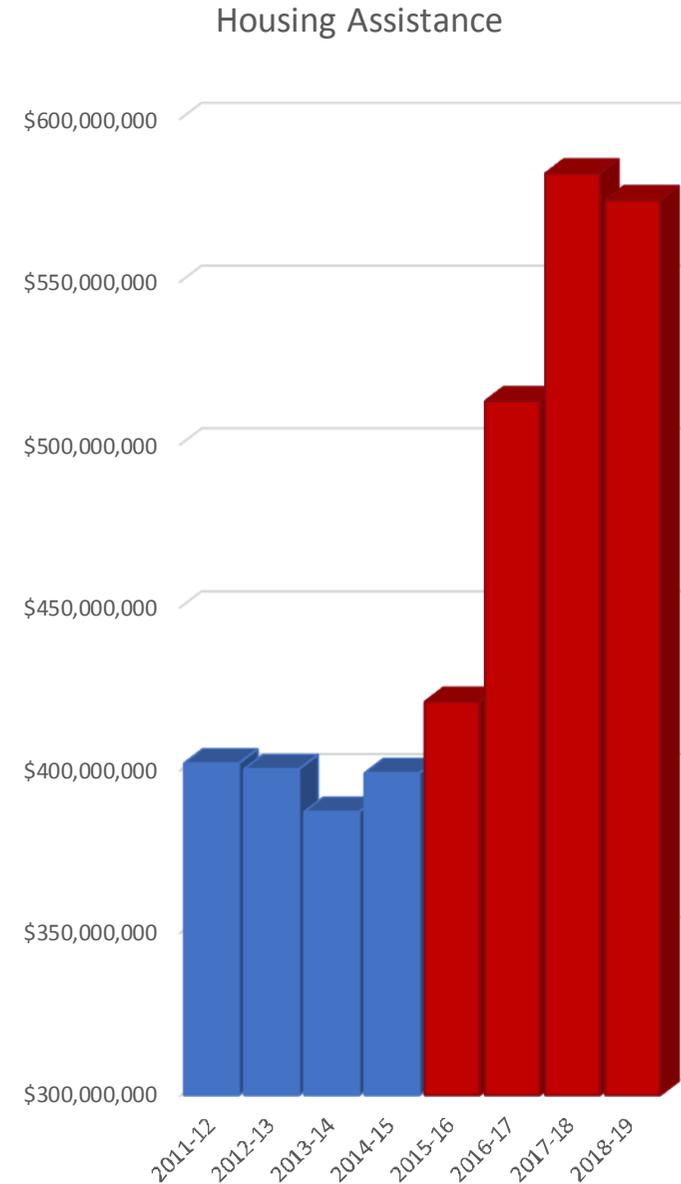
Improving safety in public housing

Victorians living in high-rise public housing estates will live in safer conditions and be better protected from fire emergencies, with new investments:

- **\$21.7 million** will be invested to commence the installation of smoke lobbies, extra sprinklers and smoke detectors in all residential towers
- **\$22.1 million** for additional high rise upgrades in 2018-19.

In total **\$925 million** is being invested in new and existing social housing capital projects.

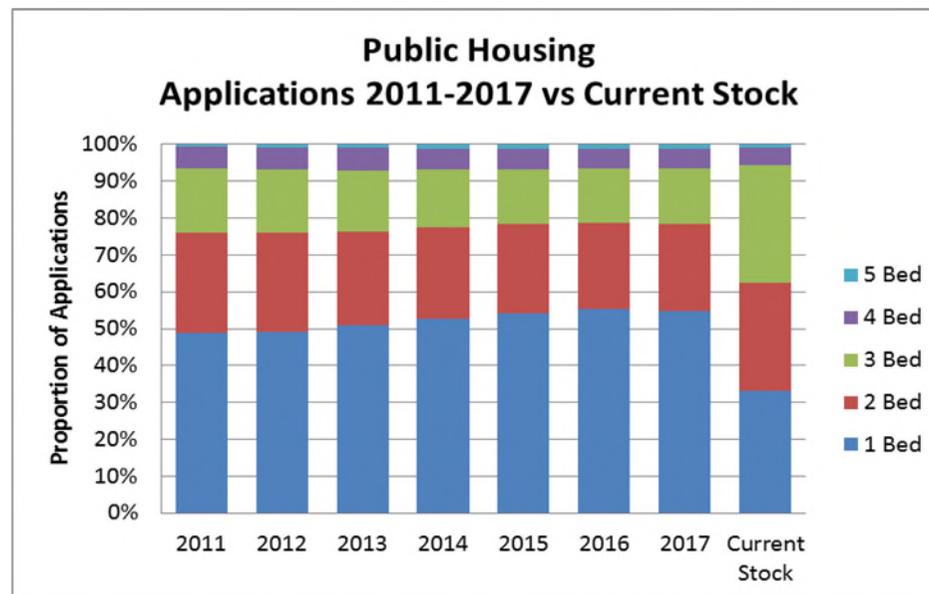
This is in addition to a **further \$504 million** investment in Housing Assistance compared to the previous 4 years.



Public housing renewal program

In addition to plans for 6000 new social housing units, the government is committed to renewing run down walk up blocks that have passed their use by date.

- The 2016-17 Budget Update provided \$185 million to renew ageing public housing properties.
- Over 2,000 accessible, energy efficient, safe new homes will be created.
- Creating 1000 jobs
- Each tenant has been guaranteed a return to their estate – if they wish.



Auditor General found that around 80% of demand for public housing is for one and two bedroom homes.

Protecting older Victorians

Older Victorians will have the respect and dignity they deserve, with **\$32.6 million** in new investments:

- **\$6 million** to tackle elder abuse by extending a trial for an integrated model of care across five locations – offering specialist clinical advice, family counselling and mediation services
- **\$26.6 million** in 2018-19 to sustain ongoing service provision of public sector residential aged care.

A fairer future for Victorians living with a disability

More Victorians living with a disability will get the opportunities they deserve, with **\$13.7 million** of new investments. This includes:

- **\$9.2 million** to give people with disabilities greater access, inclusion and participation.
- **\$4.5 million** to prepare for and facilitate the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, including support for providers, families and community organisations.
- We are also working to ensure the NDIS is delivered as promised to all Victorians eligible for the scheme.

