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Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC)

Inquiry into the Victorian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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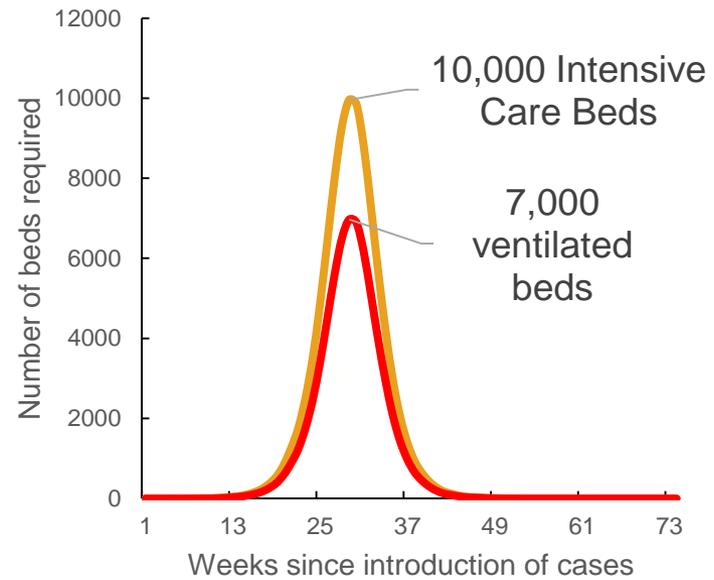
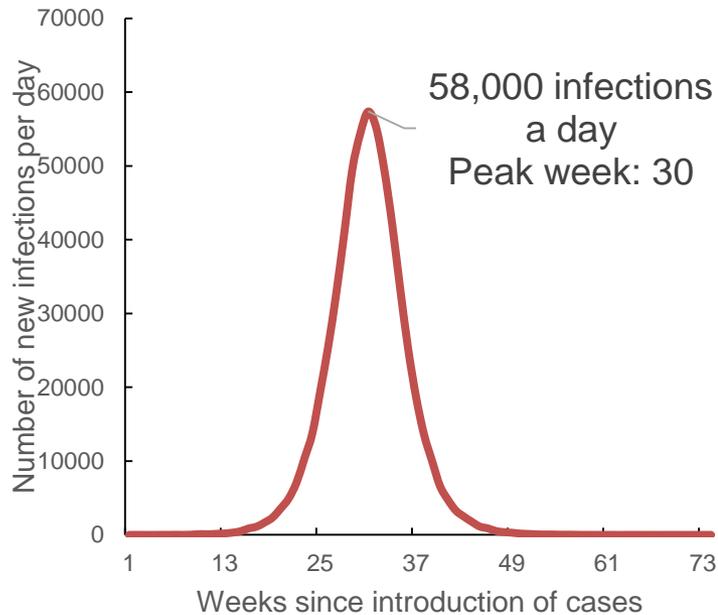
Minister for the Coordination of Health and Human Services – COVID-19

Professor Brett Sutton

Chief Health Officer

Victoria's first case was January 25

The early modelling predicted



A new virus. A rapid public health response.

Boosted public health team - \$49m

- More than 1000 disease detectives
- Outbreak unit – rapid response squads

Increased our testing capability

- More than 250,000 tests completed included a massive testing blitz

Issued Directions to flatten the curve

- State of Emergency
- Physical distancing requirements
- Returned travellers as well as cruise ships
- Stay at Home Direction
- Hospital and aged care visitors

Protecting our health system - \$1.9 billion

Prepared our hospitals

- Infrastructure works/upgrades, equipment and consumables
- 4,000 extra ICU beds
- 4,000 ventilators, 130 dialysis machines and 1,200 patient monitors
- \$437m for hospital preparedness, including \$115m to cover increases in ED presentations, hospital admissions and ICU admissions
- \$107m to buy life-saving equipment
- Agreement with Victoria's private hospitals adding significant capacity for a system-wide response
- We established more than 60 screening clinics in our health services, community health centres and GPs throughout Victoria - more than half in our region.
- Rapid expansion of innovative models of care including Telehealth and Hospital in the Home to keep patients and healthcare workers safe

Protecting our health system - \$1.9 billion

Built new hospital beds

- \$80m to bring more beds online across metropolitan and regional Victoria:
 - 84 new beds at the former Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
 - 45 new beds at Bendigo Hospital
 - 50 consulting rooms and beds at the former Geelong Private Hospital site Baxter House

Accelerated projects

- 140 beds at Casey Hospital
- New inpatient tower at Shepparton Hospital

Since 15 March, more than 300 new beds have been completed and ready to treat patients

Strengthening the healthcare workforce

Prepared our workforce

- Launched the Working for Victoria – Health Portal
- Training to help prepare and protect our frontline workers
- Funding for backfill for healthcare workforce
- Hotels for heroes to support frontline health workers who need to self-isolate
- Centralised PPE procurement and distribution
- Ordered more than 500 million gloves, 150 million masks and 27 million gowns
- Innovation including Telehealth and Hospital in the Home

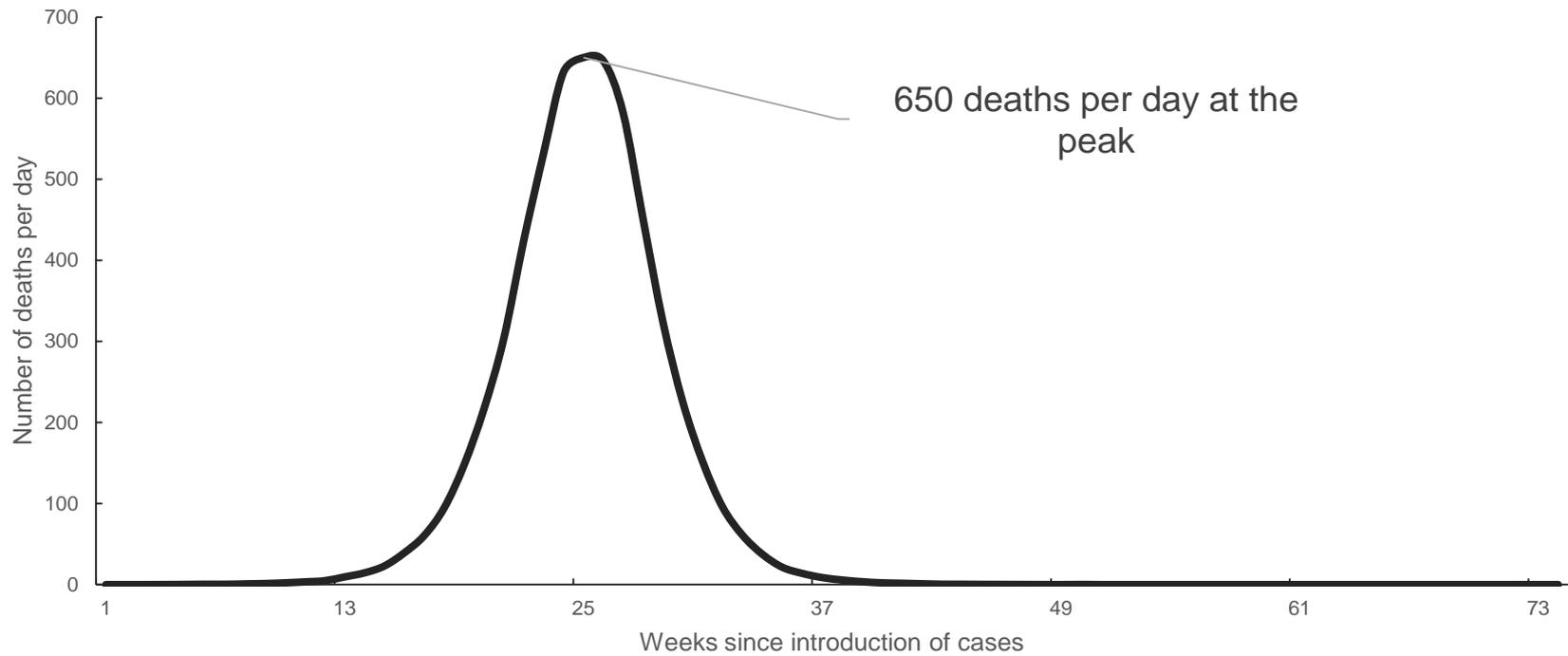
Human services investments

Additional supports

- \$59.4m package to help the mental health system meet demand as Victorians reach out for help with stress, isolation and uncertainty
- \$77m to provide additional outreach and mobile responses for vulnerable children and young people, and financial support for carers
- \$40.2m to provide additional accommodation and supports for victims of family violence who do not feel safe isolating at home
- \$17m for Victorians to provide additional support to people with a disability, their families and carers
- \$14.8m to establish isolation and recovery facilities and additional temporary accommodation for homeless people at risk of contracting coronavirus
- Additional funding to 12 women's health services to continue their vital work to deliver prevention of family violence training, advice and support to organisations in their local areas.

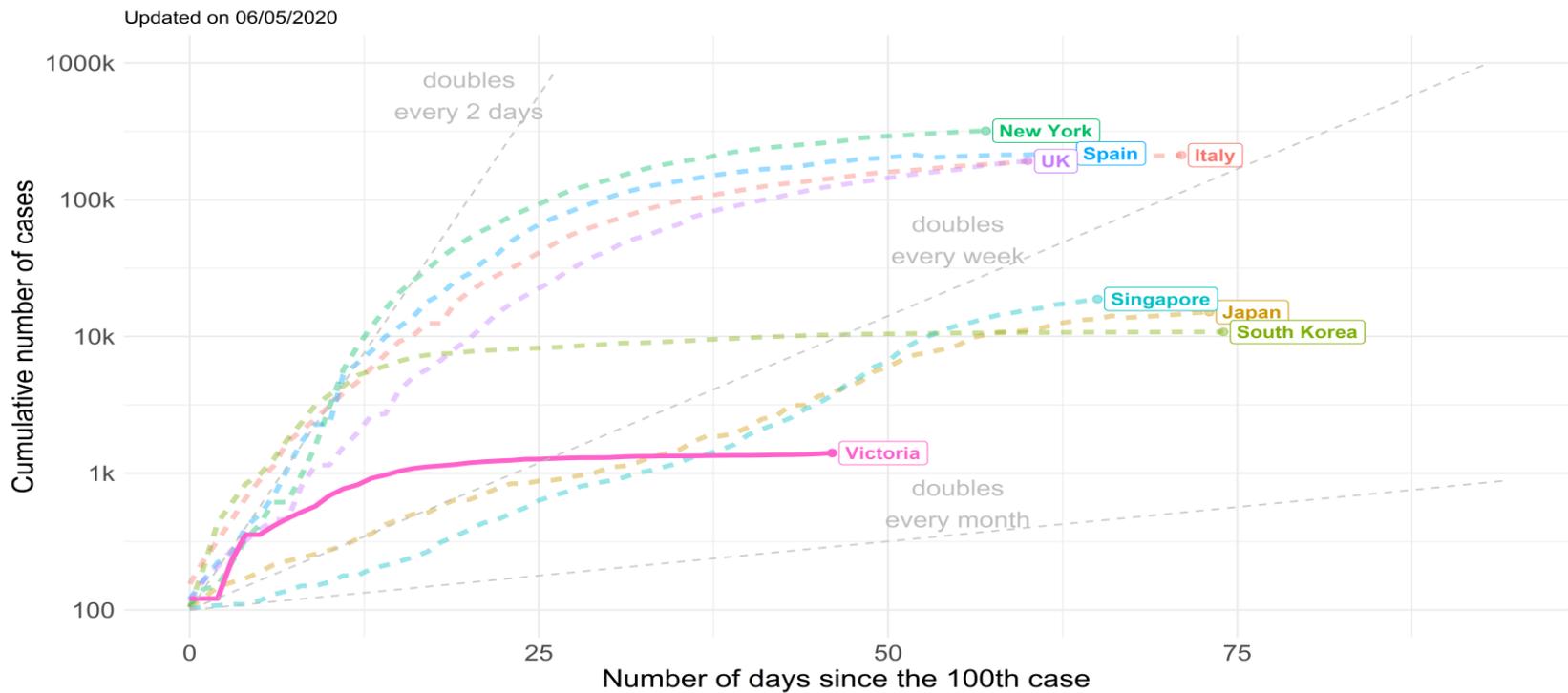
The difference we've made

Death toll without physical distancing measures



Achieving our goals

Victoria's actions have seen it flatten its curve more rapidly than most other jurisdictions



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