

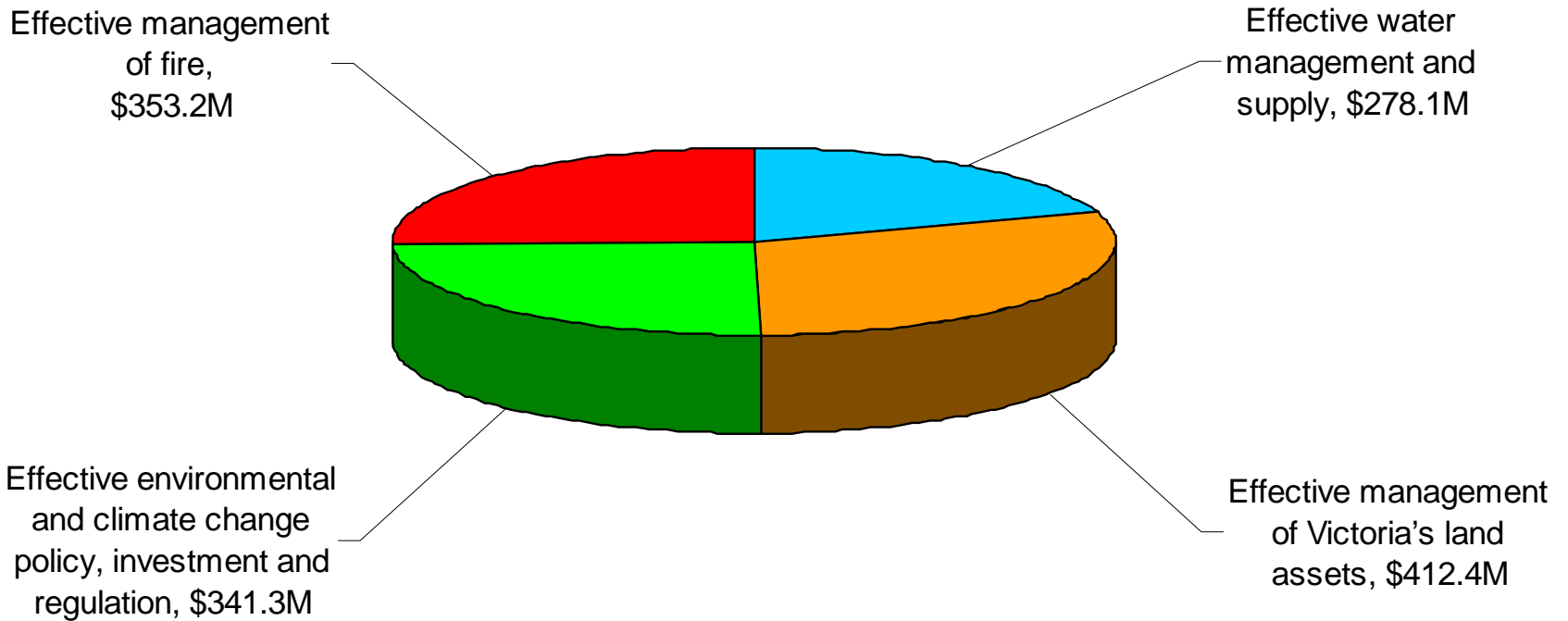
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Minister for Environment and Climate
Change

2012-13 DSE Budget

Output Costs





Effective Management of Fire

\$43.7 million for Effective Management of Fire

Reducing fire risk: expanding the planned burning program

- Our Government will provide \$35.1 million in 2012-13 to increase the planned burning program to 250 000 hectares and to begin planning towards the 390 000 target
 - \$24.5 million in output funding
 - \$10.6 million in asset funding
- This puts our Government on track to meet the recommendation of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission to increase planned burning to 390,000 hectares.

Providing fire risk mapping data free of charge

- Our Government will provide \$8.6 million over four years to providing mapping data free of charge to emergency response agencies
- This implements recommendation 16 of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.



Effective Management of Victoria's Land Assets

\$13.7 million for Zoos

Zoos Victoria asset management strategy

- Our Government has provided \$13.7 million for Zoos Victoria to implement the first stage of its asset management strategy.
- This will provide
 - a rainforest exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Melbourne Zoo
 - an upgrade to the lion exhibit at Melbourne Zoo
 - an expanded safari fleet and upgraded arrival facilities at Werribee Open Range Zoo.



Effective Water Management and Supply

\$100 million for Effective Water Management and Supply across the Environment and Water Portfolios

Securing Priority Waterways: Regional on-ground works

- \$59.3 million over four years to improve the environmental condition of Victoria's high priority regional rivers, wetlands and estuaries.
- The initiative will focus on physical works across regional Victoria and conduct state-wide policy coordination and planning
- Catchment Management Authorities primary delivery agent - shared between Minister for Water and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

Management of environmental entitlements and onground delivery

- \$40.7 million to ensure effective management, monitoring and reporting of the environmental water reserve.
- This initiative will help restore the balance of water consumption and maximising the efficiency and effectiveness of environmental water use
- Environmental Water is managed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder – which is a legislative responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.



Operational Efficiency

- The 2012-13 Budget:
 - \$30 million in 2012-13 in efficiencies for the Environment and Water portfolios
 - efficiencies total approximately \$140 million over four years.
- Savings measures include:
 - head office, non-service delivery administrative savings, stocks and materials
 - professional services and contractors, employment agency staffing
 - reduction in portfolio wide discretionary grants programs not aligned to government priorities
 - Land Victoria system consolidations and efficiencies
- The Department will work towards minimising community impacts

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