

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon. Jill Hennessy MP

Minister for Ambulance Services

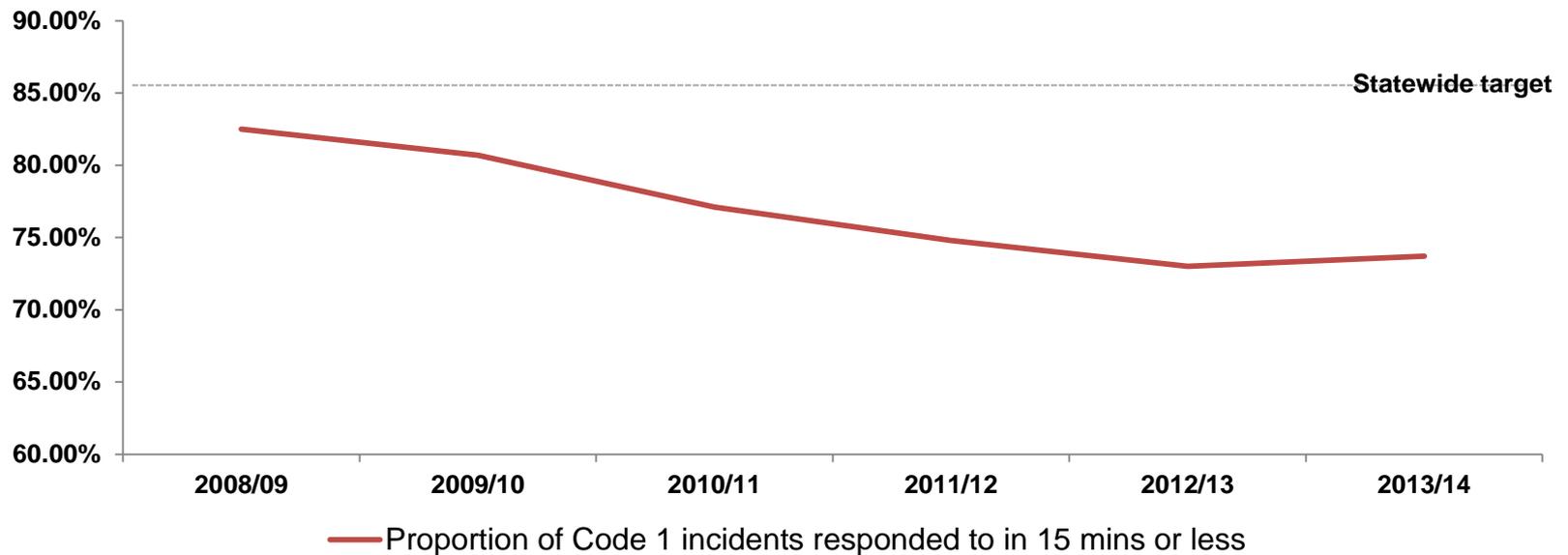
2015-16 Budget – Ambulance Services

**Working with
paramedics to
end the
ambulance crisis**

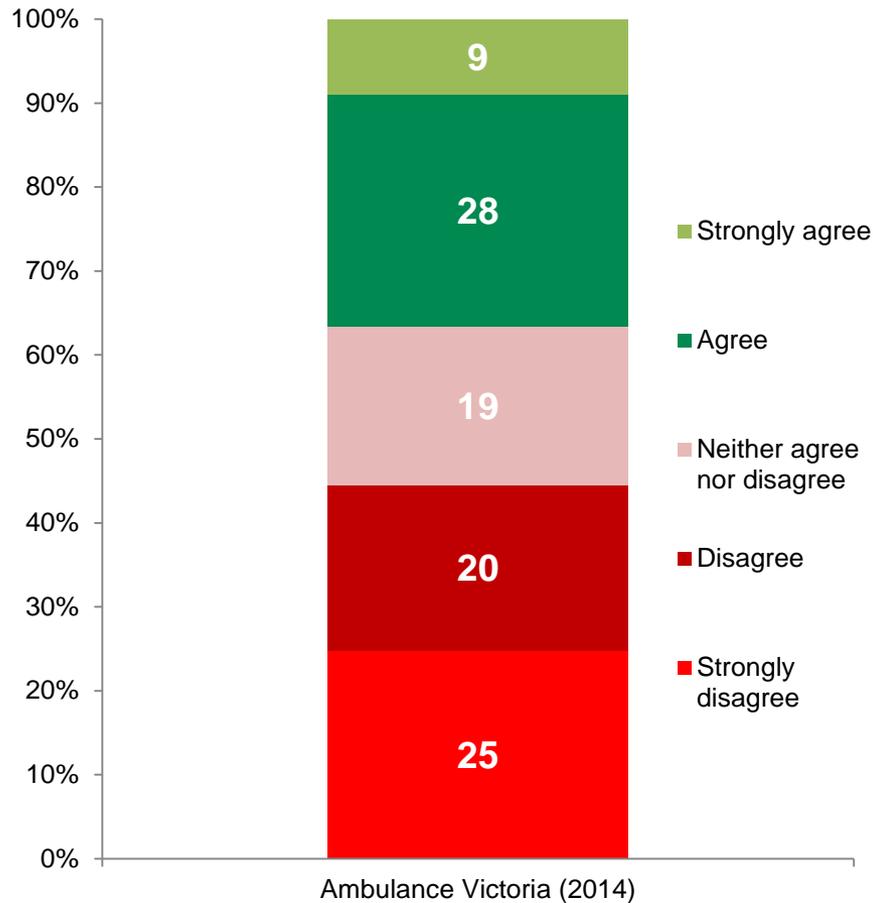


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- In 2013-14, **one in ten ambulances** took more than 22 minutes to arrive at Code 1 emergencies
- Victoria's Code 1 response time was the worst on the mainland



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“I would recommend my organisation as a good place to work”

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- **\$57.8 million** over four years to meet demand and improve ambulance responsiveness
- **\$40 million** for ambulance capital works and upgrades
 - **\$20 million** to build a new station at Wendouree and upgrade nine ambulance stations
 - **\$20 million** for ambulance vehicles and equipment
- **\$1.3 million** to improve support for paramedics and increase the number of Peer Support Coordinators and Chaplains

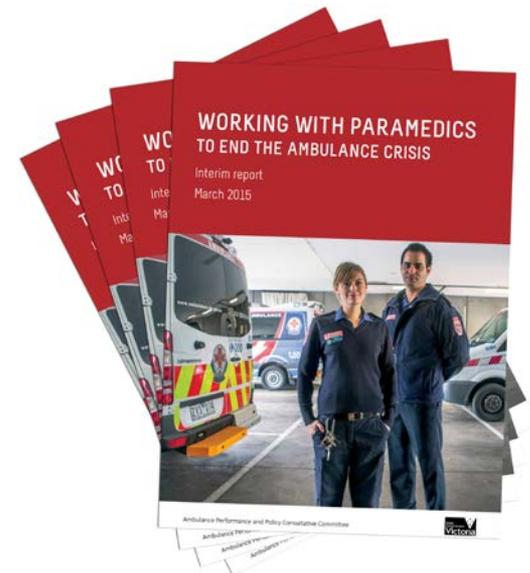


Opportunities for Reform

The **Ambulance Performance and Policy Consultative Committee**

Interim Report identified areas for reform, including:

- Building an ambulance service that works within a **collaborative health system**, providing pre-hospital emergency care
- Addressing Ambulance Victoria's culture to better reflect **community values and expectations**
- More effective **call taking and dispatch**
- Better **community awareness** of when to call Triple-0
- The introduction of **National Registration of Paramedics**



Opportunities for Reform

The **Ambulance Performance and Policy Consultative Committee** will provide its final recommendations to the Government by the end of 2015.

This will inform the Government's **\$60 million Response Time Rescue Fund**.



