



2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearing

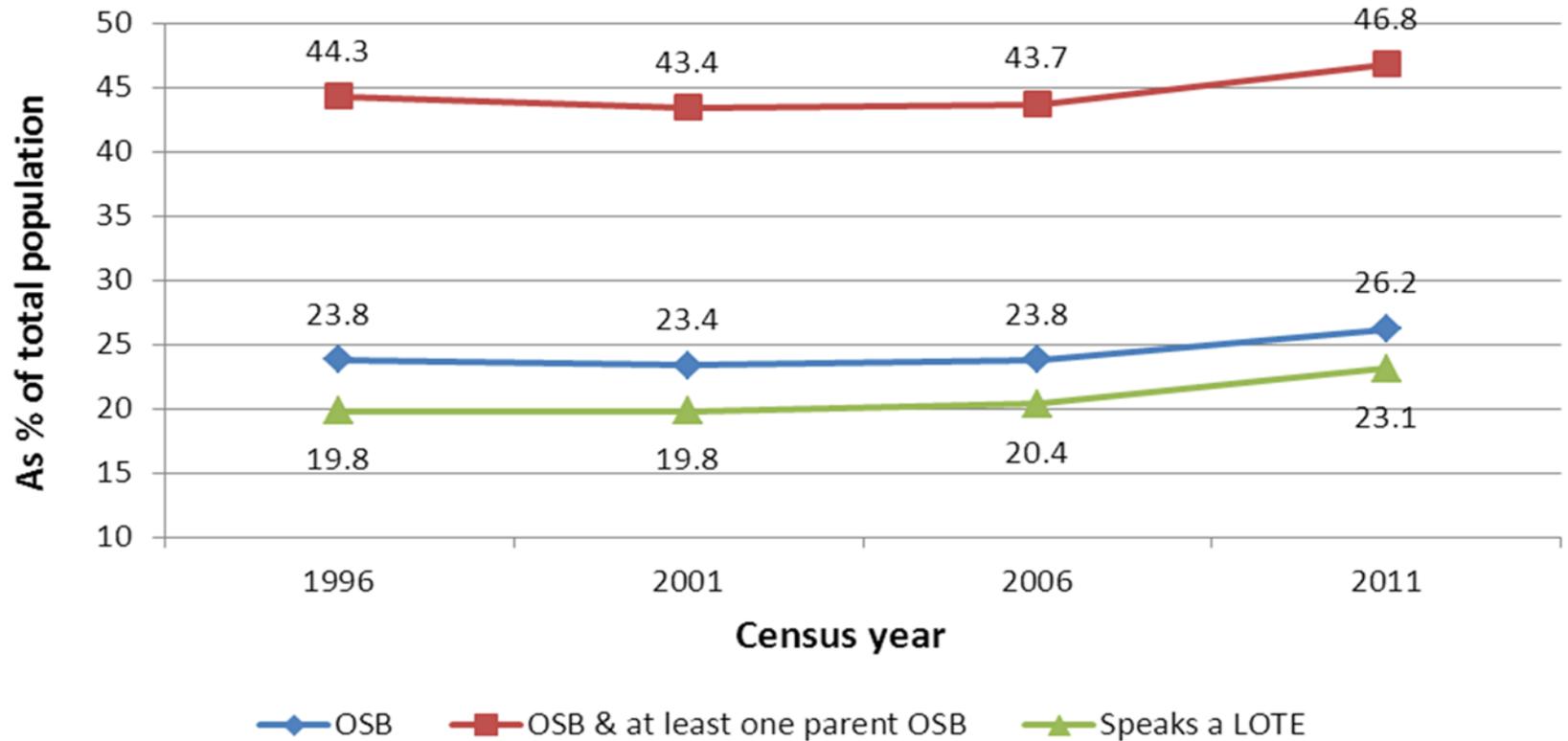
Multicultural Affairs

Robin Scott MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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Victoria's Multicultural Diversity

Victoria's changing population diversity:
1996 to 2011 Censuses



2015-16 Moving Forward

Secured all funding for the following

- Community Grants Program
- Settlement Coordination Unit
- Promoting Community Harmony Program
- Language Services Program
- Peak Multicultural Organisations Grants Program
- Cultural Diversity Week
- Multicultural Awards for Excellence
- Unity Through Partnerships
- Regional Advisory Councils and extensive consultations
- New and Emerging Communities Leadership Program
- Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund

Commitment to Multicultural Affairs

We are committed to promoting:

- a public understanding of cultural and religious diversity to ensure a socially cohesive Victoria;
- a no tolerance approach to racism in Victoria and respect for the values of the broader community;
- a whole-of-Government approach to the participation and inclusion of people from cultural backgrounds in all areas of society; and
- the social, cultural and economic benefits of cultural diversity for all Victorians.

2015-16 Multicultural Affairs Budget

- Increased Budget by 17% from the previous year to \$28.5 million
- Secured lapsing funding on an ongoing basis
- Honoured all election commitments
- \$2.45 million in new initiatives for:
 - CALD Family Violence (\$2m over two years); and
 - Education Program for the Islamic Museum (\$0.45m over three years).
- \$25 million over four years towards social cohesion and community resilience
- Total additional funding for the portfolio and the social cohesion initiative amounts to **\$74 million over four years**
- The total multicultural affairs budget output over the next four years is **\$121.6 million**

Multicultural Affairs Portfolio Budget History

