



# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

## **Victorian Budget 2019-20**

The Hon Martin Foley MP  
Minister for Mental Health

Thursday, 13 June 2019

People living with mental illness are at greater risk of social and economic disadvantage and poor physical health

Economic costs

4.5% The economic cost of serious mental illness

Physical health

62 | Suicide deaths in Victoria  
1 | (2017)  
More than double the road toll

Mental health conditions account for

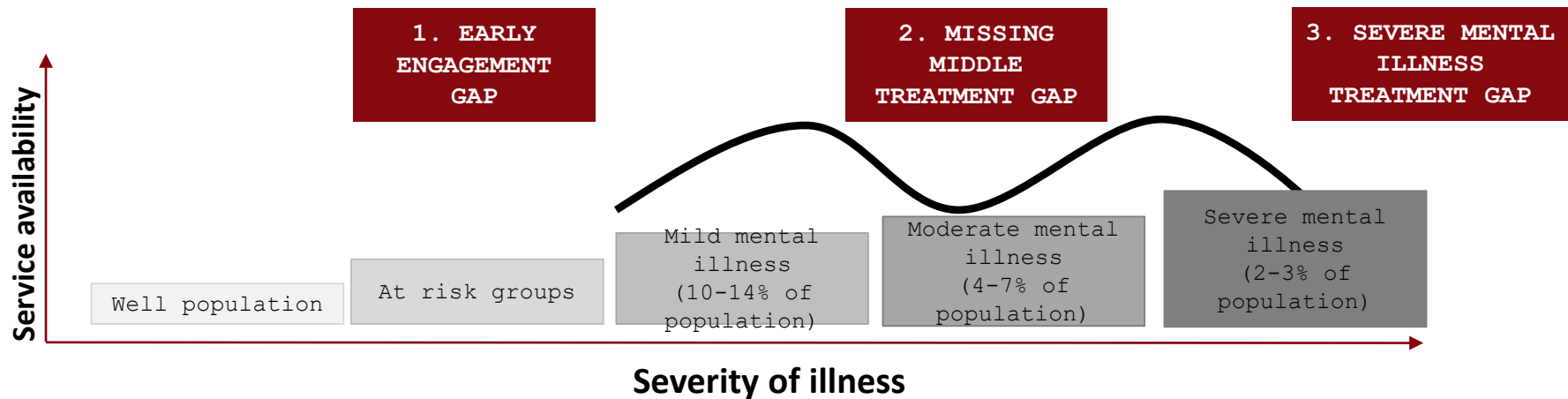
12% of the burden of disease

15.9 | 12 | Reduced life expectancy (years)  
Males | Females

Life expectancy for people with a severe mental illness is lower than the general population

# Royal Commission into the Mental Health System

## Five service gaps in the current mental health system



### 4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TREATMENT GAP

*Gaps in the broader mental health system are also present in services for children and young people.*

## 5. GAPS IN THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Governance

Funding mechanisms

Data and systems

Workforce

Infrastructure

# Royal Commission into the Mental Health System

## To develop the Terms of Reference:



8000 Written  
responses



23 Community  
Consultations



22 Locations  
Across rural regional & metro

## Royal Commission Consultation:



60 Community  
Consultations



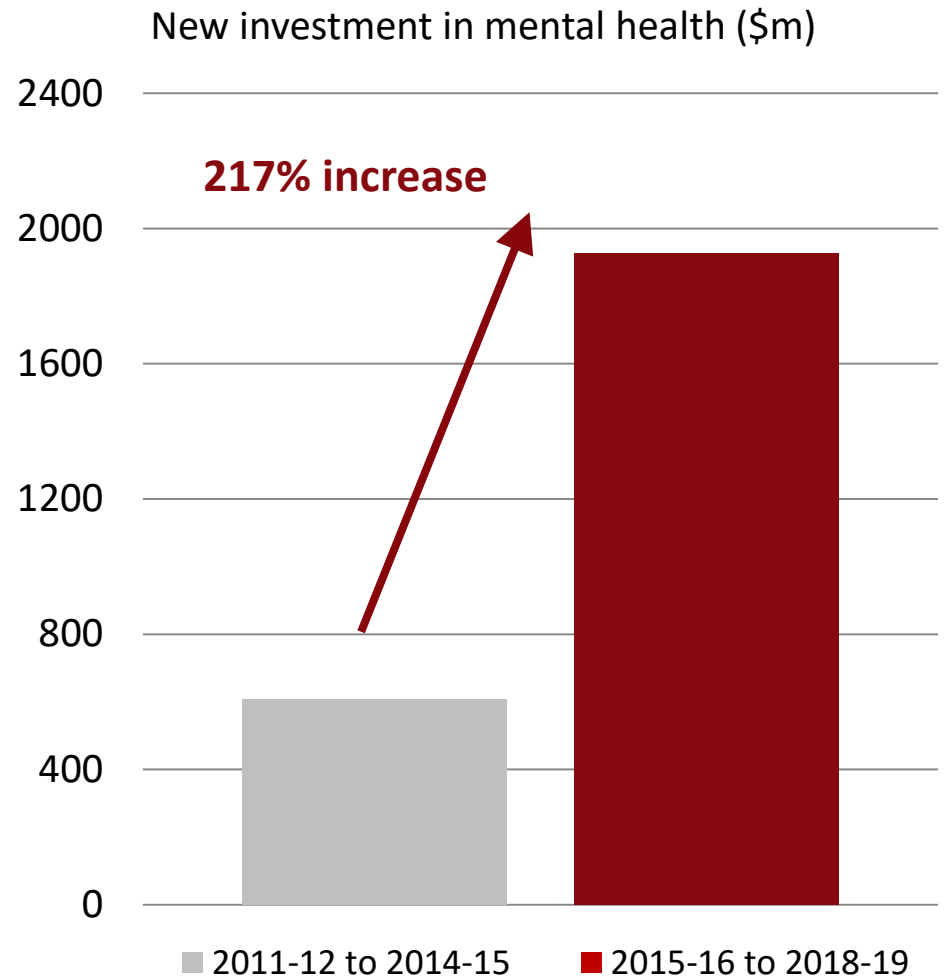
20 Locations  
Across regional & metro



1600 People  
Attended

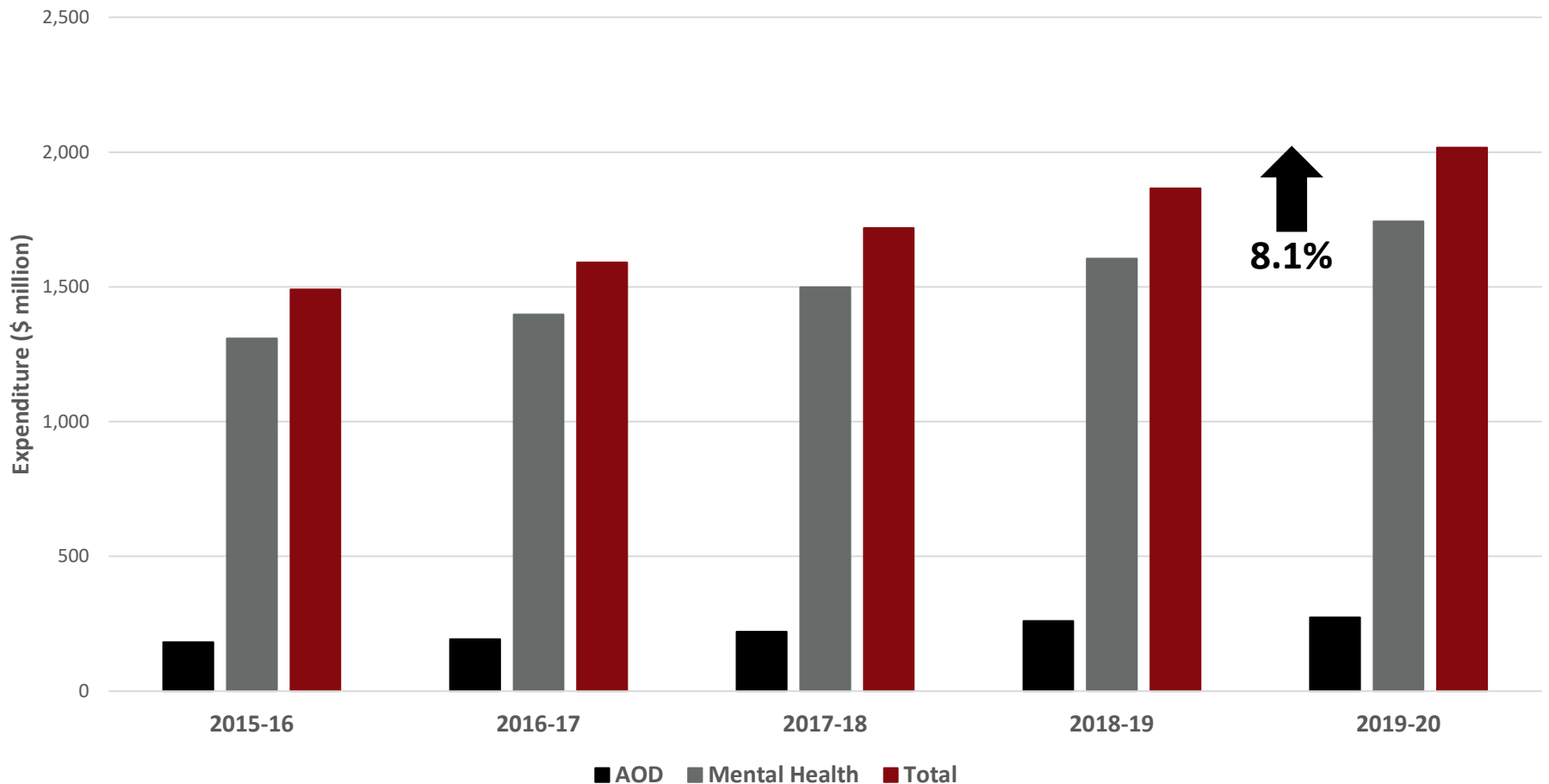
# Mental Health Investment Growth

- The 2019-20 budget invests a further **\$173 million** for mental health, and alcohol and other drug services.
- The previous five budgets invested **over \$1.9 billion** compared with **\$609 million** over the previous four budgets.



# Mental Health Budget Output Growth

In 2019-20, **\$2 billion will be invested** in mental health, and alcohol and drug services – an increase of 8.1 per cent on 2018-19.



# Mental Health Election Commitments

The Andrews Labor Government is investing **\$51.6 million** to deliver on election commitments in this budget. This is across government to support mental health service improvements in Victoria. This includes:

- **\$17.1 million** in 2019-20 to establish a Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System and to increase the capacity of the Chief Psychiatrist's Office during the inquiry process.
- **\$14.5 million** across two departments to deliver better mental health care for our Emergency Workers including establishing a Centre of Excellence for Emergency Worker Mental Health
- **\$20 million** to relocate the Barwon Clinical Mental Health facilities as part of the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Stage 3 Redevelopment



# Better Treatment & Care Closer to Home

Boost to services and programs while the Royal Commission into Mental Health does it's work



- **\$28.7 million** will provide an additional 7,000 people with access to earlier care and support through additional mental health services in the community
- **\$6.6 million** to increase capacity at three Prevention and Recovery (PARC units) to support Victorians in the early phases of recovery
- **\$23.3 million** to support an additional 28 inpatient beds to meet growing demand for mental health bed based services
- **\$10.2 million** will support Victorians in regional areas by providing a 30 bed Residential Rehabilitation facility in Gippsland.



# Mental Health Output Initiatives

- **\$18.9 million**, including \$2.8 million to Department of Justice, to support mental health clinicians at the Victorian Fixed Threat Assessment Centre
- **\$9.0 million** to strengthen and enhance mental health workforce initiatives
- **\$8.5 million** will continue innovative programs supporting Aboriginal Victorians with severe mental illness
- **\$4.2 million** to address drug harms by increasing access hours to the Medically Supervised Injecting Room, rolling out additional forms of the drug naxalone with essential training to help address drug harms across Victoria.
- **\$3.2 million** to continue Mental Health Tribunal funding and **\$2.5 million** funding for the Mental Health Complaints Commissioner to perform critically important safeguarding roles in our system
- **\$3.0 million** to help asylum seekers needing mental and physical support while waiting for refugee status

