

2016-17 Budget Estimates Hearing

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

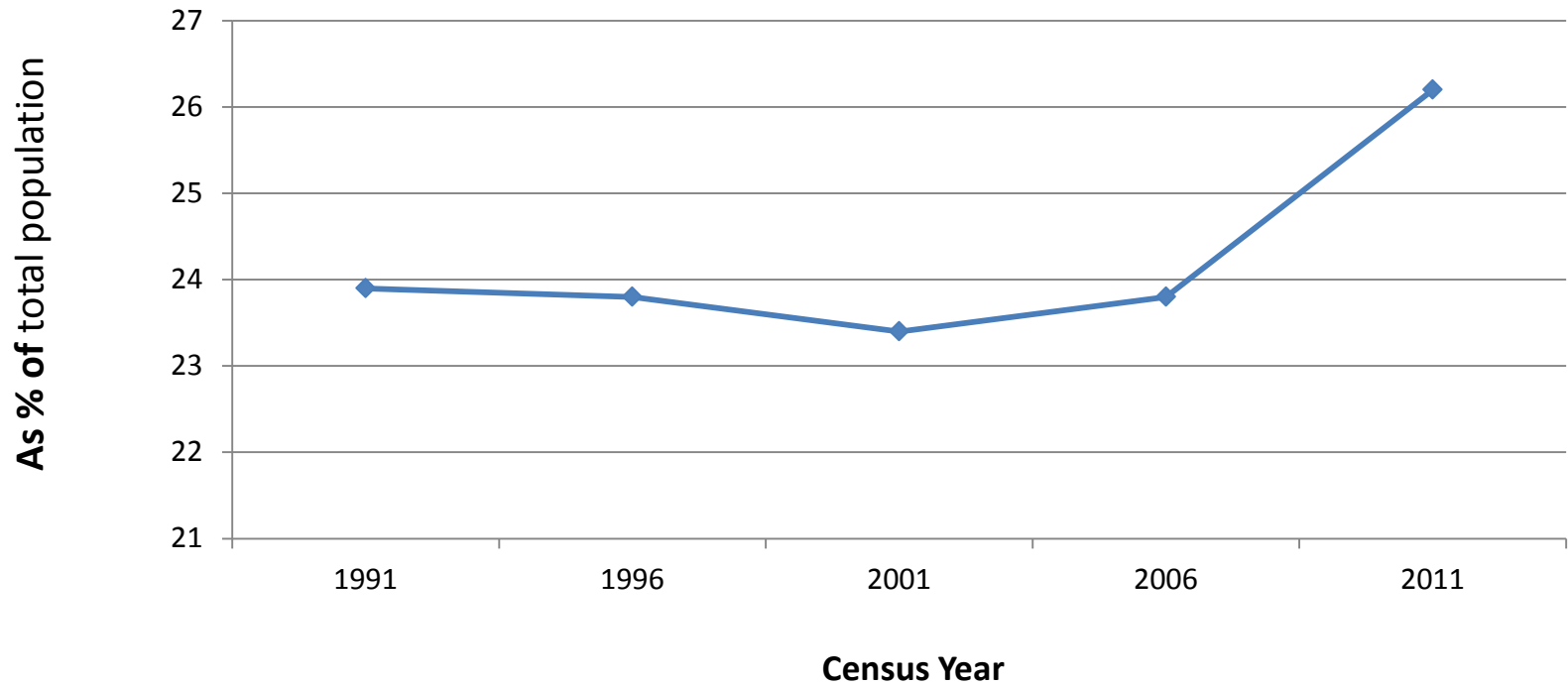
The Hon Robin Scott MP

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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Victoria's multicultural diversity is growing

Victoria: Overseas-born as % of Total Population, 1991 to 2011 Census



Significant year of achievement in Multicultural Affairs

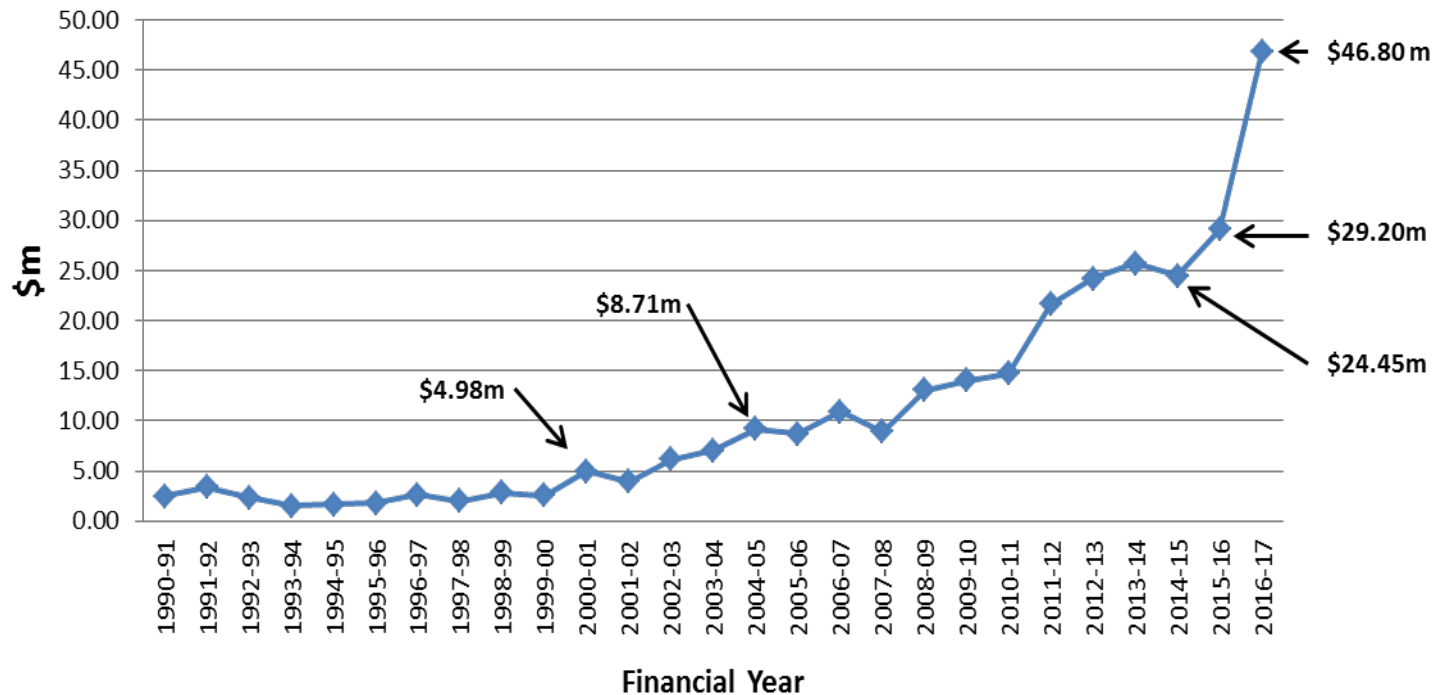
- **Secured ongoing funding for community grant programs which enabled the development of a more streamlined grants program for multicultural communities to access**
- **Honored all election commitments**
- **Established the Community Resilience Unit and initiatives through the Ministerial Taskforce on Social Cohesion and Community Resilience**
- **Realigned the roles of the VMC and OMAC and appointed a new VMC Chairperson and 7 new Commissioners**

Major budget boost in 2016-17

- This budget builds on our achievements to date by further strengthening funding allocations for Multicultural Affairs.
- **\$24.3 million in new 2016-17 initiatives:**
 - **\$6.3m (over two years) in additional funding to support Victoria's culturally diverse communities in preventing and responding to family violence; and**
 - **\$18.0m (over four years) to support refugees and asylum seekers.**
- **New policy priorities funded including family violence, community resilience and equality**

Budget growth to match our growing diversity

Multicultural Affairs Portfolio Budget History



Victoria's Approach to Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion

- A new **strategic whole-of-Government approach**
- VMC's Strategic Leadership role to **deepen community engagement** and **unlock new partnership opportunities** between community, industry, sport, arts and education.
- All designed to facilitate
 - **Social inclusion** and equality of opportunity;
 - Economic participation; and
 - **Acceptance** and **belonging**.
- \$10.9m over four years to meet the priority **health** and welfare needs of new refugee arrivals;
- \$49.1m over five years to improve **educational** outcomes of refugee, asylum seeker and migrant young people including by strengthening the Refugee Education Support Program, English as Additional Language Program and Community Language School funding; and
- \$53m over four years through **Jobs** Victoria Employment Network, to assist disadvantaged job seekers into work, including those from multicultural, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.