

2019-20 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon. Jill Hennessy MP
Attorney-General

2018 Election Commitments

Across Government, the *Victorian Budget 2019-20* is delivering in full key 2018 Election commitments, including:

- Bendigo Law Courts Redevelopment
 - \$152.4 million in asset funding to deliver the project
 - \$13.8 million in output funding over 4 years to deliver key services in support of the new Courts

2019-20 Budget Initiatives

Supporting a modern justice system – in our Courts

- Essential Resources for Victorian Courts
 - \$9.8 million over four years
- Security Upgrades to Strengthen Court Safety
 - \$12.3 million over five years
- Coroners Court Expansion
 - \$4.8 million over four years
- Transport of Deceased Persons
 - \$17.2 million over four years

2019-20 Budget Initiatives

Supporting a modern justice system - in our Courts continued

- Fast Track Remand Court
 - \$8.8 million over four years
- Family Drug Treatment Court
 - \$8.1 million over four years
- Reducing Reoffending and Improving Community Safety
 - \$6 million over two years
- Improving Court Access through Additional Audio-Visual Technology
 - \$12.4 million over four years

2019-20 Budget Initiatives

Supporting a modern justice system - other initiatives

- Continued Delivery of Prosecution Services
 - \$23.3 million over two years
- Koori Women's Place
 - \$2.4 million over four years
- Reforms to Financial Assistance for Victims of Crime
 - \$3.2 million over three years

2019-20 Budget Initiatives

Supporting a modern justice system - other initiatives continued

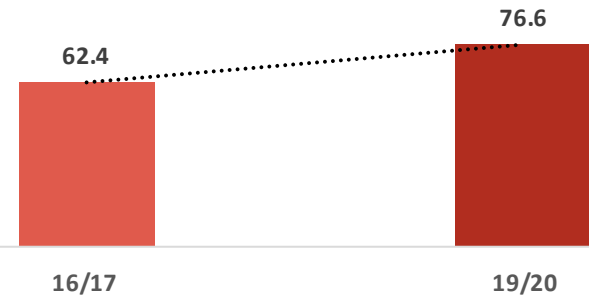
- Supporting Forensic Medical Capacity
 - \$9.4 million over five years
- Family Violence Perpetrator Interventions
 - \$8.5 million over two years
- Establishing a National Disability Insurance Scheme Worker Screening Service
 - \$12.5 million over three years

Investment history

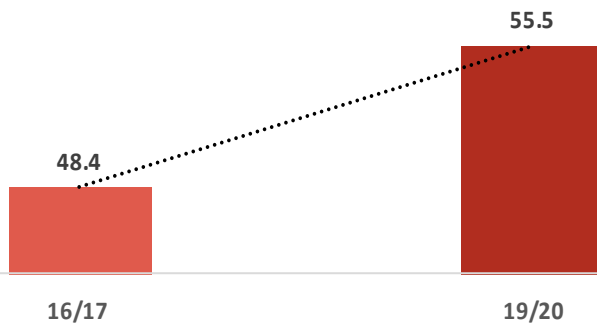
Public Prosecutions and Legal Assistance (\$ million)



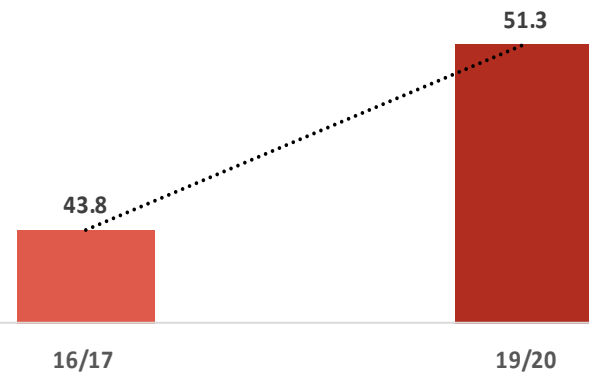
Criminal Law Support and Reform (\$ million)



Protection of Personal Identity and Individual/Community Rights (\$ million)



Dispute Resolution and Civil Justice Support Services (\$ million)



Reforms

- Creating new offence of workplace manslaughter to send a strong message that putting people's lives at risk in the workplace will not be tolerated.
- Creating new wage theft offences.
- Further reforms to promote open justice in Victoria, including examining the merits of judge alone trials.
- Restrictive laws on transgender birth certificates will be overhauled, as well as other reforms to promote greater recognition and protection of LGBTI people.
- The national uniform scheme for the legal

Reforms

- Addressing impediments to fair justice for survivors of institutional abuse.
- Reforming the financial assistance scheme for victims of crime to be victim-centred, fast, fair and accessible
- Expanding the Victims of Crime Commissioner powers to better support victims
- New requirements for the Office of Public Prosecutions to communicate with victims on key decisions.