

2016-17 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Budget Estimates Hearing

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Minister for Emergency Services

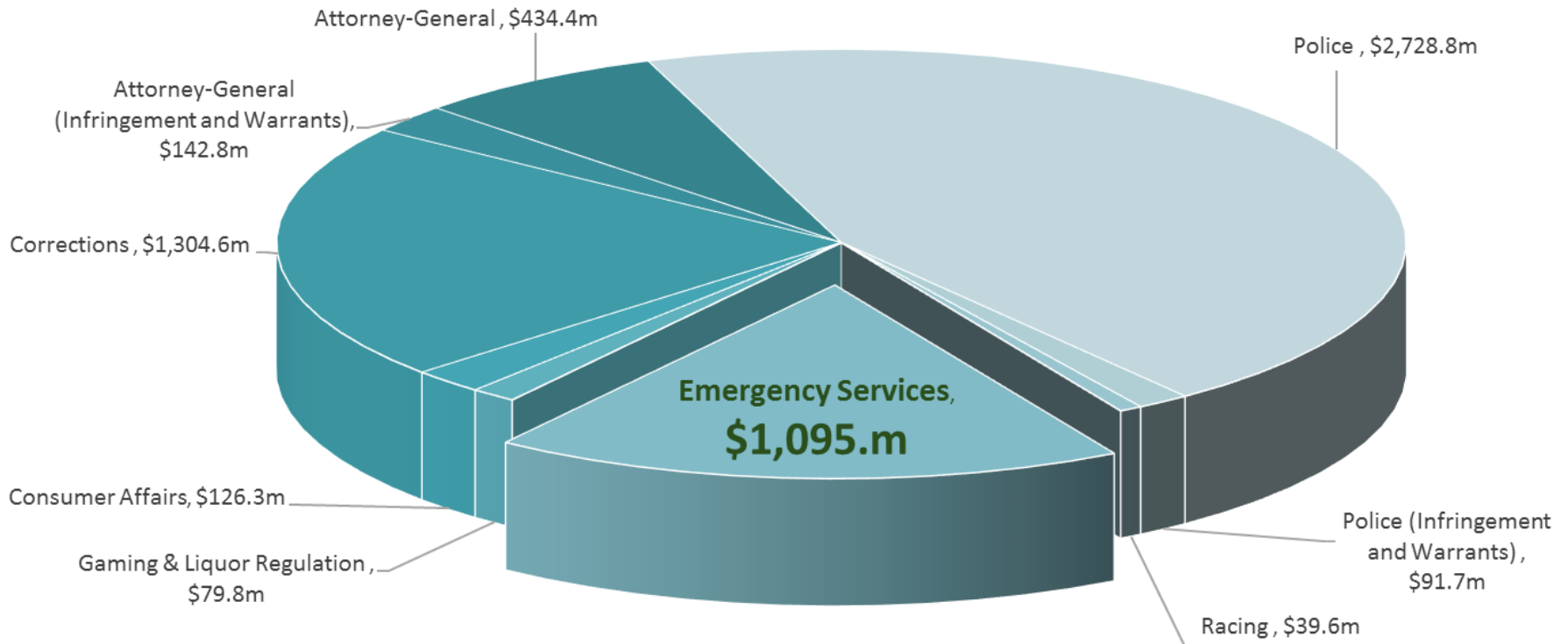
Summer Season 2015/16

- Total fires for the season 4995 (grass and scrub bushfires)
- 16 Major fires
- 148 houses and 68 sheds destroyed and 2710 buildings damaged
- 28,334 hectares of land was burned
- Trees down (from both fire and storm) 6,896
- Total requests for assistance: 12,731
- 32,000 paid and volunteer firefighters turned out over the season



Justice Budget Breakdown

2016-17 Published Output Costs
by Ministerial Portfolio (\$m)



2016-17 Budget Initiatives

- 450 Firefighters on track
- Firefighting training facilities
- Expand the Emergency Medical Response program
- Improve Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority response
- Redevelop surf life-saving clubhouses

Achievements

- Country Fire Authority Amenities Grant – over 80% complete
- New Stations for Country Fire Authority and Metropolitan Fire Brigade
- New Country Fire Authority Appliances
- Emergency Medical Response
- Recruitment and Training of Firefighters
- Bushfire Shelter Options
- Triple Zero
- Support for Victoria State Emergency Service
- Support for Volunteers

Reforms

- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Presumptive Legislation

