

2016-17 Budget Estimates Hearing

Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing

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2015-16 Portfolio achievements

Transparency, accountability and integrity

Integrity reform

- Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) **Follow-the-dollar powers**
- **Integrity and accountability legislation** that broadens powers of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC)
- **Government advertising** standards and oversight

Public sector administration and reform

Public sector reform

- **Regional Partnerships** governance model
- Establishment of **Service Victoria**

Information sharing, technology and data reform

- Information sharing **legislative review**
- **Information Technology Strategy 2016-2020**
- **Telecommunications Procurement and Management Strategy 2025 Program**

Innovation

- **Public Sector Innovation Fund**
- **Code for Victoria Challenge**
- **Behavioural Insights Unit**

State of the public sector

Public Service

- 40 Departments and Offices
- 37,942 (34,798 FTE) employees

Public Entities

- 3366 Public Entities
- 239,728 (188,168 FTE) employees

- The **public service plays a crucial role in the lives of Victorians**, supporting the wellbeing, security and prosperity of the State
- The Government **reached agreement for a new Victorian Public Service enterprise agreement** in December 2015
- The VPS agreement includes **improvements to management processes, culture, workplace policies** (including misconduct and underperformance, and family violence leave)

2%

FTE
employment
increase

Since June 2014, FTE **employment increased 2%** across the public sector*
The largest increases occurred in **public healthcare, schools, and police and emergency services**

84%

Employer of
choice

In 2014, **84 % of Victorian public sector** respondents stated their organisation was an **employer of choice**

8.7%

Labour Force

The **combined public service and sector is a major part of Victoria's economy representing 8.7 % of the State's labour force** and accounts for almost **15% of Gross State Product (GSP)**

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GSP



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* Excluding casual relief teachers

2016-17 State Budget

The **2016-17 State Budget** provides funding to support:

People

- Strengthening the **capability of our people**

Systems

- Creating **good systems** to solve complex problems

Outcomes

- Stronger **accountability and transparency** for outcomes achieved

Funding was approved for the following initiatives:

2016-17 Budget initiatives

- Management of **Victoria's public records**
- Maintaining an **effective, accountable and professional public administration**
- Building **public sector capability and integrity** – Victorian Public Sector Commission
- **Legislative obligations** for the Commission for Privacy and Data Protection
- **Victorian Ombudsman** office relocation
- **Multi-agency risk assessment and safeguarding** (as part of the broader whole-of-government Family Violence package)
- **Service Victoria** to enhance the delivery of government transactions with citizens