

Public Accounts & Estimates Committee

Budget Estimates Hearing Mental Health Portfolio 2014-15

Minister for Mental Health, the Hon Mary Wooldridge MP

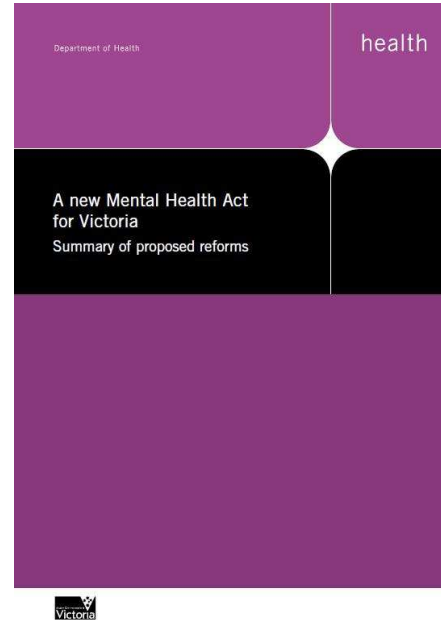
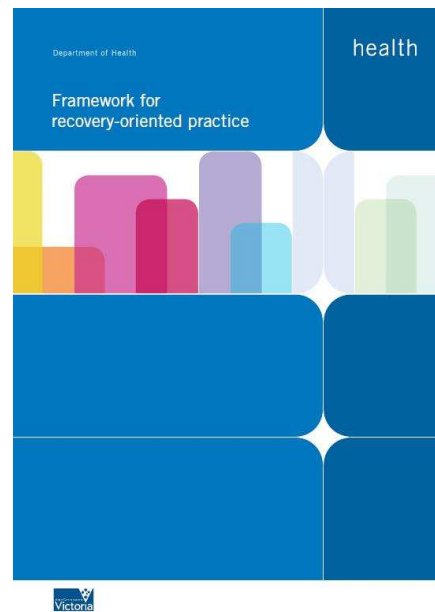
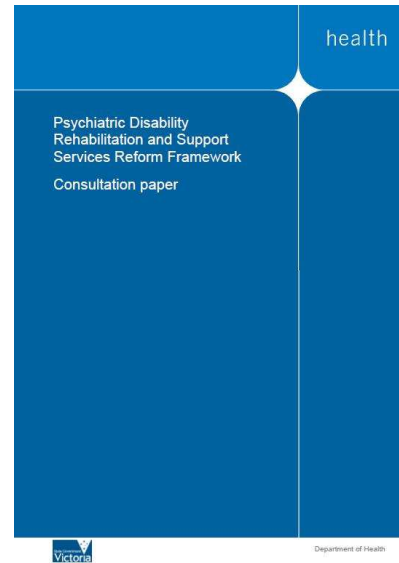
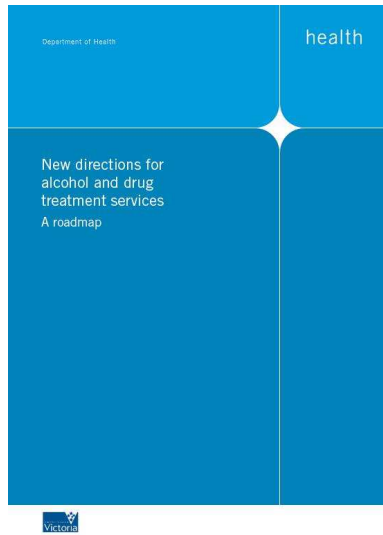
The bigger picture

To meet future challenges we need to update the foundations of our mental health and drug treatment systems

- A new Mental Health Act
- Community sector mental health reform
- Alcohol and drug service reform
- Reducing the Toll
- Workforce strategy

Links to other key reforms and directions

- Services Connect
- Service Sector Reform



Portfolio overview

Mental health

- Investing \$1.26 billion in 2014-15
- An increase of over 25 per cent over four Budgets
- Created over 530 new jobs
- Invested in 280 new beds

Alcohol and drugs

- Investing \$165.1 million in 2014-15
- An increase of over 21 per cent over four Budgets
- Created more than 140 jobs

2014-15 Budget Highlights

An additional \$171 million for Mental Health and Alcohol and Drugs

- Record investment in mental health
- Largest increase in drug and alcohol treatment funding this century
- First budgeted residential AOD treatment beds in fourteen years
- Mental health and police working together
- New PARCs in Warrnambool and Mildura

2014-15 Budget Highlights

- **Targeted support for people with complex needs:** \$69.3 million for clients with highly-complex needs and targeted care in emergency, hospital and community settings.
- **Transition Support Units:** \$14.9 million for two new 10-bed mental health Supported Transition Support Units, to be built at Heidelberg and in the southeast suburbs.
- **Prevention and Recovery Care (PARC) Centres:** \$21 million for the operation of three new 10-bed PARC services in Fitzroy, Heidelberg and Wodonga, in addition to \$8.6 million for the construction of two new PARCs in Mildura and Warrnambool.
- **Housing for People with a Mental Illness:** \$4.2 million to support people with a severe mental illness to access and maintain private rental accommodation.
- **Combating ice and other drug use:** \$34.1 million to expand drug treatment services across areas where demand is high, along with a community awareness campaign.
- **Mother-and-Baby drug withdrawal unit:** \$4 million to build a new residential drug withdrawal facility in Heidelberg.
- **Higher pay for the Workforce:** \$14.8 million to provide wage increases for approximately 9,000 people working under the SACS Award across community-based mental health and alcohol and drug sectors.