

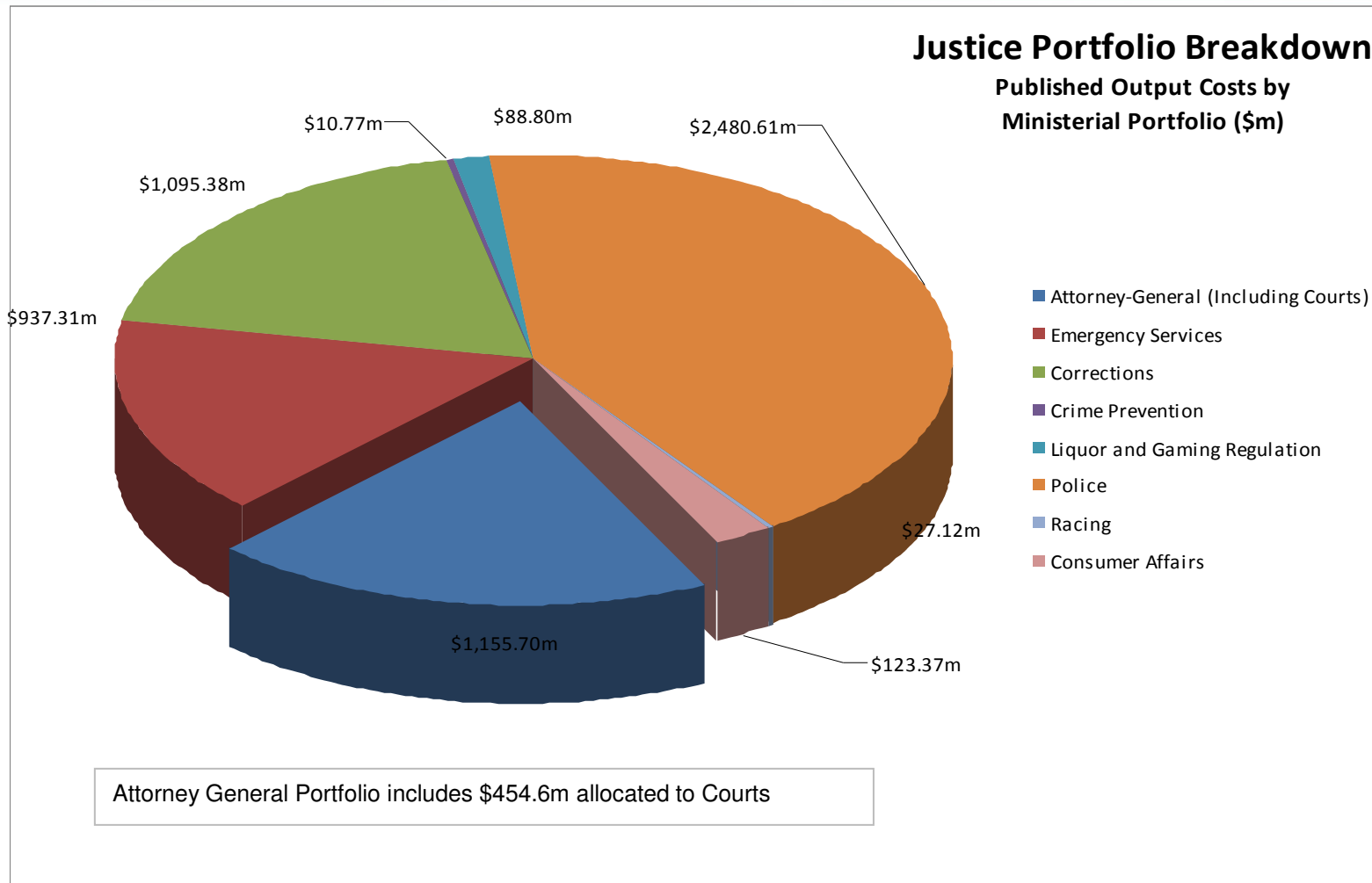
2014-15 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Budget Estimates Hearing

Thursday 15 May 2014

The Hon. Robert Clark MP
Attorney General

Justice Budget Breakdown



2014-15 Budget Initiatives

- Supporting the independent prosecution of the most serious crimes - \$12.1m for the consolidation of the Office of Public Prosecutions
- Shepparton Law Courts – \$67.8m in asset funding for a new multi-jurisdictional court complex and \$5.2m in output funding for additional court staff and an additional Magistrate
- Reducing court delays through diversion of appropriate matters to mediation - \$4.8m for additional Dispute Assessment Officers and Registrars

2013-14 Achievements

- Court Services Victoria – legislation passed to establish independent courts administration in Victoria – a landmark achievement
- Native Title Claims Resolution – Dja Dja Wurrung Recognition and Settlement Agreement

2013-14 Achievements

- Melbourne Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Centre – Launched March 2014
- Investment in Court Infrastructure – Upgrades in Bendigo, Wangaratta and Broadmeadows

Achievements – Sentencing Initiatives

- New CCOs as a sentencing option – 7,900 pa since January 2012
- Introduction of statutory minimum sentences for gross violence offences
- Abolition of Suspended Sentences – superior courts
- Introduction of new indictable offences for family violence intervention order breaches
- Introduction of Baseline Sentences

Achievements – Criminal Legislation - Acts

- *Bail Amendment Act 2013*
- *Crimes Amendment (Grooming) Act 2014*
- *Crimes Amendment (Integrity in Sports) Act 2013*
- *Crimes Amendment (Investigation Powers) Act 2013*
- *Fortification Removal Act 2013*
- *Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2013*
- *Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2013*
- *Justice Legislation (Cancellation of Parole and Other Matters) Act 2013*
- *Open Courts Act 2013*
- *Sentencing Amendment (Abolition of Suspended Sentences and Other Matters) Act 2013*
- *Summary Offences and Sentencing Act 2014*

Achievements – Criminal Legislation - Bills

- Sentencing Amendment (Baseline Sentences) Bill 2013
- Honorary Justices Bill 2014
- Crimes Amendment (Protection of Children) Bill 2014
- Jury Directions Amendment Bill 2014

Achievements – Civil Legislation – Acts and Bill

- *Children, Youth and Families Amendment Act 2013*
- *Court Services Victoria Act 2014*
- *Courts and Other Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2013*
- *Courts Legislation Amendment (Reserve Judicial Officers) Act 2013 and Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Officers) Act 2013*
- *Fences Act 2014*
- *Justice Legislation (Discovery, Disclosure and Other Matters) Act 2014*
- *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014*
- *Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal Act 2014*
- *Vexatious Proceedings Bill 2014*