



# 2014–15

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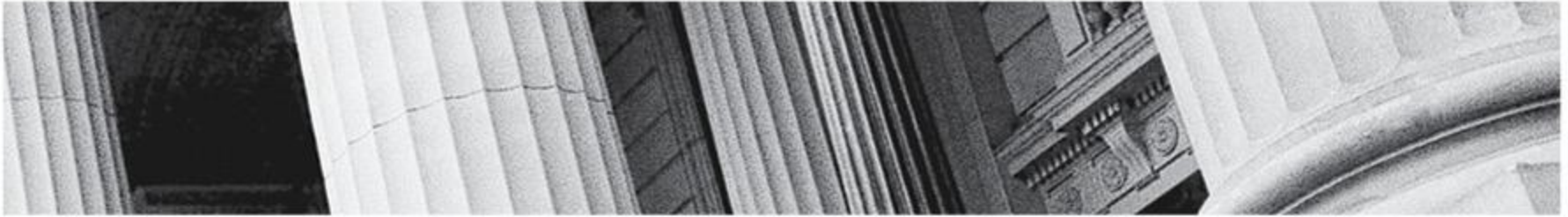
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## MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CITIZENSHIP

Hon. Matthew Guy MLC  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
and Citizenship

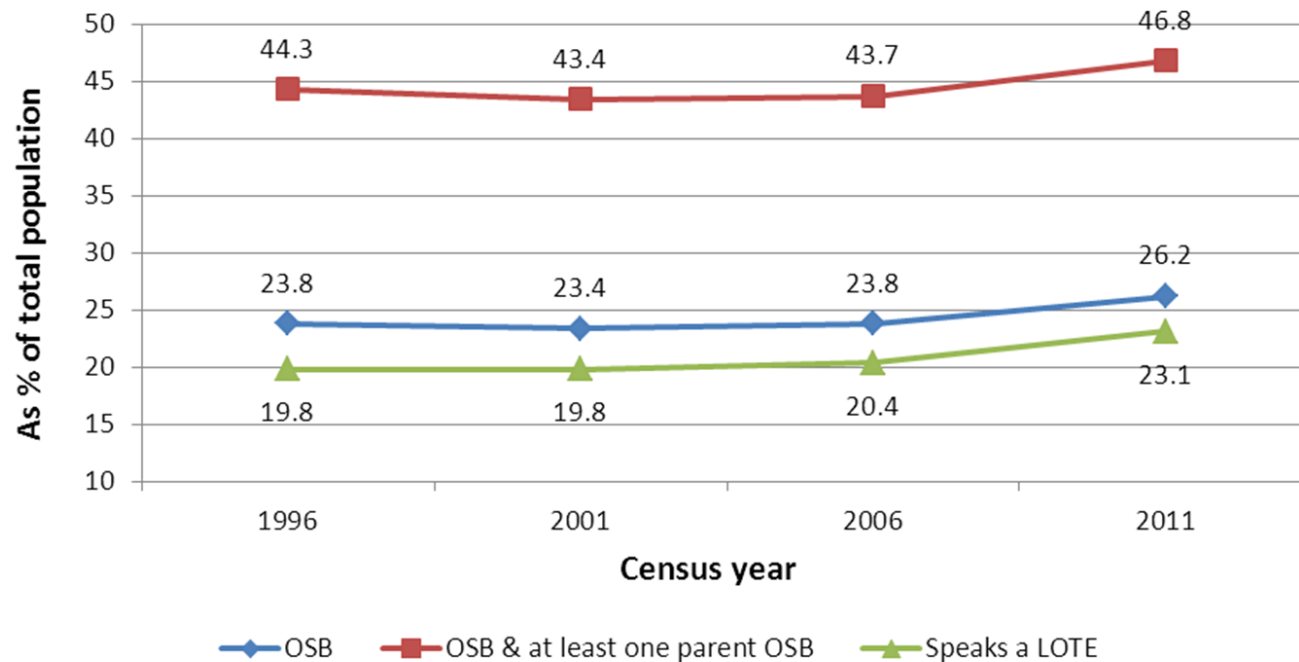
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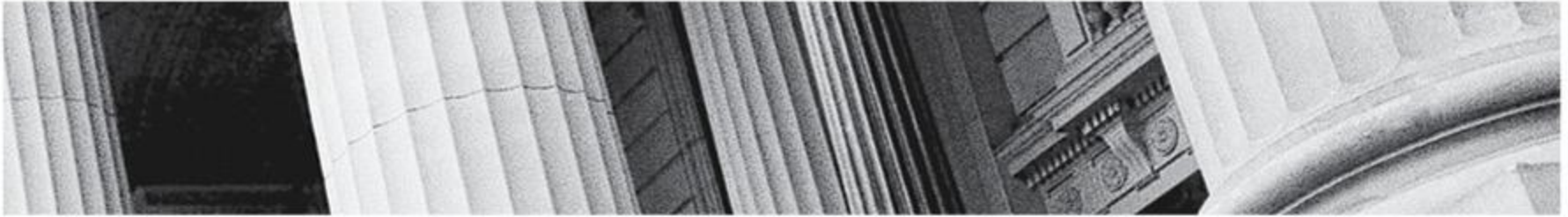




# Victoria's Multicultural Diversity

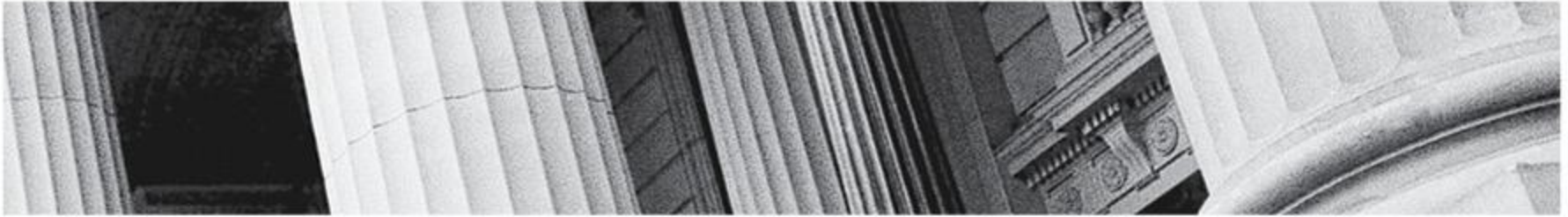
Victoria's changing population diversity:  
1996 to 2011 Censuses





## The Government's Commitment to Multicultural Affairs

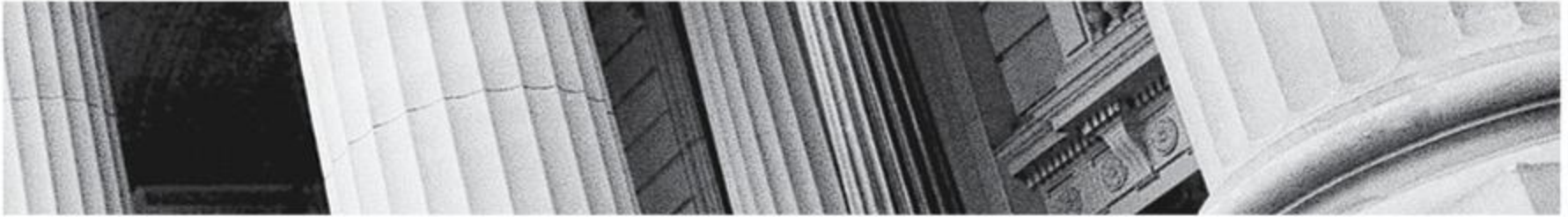
- New Whole-of-Government Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship policy - *Victoria's Advantage: Unity, Diversity, Opportunity*
  - › Three policy themes:
    - Maximising the Benefits of our Diversity;
    - Citizenship, Participation and Social Cohesion; and
    - Responsive and Accessible Services.
  - › A clear set of indicators are included to measure progress annually.
- Victorian Government's vision for civics, citizenship and multicultural education: *Unity through Diversity*



## Key Achievements in 2013-14

### ■ Community Strengthening

- Community Grants Program
- Settlement Coordination Unit
- Promoting Community Harmony
- Peak Multicultural Organisations
- Language Services Program

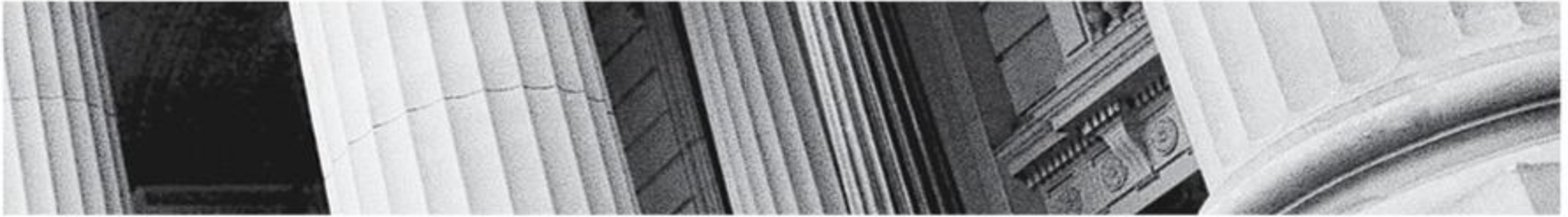


## Key Achievements in 2013-14 cont.

### ■ Enhancing Engagement

- Cultural Diversity Week, including Gala Dinner and Viva Victoria Festival
- Unity Through Partnerships Program
- Multicultural Awards for Excellence
- Refugee Recognition Record
- Extensive Consultations





## 2014-15 Budget Initiatives

- Portfolio Budget - \$24.4 million in 2014-15
- Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund - \$6 million over two years (2014-15 and 2015-16).
- New and Emerging Community Leadership Program - \$1 million over four years to establish:
  - The Nelson Mandela Ubuntu Leadership; and
  - The Strengthening New Communities Leadership streams.
- These investments - along with the new Multicultural Affairs Citizenship policy - will build on the achievements of 2013-14 and enhance Victoria's reputation as a leader in Multicultural Affairs.