

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2023-24

## Budget Estimates Hearings

**The Hon. Anthony Carbines MP**  
Minister for Police

7 June 2023



# Boosting community safety in 2023-24

- **\$4.00 million** to the Police Association of Victoria to embed and expand the BlueHub to deliver faster and easier access to mental health support for police members.
- **\$1.30 million** within Victoria's Flood Recovery initiatives for the replacement of critical police facilities.
- **\$12.37 million** to support Victoria Police to prioritise earlier intervention of young people and help prevent offending.
- **\$3.52 million** to continue the Northern Community Support Group and for programs and initiatives to address the continued threat posed by violent extremism in the community.
- **\$8.64 million** allocated to Victoria Police to fund specialist police prosecutors at specialist family violence courts.



**\$25.95 million**

over four years for Victoria Police to continue its program of additional drug tests on our roads. This will help reduce the number of drivers under the influence of drugs.

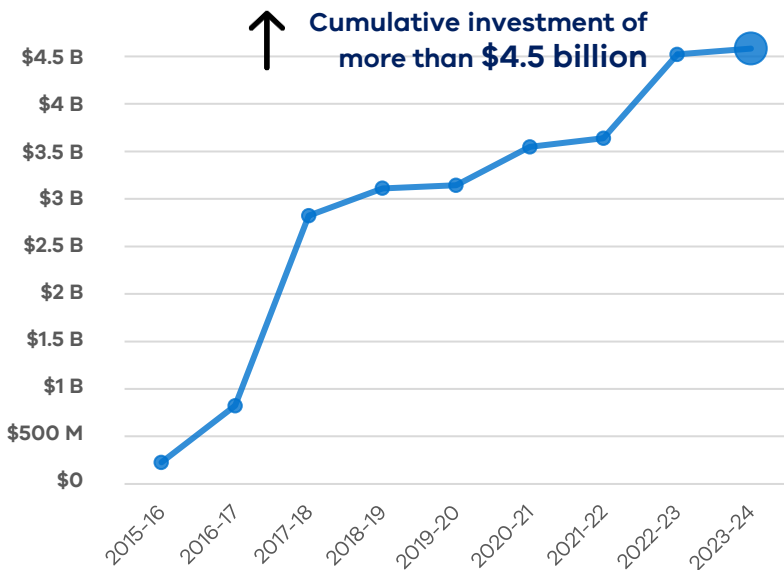
# Total Victoria Police investment (since 2015-16)

The Victorian Government has made significant investment in Victoria Police and public safety over **nine years** to build a safer, stronger Victorian community:

**Record investment of more than \$4.5 billion over 9 years**

- 3637 new sworn police officers
- State-of-the-art intelligence systems
- New technology
- New and upgraded police stations

This record includes:



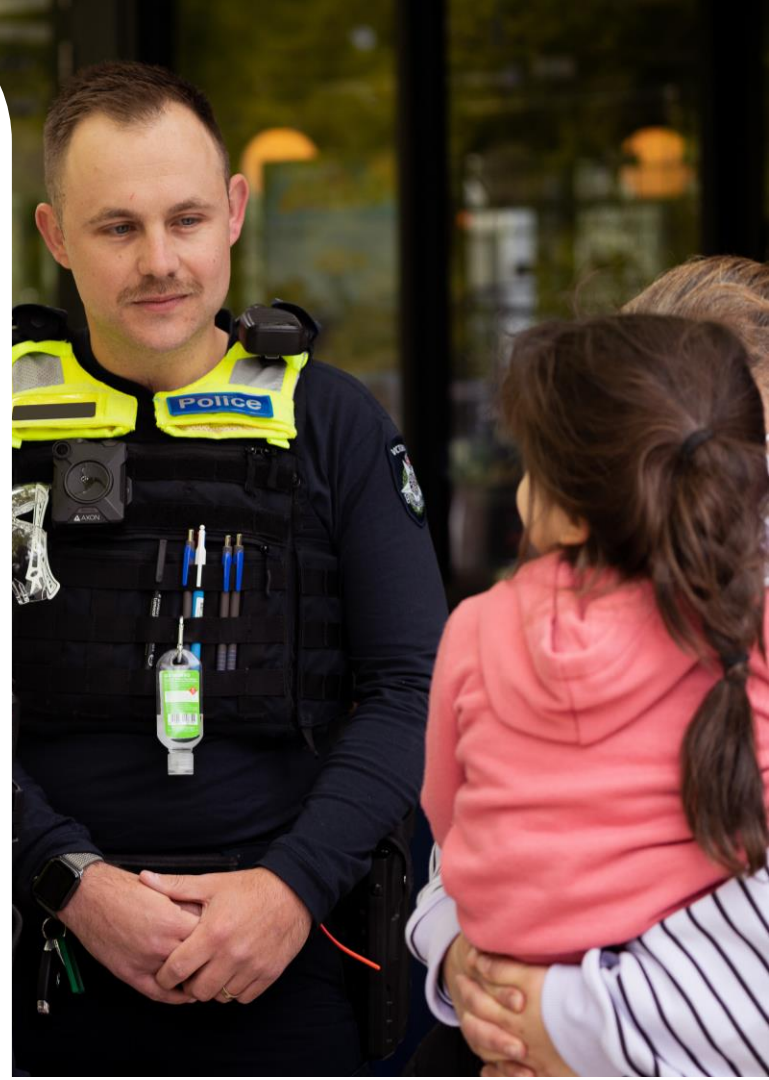
2015-16 \$257 M	Delivering on election promises to free up police
2016-17 \$685 M	Public safety package for technology, equipment and capability uplifts across the force
2017-18 \$2 B	Resourcing the front line for now and the future, high visibility policing, family violence, youth offending and critical equipment and hardware
2018-19 \$288 M	Specialist capability to target high harm crimes and organised criminal networks, and prosecuting offenders to hold them to account
2019-20 \$32 M	Continuing our commitments to strengthening community safety
2020-21 \$404 M	Backing in Victoria Police and keeping the community safe
2021-22 \$134 M	Supporting police to keep Victorians safe
2022-23 \$632 M	Supporting police and keeping all Victorians safe by funding more police and PSOs, and providing funding for non-lethal options to resolve dangerous situations
2023-24 \$60.1 M	Strengthening community safety outcomes and increasing support to police so they can carry out their jobs effectively



# Meeting the growing needs of the Victorian community

\$342 million allocated to Victoria Police in 2022-23 to support the recruitment of an additional 502 sworn members and 50 Protective Services Officers (PSOs)

- Victoria Police launched “Made for More” on 16 October 2022, which aims to inspire, motivate and give confidence to applicants interested in a policing career
- To meet our commitment to the Victorian public, recruitment of 251 police and 25 PSOs is on track for delivery this financial year with all positions having been recruited and inducted at the Police Academy
- As at 31 May 2023, 184 police have been sworn in and 25 PSOs have been recruited
- Victoria Police is on track to recruit the full 502/50 by end September 2023, well ahead of the 30 June 2024 deadline



# The right equipment and assets to keep the community safe

- Since 2014, the Victorian Government has committed more than \$423 million to build 19 police stations and refurbish 15 more across Victoria
- This investment has provided our hard-working police officers with modern, fit-for-purpose facilities and improved the level of service and accessibility available to local communities
- In addition to these investments, the government has committed a further \$616 million since 2014 for equipment including mobile technology, body worn cameras, and new intelligence capabilities to help police work more efficiently, more accountably, and more safely





**Thank you.**

