



Victorian Budget 2020/21

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Minister for Housing

Victoria's Big Housing Build

The Victorian State Budget will deliver a historic **\$5.3 billion Big Housing Build**, comprising of...

- **\$1.38 billion** (via the Department of Treasury and Finance) for the *Social Housing Growth Fund* to deliver new social housing dwellings to provide accommodation for some of the most vulnerable Victorians.
- **\$3.92 billion** (via the Department of Health and Human Services) to deliver new homes throughout Victoria. This includes replacing 1,100 old social housing dwellings.

The Big Housing Build will...

- **Construct more than 12,000 new homes** throughout metro and regional Victoria
- Support approximately **10,000 jobs, per year over the next four years**, to supercharge Victoria's economic recovery through the pandemic and beyond.

Housing Budget Output Growth

- In 2020-21, the Andrews Labor Government is investing **\$1.4 billion** in housing assistance.
- This investment is a 118% increase compared to 2019-20.



Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

The government has successfully kept vulnerable people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and provides further investment in this Budget to continue this commitment.

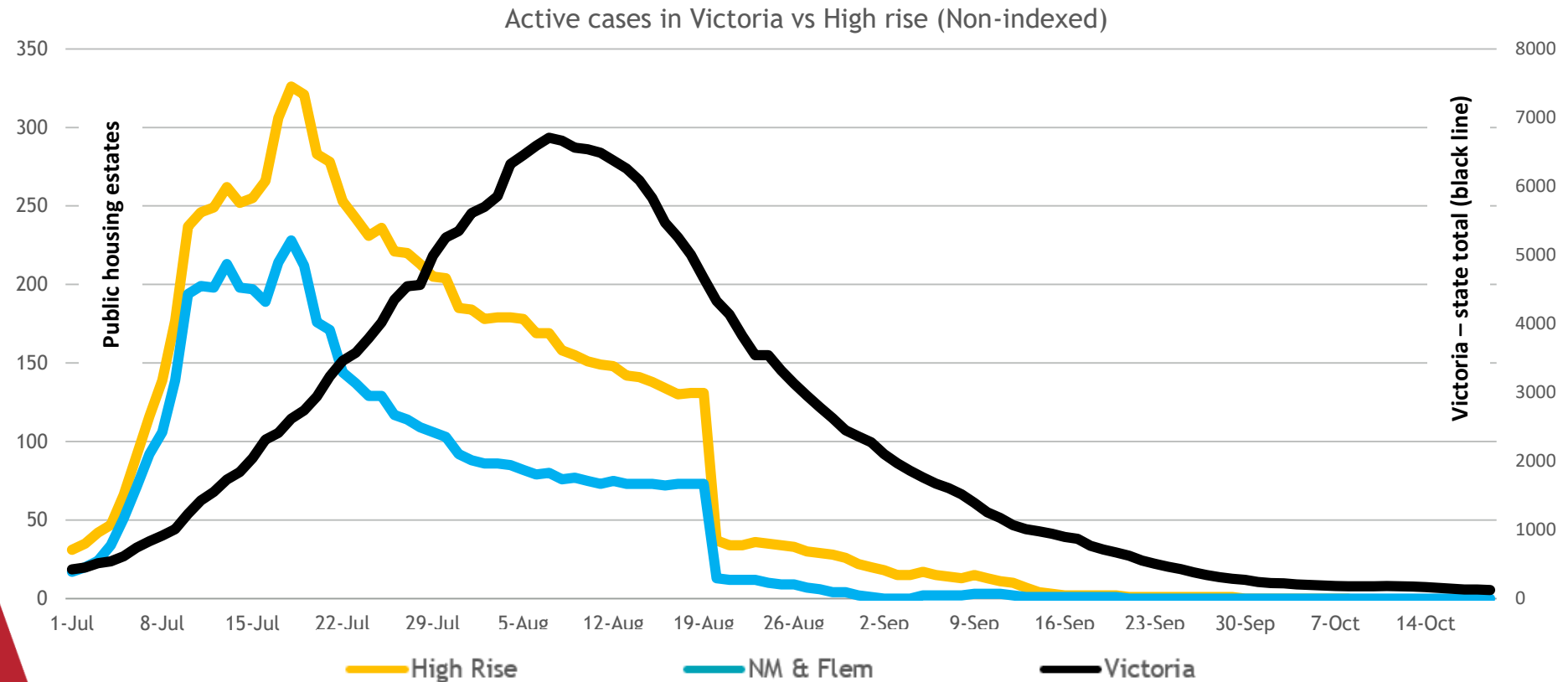
Key measures include:

- **\$155 million** to implement coronavirus preparation and prevention measures in public housing – this includes testing, cleaning, security, food and material aid, and community services for residents
- **\$11 million** for extra support staff at hotels for the homeless
- **\$7 million** for the Pathway to Recovery project for residents at North Melbourne and Flemington.

Suppressing COVID-19 in our public housing estates

What happened in North Melbourne and Flemington was deeply distressing to many residents and we acknowledge residents have endured hardships and significant sacrifices.

We acted swiftly to reduce movement in and out of the towers while activating testing and a range of supports for residents, and this response was effective.



Note: Large decrease around 20 August due to data cleansing activity

From Homelessness to a Home

Victorians experiencing homelessness will be supported through the *2020/21 Victorian Budget*.

\$150.8 million will extend emergency hotel accommodation for up to 2,000 Victorians experiencing homelessness while they transition into longer term housing.

This funding will also provide enhanced private rental assistance, flexible support and head lease more than 1,000 properties from the private rental market, to help people transition from homelessness and emergency hotel accommodation into stable housing in the long term

Helping women and children escaping family violence

Women and children escaping family violence are also prioritised through the *Victorian Budget 2020-21*.

This includes an additional **\$18.2 million** over two years to fund staff and other operational costs associated with two new and 13 redeveloped core and cluster refuges due for completion in 2020-21.

This will include the provision of enhanced case management responses to enable 24-hour access.

