



2021-22 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Hearing

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Victoria Police Investment

(2015-2022)

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

- Record investment of **\$3.89 billion** over 7 years
- 3135 new sworn police officers
- State-of-the-art intelligence systems
- New technology
- New and upgraded police stations

This record includes:

2015-16 \$226M	Delivering on election promises to free up police
2016-17 \$596M	Public safety package for technology, equipment and capability uplifts across the force
2017-18 \$2B	Resourcing the front line for now and the future, high visibility policing, family violence, youth offending and critical equipment and hardware
2018-19 \$289M	Specialist capability to target high harm crimes and organised criminal networks, and prosecuting offenders to hold them to account
2019-20 \$32M	Continuing our commitments to strengthening community safety
2020-21 \$404M	Backing in Victoria Police and keeping the community safe
2021-22 \$91M	Supporting police to keep Victorians safe





Funding to keep the community safe

Supporting Police to keep Victorians Safe



\$16.5 million

To support government and police efforts to counter violent extremism



\$82.7 million

To support the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre assess and respond to serious threats of terrorism (includes funding for Department of Health)



\$13.2 million

For an additional 50,000 road drug tests to improve road safety and reduce the rate of drug driving in Victoria.



\$28.8 million

To replace the Benalla police station to ensure local police have a state-of-the-art facility to serve their community.



\$6.4 million

To continue the Embedded Youth Outreach program, connecting at-risk young people to services that aim to prevent crime.





Redress and Restorative Engagement Scheme for Victoria Police employees



Funding of **\$51.8 million over four years** to offer support that is making a real difference to the lives of Victoria Police employees who have experienced workplace sex discrimination or sexual harassment



Since the scheme opened, **more than 500 people** have been provided support, including referral to counselling services, and over \$9 million in financial redress payments have been made



Participants trust the confidentiality of the scheme and have a strong desire to contribute to **cultural change through restorative engagement**



Road Safety

New **Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021–2030** aims to halve the number of lives lost and reduce incidences of serious road trauma by the end of the decade.

Road Safety Action Plan 2021–2023 supports the goals of the Strategy through enforcing safer driver behaviour initiatives.

Camera technology will be utilised to detect dangerous and high-risk driving behaviour including speeding and distracted driving (e.g. illegal use of mobile phones).



\$33.7 million to roll out new cameras to detect distracted drivers illegally using their mobile phones and not wearing their seatbelts.



75 per cent increase in mobile camera enforcement hours delivered in April 2021 – more than two years ahead of the original completion date.



\$49.4 million to install and commission new fixed road safety cameras at 35 dangerous intersection sites and two point-to-point highway camera systems.





COVID-19 Quarantine Victoria (CQV)

2020-21 Key Achievements



The reset quarantine model delivered by CQV

- CQV is Victoria's **dedicated agency** that manages the COVID-19 Accommodation Program.
- CQV's **6,600+ quarantine workers** deliver:
 - quarantine for returned o/s travellers
 - health and complex care hotels
 - quarantine for airline crew
 - frontline worker and emergency accommodation.
- In response to the Board of Inquiry and Halton review, the reset model delivered by CQV focuses on: infection prevention and control; resident health and wellbeing; and strengthened governance.



Victoria is the first Australian jurisdiction to introduce:

- **Mandatory vaccination** for frontline quarantine workers and sub-contractors
- **Day-off testing** for frontline quarantine workers
- **Comprehensive ventilation standards** for hotels in the program
- The requirement for all staff to wear a **fit-tested N95 mask** when working in a Red Zone
- A trial of **new proximity tracking technology** for quarantine staff, to strengthen contact tracing.



Since establishment on 1 December 2020 CQV had:

- As at 17 June 2021:
 - **35,748** people in quarantine
 - **13,014** vaccination doses administered
 - **374,649** daily staff tests conducted
 - **5,595** staff have been N95 mask fit-tested.

In January 2021, CQV supported **1,057** Australian Open participants to undertake quarantine.





Thank you.

