

PAEC presentation - Ambulance

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Funding context

Ambulance Victoria has just had its busiest quarter in history. The 2022-23 Victorian State Budget will help maintain service under continuing demand pressure.

- About 500 paramedics daily were furloughed through illness at the peak of the Omicron wave
- Ambulance Victoria responded to 14.2% more calls in January-March 2022 than over the same period last year
- Yet still responded to 66.8 per cent of calls within 15 minutes



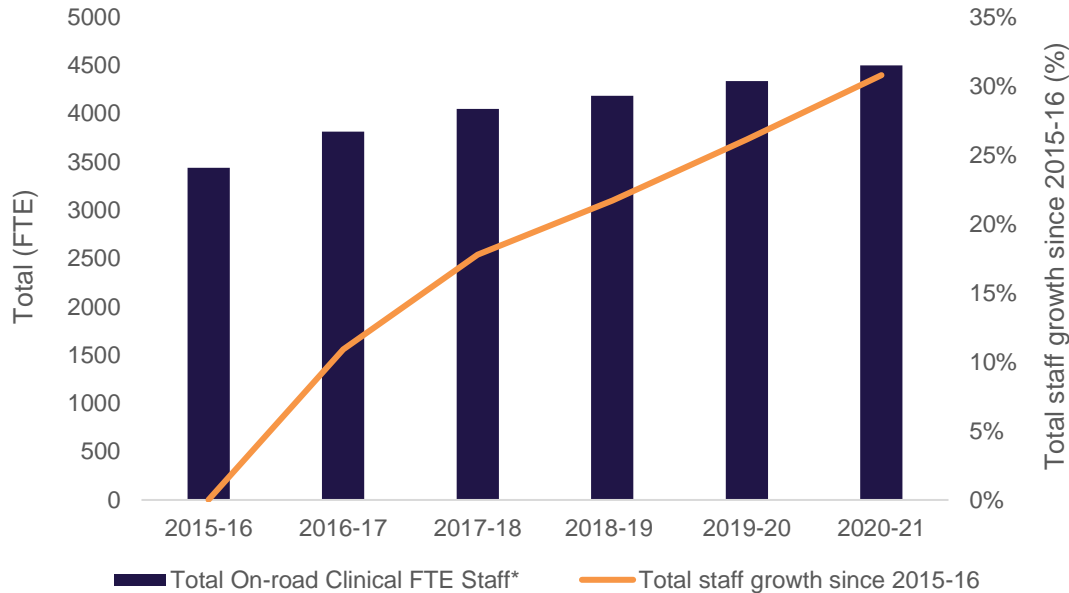
Meeting unprecedented demand

Right around the nation, demand for emergency services is at an all-time high.

- Continued growth in workforce is essential to meet growing demand
- We're investing **\$124 million** to put an additional 90 ambulance personnel on the road
- Including **\$12 million** for a **second Mobile Stroke Unit** in Melbourne's south east.



Workforce growth



Paramedics, Team Managers, Patient Transport Officers, Retrieval Registrars, Clinic Transport Officers and Clinical Instructors etc

Building confidence

Patient transfer services rely on the strength of the system around them – and every Victorian should have confidence that help will be there when they need it. This Budget is a commitment to:

- \$236 million to expand Emergency Department capacity at Casey Hospital and Werribee Mercy Hospital
- Implementing the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission's review into workplace equality
- Innovative strategies to support emergency response
- Strengthening community-based healthcare to ease pressure on emergency demand



Pictured: Casey Hospital