

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

2016-17 Budget Estimates Hearing

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Minister for Families & Children



## 2016-17 Budget – Key priorities

The 2016-17 Victorian Budget is focused on:

- ensuring all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential
- taking action on family violence
- making Victoria the Education State
- transforming the child protection system



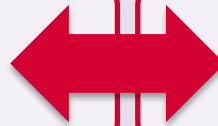
**GETTING IT DONE**  
**VICTORIAN**  
**BUDGET 16/17**

**\$369 million boost over four years  
for families and children initiatives**

# 2016-17 Budget – Overview

**Family Violence**  
**\$572 million (WoVG)**

**Education State**



**Roadmap for Reform**

Department of Education and  
Training

**\$167.3 million**

Department Health and Human  
Services

**\$201.7 million**

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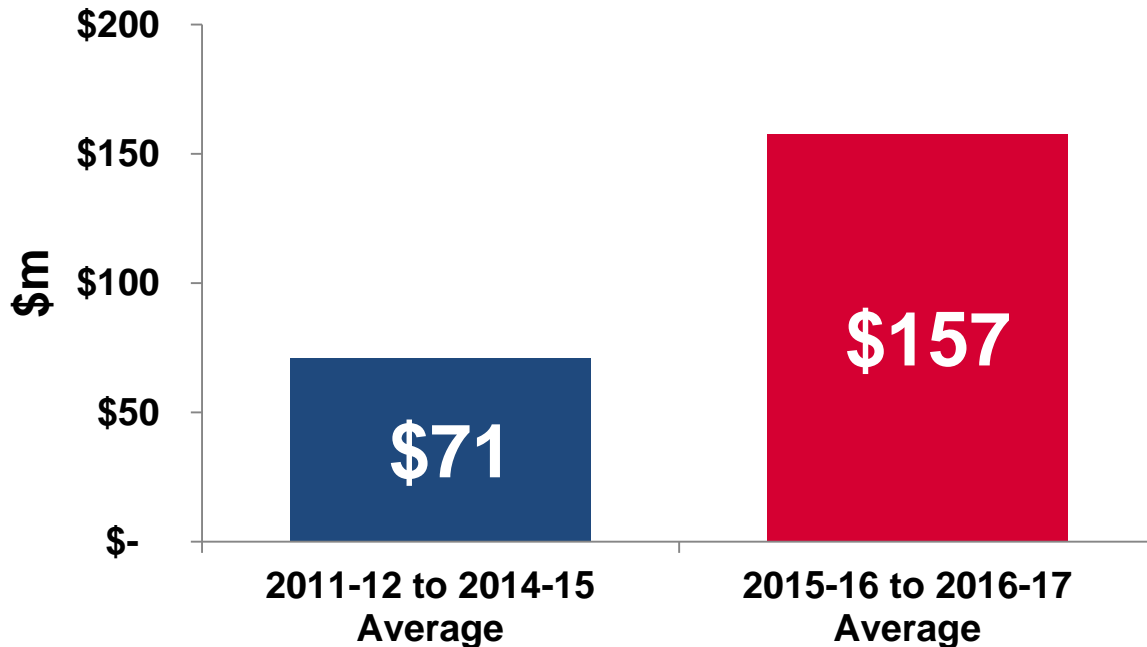
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# Building the Education State – starting from the early years

Department of Education & Training  
Early Childhood Development additional  
output initiatives total (\$m)



- The 2016-17 Budget invests **\$167.3 million** in vital early childhood initiatives
- Our first two budgets have **more than doubled** the average additional investment

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# Strong early years services

- **\$10 million** to build early childhood facilities in growth areas and for improved planning across the state
- **\$4.4 million** to support small kindergartens in rural areas
- **\$3.8 million** for the National Occasional Care Programme



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# Modernising Maternal and Child Health

- **\$133 million** for vital maternal and child health services
  - Largest ever investment in MCH
  - Includes \$2.1 million to help centres communicate more effectively with parents, including CALD families
- **\$1.6 million** to co-design more culturally responsive, high-quality maternal and child health services for Aboriginal families



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# Respectful relationships

- More than **\$3 million** in training for up to **4000 early childhood educators**
- Reach teachers and educators in all **2200 Victorian kindergartens** and many more early childhood services



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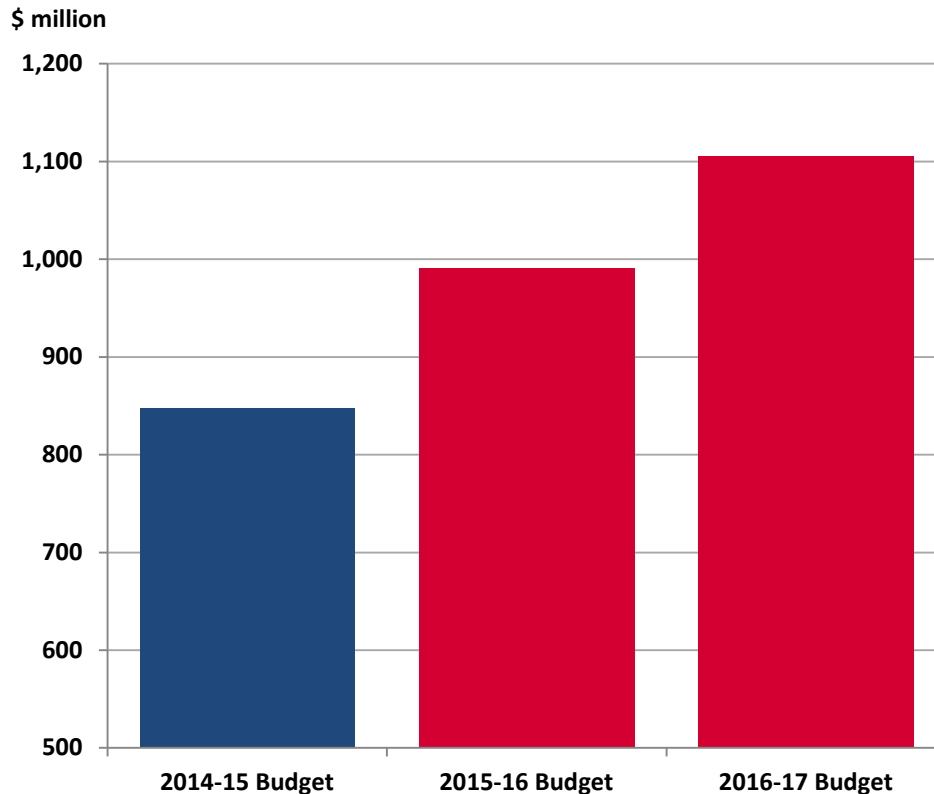
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# Funding boost to re-shape services and improve lives for vulnerable families and children and address family violence

Department of Health and Human Services  
Child Protection and Family Services output



- **31 per cent** increase in funding for child protection and family services over two years compared to the 2014-15 Budget
  - **12 per cent** increase in funding for child protection and family services compared to the 2015-16 Budget
  - **17 per cent** increase in 2015-16 for child protection and family services compared to the 2014-15 Budget

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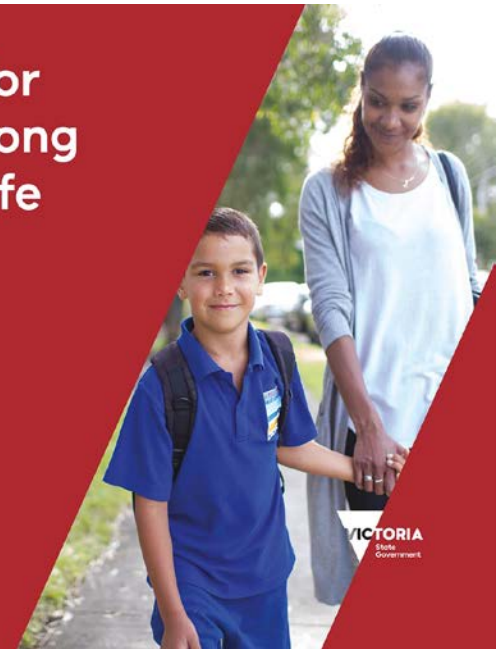
# Roadmap for Reform – strong families, safe children

## Intensive support early in life

- **\$168 million** for Roadmap for Reform, including:
  - **\$32.3 million** to boost intensive support early in life
    - DHHS and DET to jointly develop a new intensive in-home early childhood support service*
  - **\$16.5 million** for supporting Aboriginal children and families

### Roadmap for Reform: strong families, safe children

The first steps



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# Specialist family violence support

- **\$572 million** across Government to begin implementation of the Royal Commission into Family Violence recommendations
- In my portfolio, this includes:
  - **\$25.4 million** allocated to therapeutic interventions
  - **\$8.3 million** for changing perpetrator behaviour
  - **\$1.8 million** for access to financial counselling



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# Roadmap for Reform – strong families, safe children

## Integrated Family Services

- **\$19.9 million** to support children, young people and families in need with integrated wraparound supports and targeted earlier interventions, including:
  - **\$8.5 million** for therapeutic interventions for vulnerable children
  - **\$5.7 million** for integrated family services
  - **\$5.8 million** for child protection workers



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## Out of Home Care

- **\$100 million** to provide safe and secure living in home-based care in a stable home, including:
  - **\$16.2 million** to increase support for carers
  - **\$34.2 million** to grow home based care
  - **\$35.9 million** to improve the quality of out-of-home care support
  - **\$1 million** to improve the sexual health of children in out-of-home care
  - **\$9.4 million** for out-of-home care stock replacements and renewal
  - **\$2.3 million** for urgent and essential residential care maintenance

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# Youth Justice

- **\$10.1 million** to reduce youth offending by intervening early
  - **\$5.6 million** for a state-wide youth diversion program in the Children's Court
  - More than **\$1 million** to expand the Youth Justice Bail Supervision Program
  - **\$3.3 million** to strengthen secure services

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