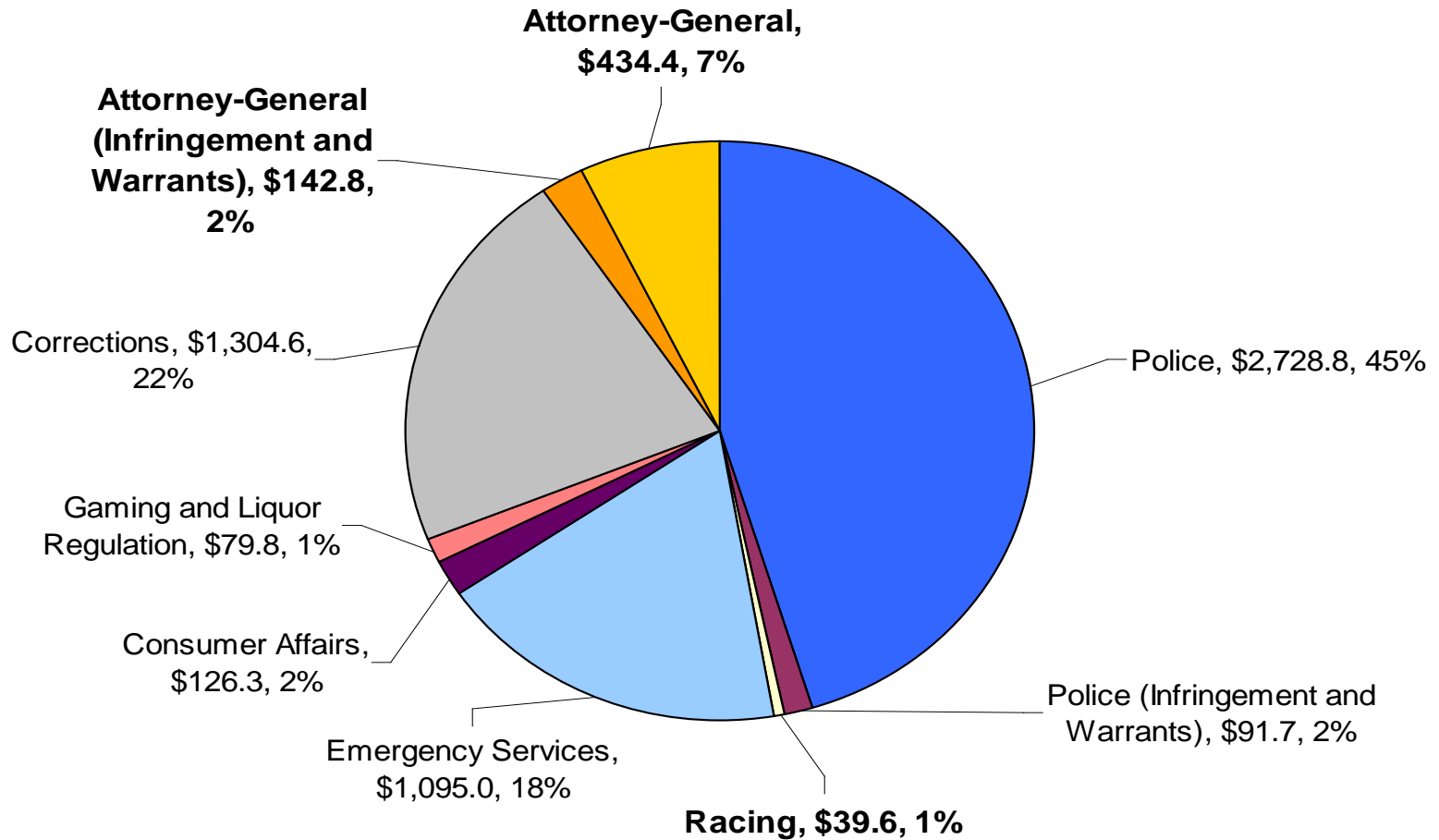


2016-17 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon Martin Pakula MP
Attorney-General

Published Output Costs by Ministerial Portfolio 2016-17 \$m



2016-17 Budget Initiatives

Family Violence

•\$23.9m to strengthen the justice system's response to family violence:

- \$4.6m for legal assistance to VLA and CLCs to continue and expand delivery of specialist family violence services
- \$4m to begin delivering Royal Commission recommendations on court reform and to develop innovative justice approaches
- \$11.3m for perpetrator accountability
 - ◆ \$8.3m to DHHS to lead a review and expansion of Men's Behaviour Change Programs
 - ◆ \$3m to Corrections Victoria to improve information sharing across agencies to monitor and hold perpetrators to account.
- Additional \$4m in other portfolios within DJR

2016-17 Budget Initiatives

Court Safety and Security

- \$58.1m to implement a State-wide court safety and security model

Sustainable Transport of Deceased Persons Services

- \$9.9m over 3 years to fund new contracts with service providers

Sustainable and Modern Delivery Model for VCAT

- \$4m over 4 years for customer service enhancements

Integrated Case Management Capability

- \$1m in 2016-17 for planning for an Integrated Case Management Capability for Children's, Magistrates' and County Courts

2016-17 Budget Initiatives

More support for Aboriginal Victorians at risk of family violence

- \$4.2m over two years for specialist Koori family violence interventions and diversion.

Ice Action Plan Initiative

- \$32m over 4 years for Expansion of the Drug Court of Victoria, as part of the Ice Action Plan

JobWatch

- \$0.4m to JobWatch to continue providing free employment law advice

Achievements

DJR

- Expungement of Historical Homosexual Convictions Scheme
- Betrayal of Trust
 - Redress consultation paper
 - Legislative reform
- Legal Assistance
 - National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services
 - Grants Programs – CLC Assistance Fund and FV Duty Lawyer Fund
 - Law Handbook
 - JobWatch
- *Terrorism (Community Protection) Amendment Act 2015*
- *Responding to the VLRC Report on Medicinal Cannabis*

Achievements

DJR

- Independent Review of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities
- Commenced the Access to Justice Review
- *Judicial Entitlements Act 2015*
- *Judicial Commission of Victoria Act 2016*
- Implementation of the Equality Agenda through:
 - amendments to the *Relationships Act 2008*
 - Repeal of Section 19A of the Crimes Act
- Implementation of the new Government Legal Services Panel

Achievements

Courts

- Roll-out of Video Conferencing facilities as part of the \$10m asset initiative funded in the 2015-16 Budget
- New Broadmeadows Children's Court opened in October 2015
- Increasing diversity in judicial appointments
 - First Asian-Australian Magistrate and first female Muslim Magistrate
 - 50% women to the judiciary and VCAT
- Shepparton Law Courts Redevelopment - building works commenced April 2016

Reforms Ahead

DJR

- Implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence
- Sentencing reforms
 - Responding to the Sentencing Advisory Council report on sentencing guidance
 - Legislating to ensure that the availability of CCOs is more consistent with community expectations
- Betrayal of Trust Implementation
- Implementing reforms to fines enforcement and collection

Reforms Ahead

DJR

- Access to Justice Review
- Continuing implementation of the Equality Agenda, including:
 - Equal Opportunity Act
 - transgender birth certificate reforms
- The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

Reforms Ahead

Courts

- Implementing budget initiatives, including:
 - Ice Action Plan Stage 2 – Expansion of Drug Court
 - Initiatives to improve sustainability and access to justice:
 - ◆ Sustainable and modern VCAT
 - ◆ Sustainable Transport of Deceased Persons Services
 - Continued implementation of output performance measures to align with the International Framework for Courts Excellence
 - Court Safety and Security