

2016-17 Budget Estimates Hearing

Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing

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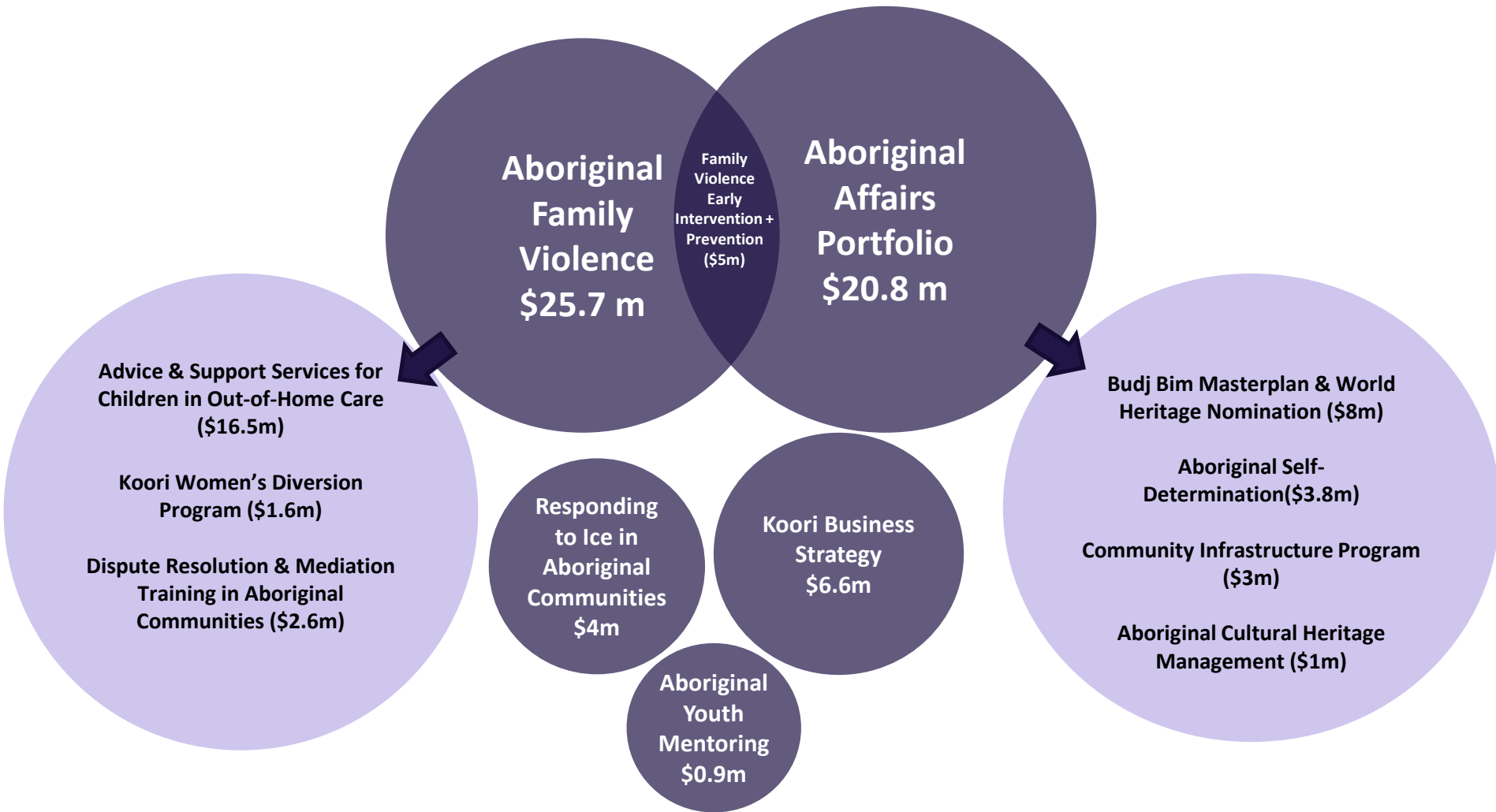
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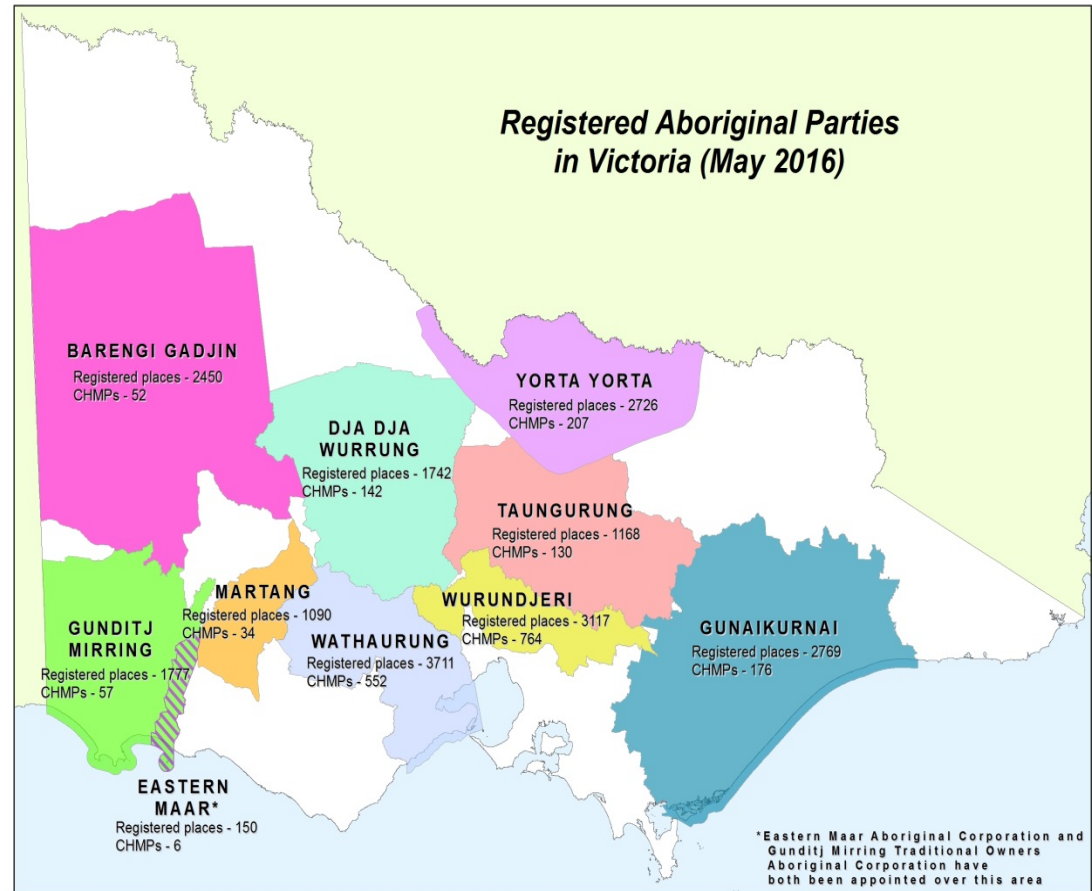
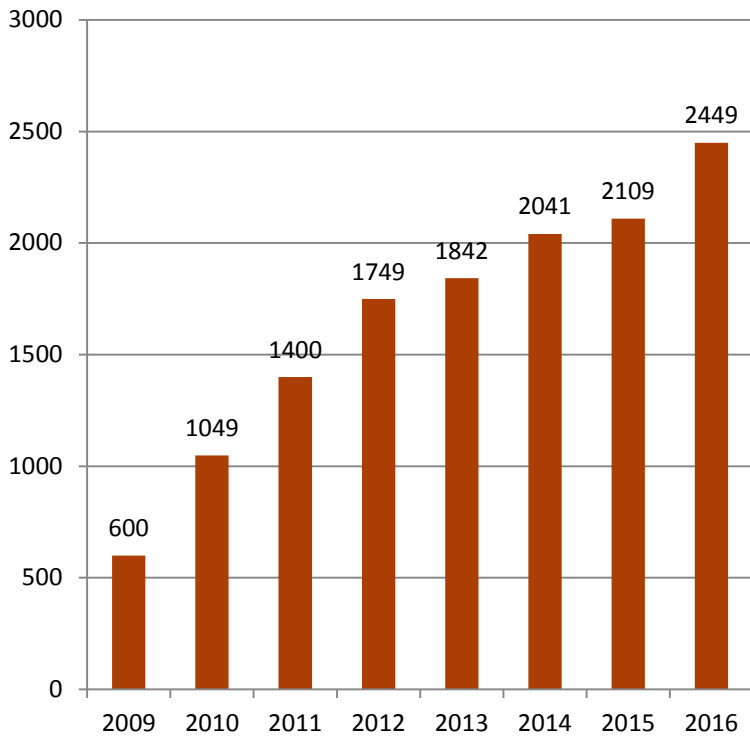
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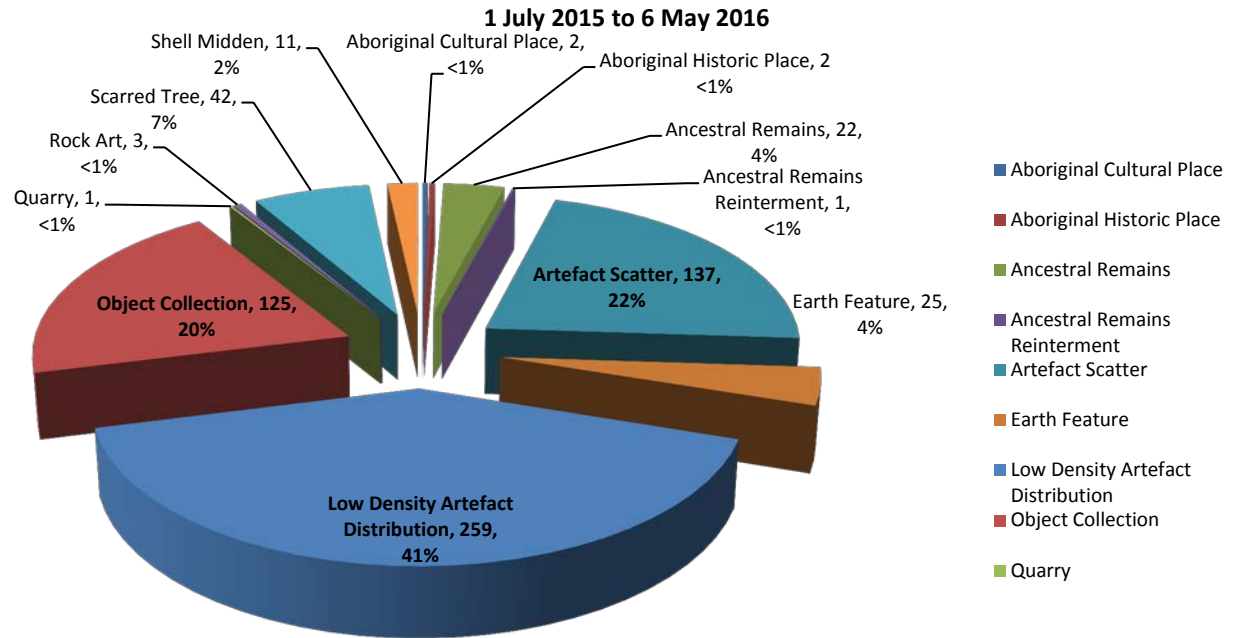
Local Aboriginal Networks & Registered Aboriginal Parties

Local Aboriginal Network Participation 2009 - 2016

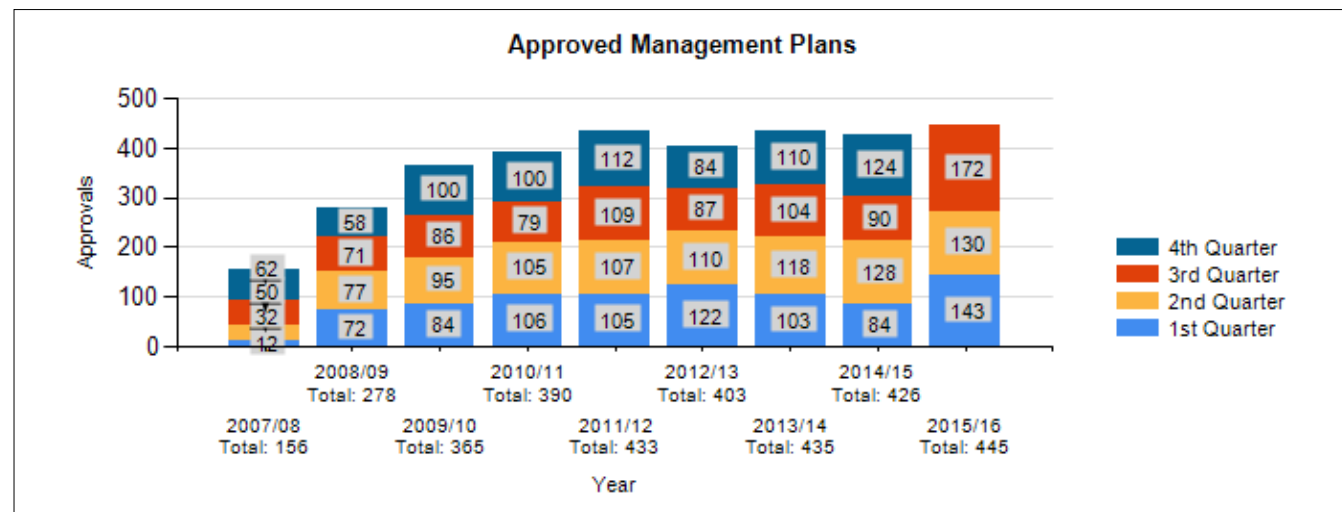


A total of 630 Aboriginal Places have been added to the Aboriginal Heritage Register since 1 July 2015.

Aboriginal Place Registration by Component



Aboriginal Victoria and RAPs have approved 445 Cultural Heritage Management Plans in the Financial Year to 31 March 2016. This is a major increase on all previous years.



Closing the Gap & Self Determination

The Government remains committed to closing the gap and raising the living standards of Aboriginal Victorians.

A new engagement framework with Aboriginal leaders and the broader Aboriginal community has been established, including:

- A Premier's gathering with Aboriginal leaders focusing on strategic issues;
- A new Victorian Government Ministerial Forum on Aboriginal Affairs; and
- A new Aboriginal Victoria Forum focused on the broader community.

Forums on Aboriginal self-determination provide a platform for Aboriginal communities to share their views and have their say.

Launch of the Victorian Local Aboriginal Networks Five Year Plan in March 2016.

The *Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Act 2016* empowers Traditional Owners to have greater control of their culture.

Aboriginal Economic Development

The Victorian Aboriginal Economic Board is being established and is expected to hold its first meeting in June 2016.

The Government has allocated \$6.6 million for the Koori Business Strategy in 2016-17 to develop and grow Aboriginal businesses.

The Government is creating jobs for Aboriginal Victorians through:

- The Back to Work Scheme; and
- Government procurement processes, including through the Caulfield-Dandenong Level Crossing Project tender process.

The Government has committed to increase the proportion of Aboriginal public service employees to 1% by 2018.

Royal Commission into Family Violence

This Government is committed to strengthening our partnership with Aboriginal communities to reduce family violence.

The Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum recently celebrated 10 Years of working in partnership to reduce Aboriginal family violence.

Nine of the 227 recommendations by the Royal Commission into Family Violence were specific to Aboriginal people.

The recommendations will inform future action so that over time we can reduce Aboriginal family violence.

Strong consultation and co-design structures and processes will underpin the Victorian Government's family violence reform agenda.