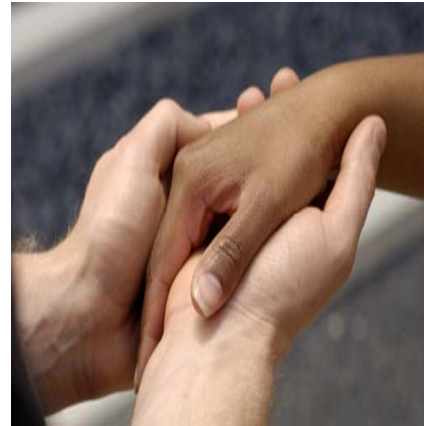




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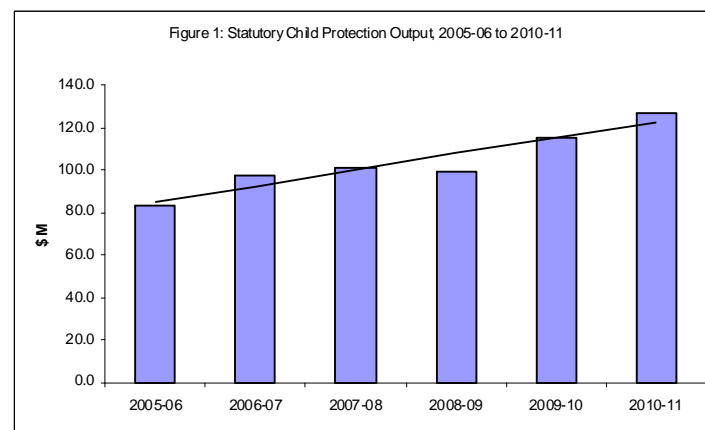


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+ Investing in a strong child protection system

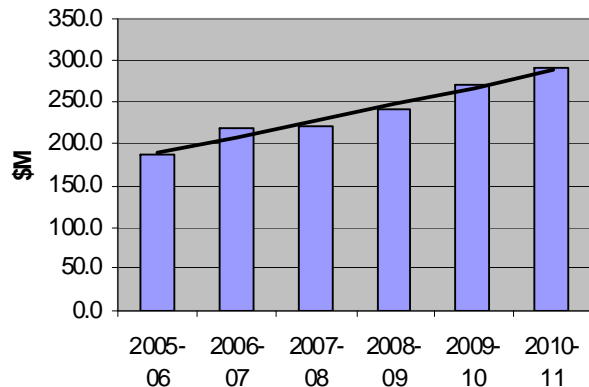
- Record investment over the past six years in Child Protection policy and legislative reform
- \$77 million Child Protection boost will provide for 101 frontline Child Protection staff to ensure that Victoria's most vulnerable children are protected
- Further \$33 million investment in 2010-11 to support family services, improve accountability and monitoring of child protection practice, workforce retention and improving our responses to sexual assault and child abuse



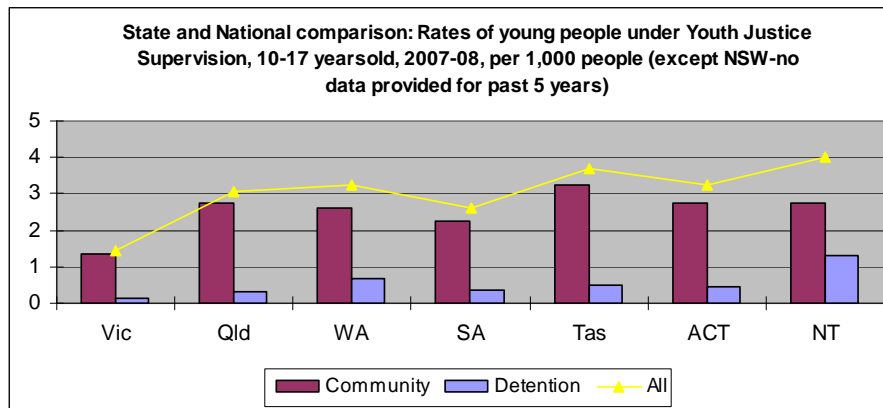
+ Reforms in Out of Home Care

- Directions for Out of Home Care - policy framework established
- Record investment of \$135M in 2009-10 to improve outcomes in out of home care
- Implementation of 2009-10 reforms
- Further \$34.8M investment in 2010-11 to continue reform strategy

Specialist Support and Placement Services Output to 2010-11



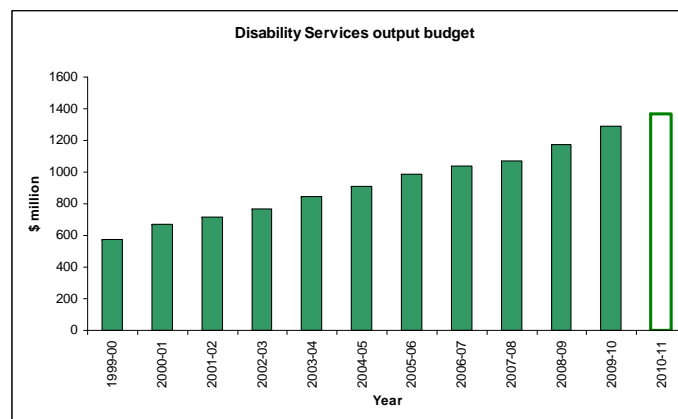
+ Stronger focus on vulnerable young people



- Strong focus on ensuring community safety through early intervention programs and support services for young offenders.
- More programs to tackle offending, violence, behavioural problems and mental health issues. Further investment in tackling offending in 2010-11 of \$22M, to include 55 new workers.
- More early intervention strategies in place. Lowest rates of young people under youth justice supervision in Australia.
- Refugee Minor program reconfigured to meet the complex needs of more recent arrivals. Further investment of \$3.8M.

+ Disability Services – Achievements to 2009-10

- Unprecedented investment in disability services
- An Australian leader in service quality
- Supporting disability rights



- Implementing a major service reform program
- Greater community awareness and participation

+ Challenges in disability services in 2010-11

- Continuing to consolidate service reform
- Supporting carers
- Enhancing and expanding accommodation options
- Funding a viable and high quality service system
- Maintaining whole of government directions

Basically it's all about choices. I'm doing things better, more economically and quality of life has improved immensely

Flexible, more control, and helps me to meet the goals more easily

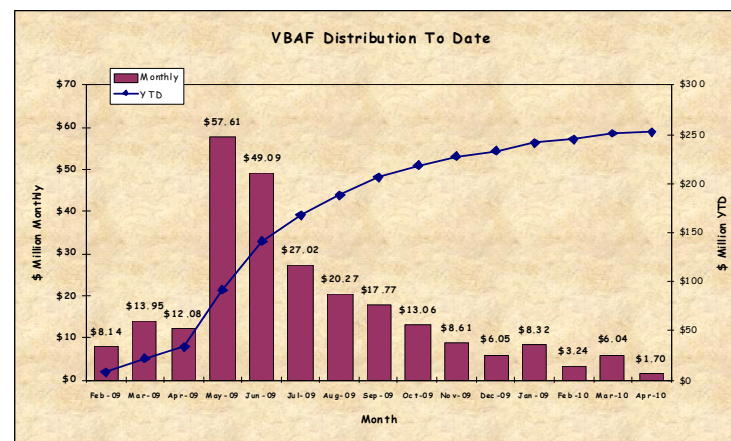
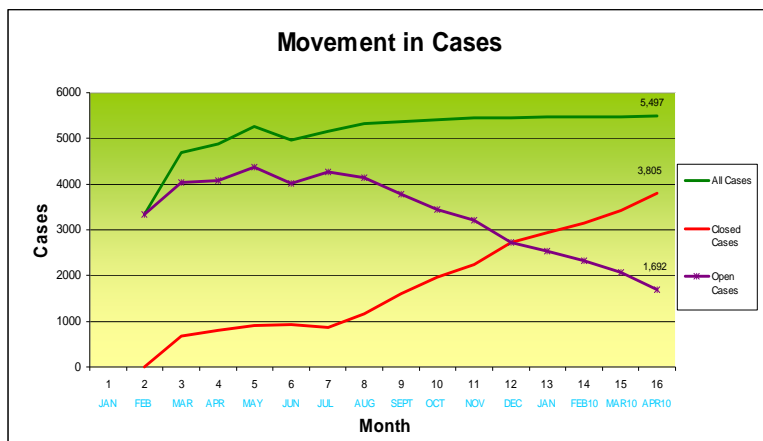
Quotes from participants in the Direct Payments pilot project

+ Continuing to deliver in 2010-11

- Whole of government increase of \$196.8 million over four years
- More than \$70M over four years (\$59M output and \$11M capital) for disability services
- Extending service reform
- Increasing carer support
- Enhancing and expanding on-going accommodation options
- Supporting a sustainable service sector
- Continuing investment across the whole of government
- Total output budget increase \$798.5M or over 139 per cent since 1999-2000



+ 2009 Bushfire Recovery



CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Total no. of cases registered:	5,497
No. of active registrations:	1,692
No. of Case Managers (FTE)	149

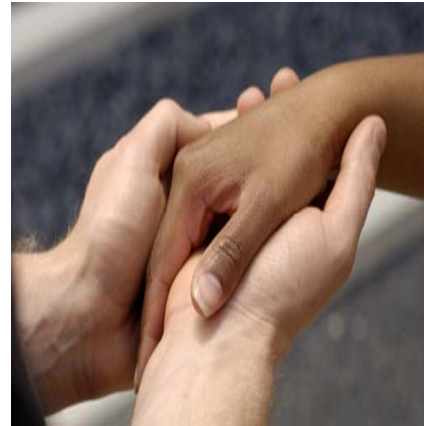
BUSHFIRE APPEAL FUND

Bushfire Appeal Account (<i>incl. interest</i>)	\$391M
Total donations received:	\$383M
Provisional Allocations:	\$355M
Total no. of grants approved:	19,408
Total amount paid:	\$253M

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