

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearing

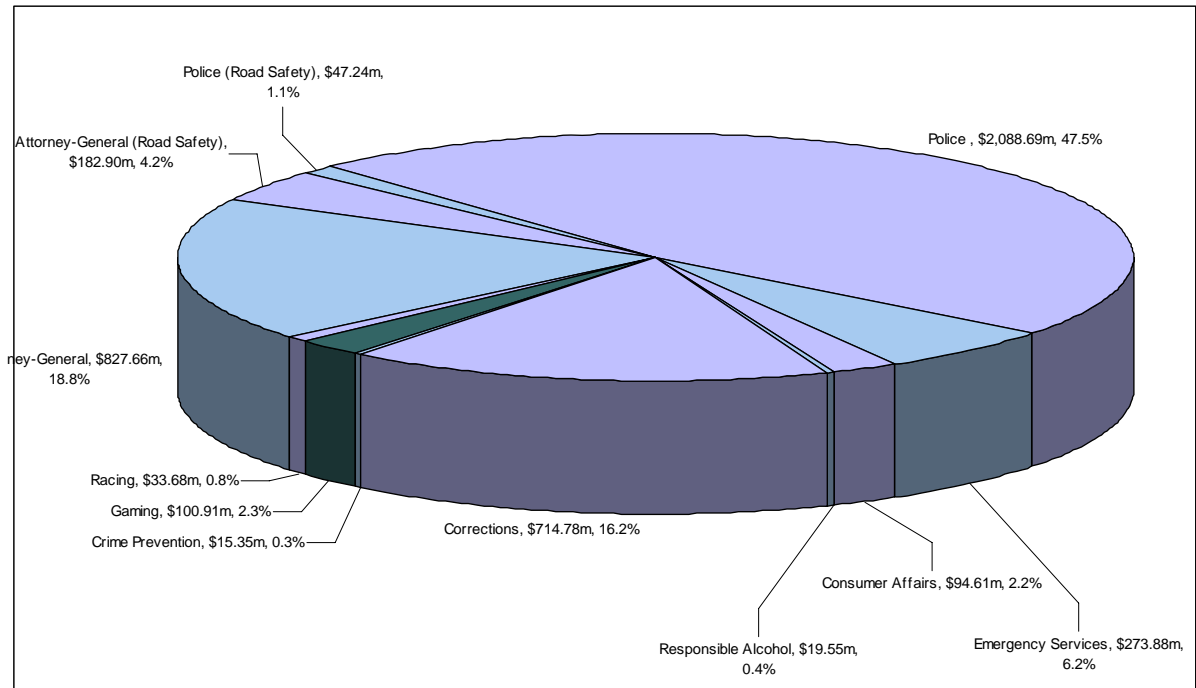
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Minister for Gaming

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Justice Budget Breakdown

2011-12 Justice Budget Breakdown by Portfolio



- Gaming: \$100.91 million (revised gaming output cost)
- 2.3% of the Justice Budget



Our key priorities

- Tackling problem gambling
- Reforming gambling administration
- Transitioning to the new gambling industry arrangements

Putting our plan into action

Victorian Responsible

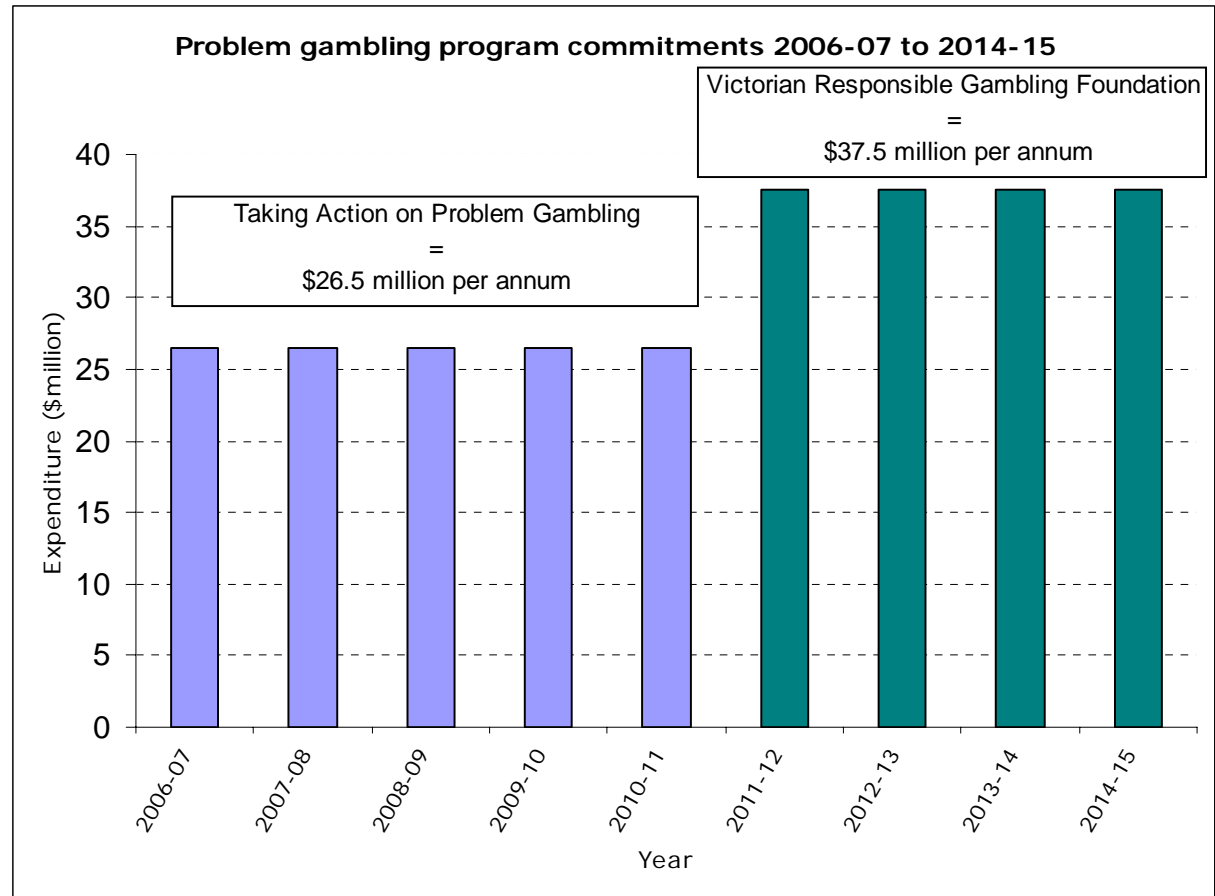
Gambling Foundation (VRGF)

- VRGF to be an independent body with a mandate to reduce the prevalence and severity of problem gambling
- An integrated approach to:
 - problem gambling research
 - communication and education strategies
 - the delivery of counselling and treatment services

Budget Outcomes

- Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation
- \$150 million over four years
- \$37.5 million per year over four years
- The largest commitment to combat problem gambling in Victoria's history

Problem gambling program commitments





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Establishing the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation

- Combines the regulatory functions for liquor and gambling
- An new entity with commission style decision making
- A modern, capable, best practice regulator focussing on community well being, harm minimisation and fair and honest industries

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Pre-Commitment

- On all gaming machines but voluntary for players to use
- Available no later than 2015-16
- Encourage the take-up and reduce any potential for social stigma
- Require industry to support and promote pre-commitment



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Smooth transition to new industry arrangements

- Major logistical challenges, particularly for gaming machines
- Progress to date includes:
 - Industry forums on transition issues
 - Preparatory action by gaming machine entitlement holders permitted
 - Awarding of the keno licence



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Other commitments

- No more casinos
- Banning lobbyists
- Removing barriers to competition in the lotteries market
- Broadening the composition of the Responsible Gambling Ministerial Advisory Council