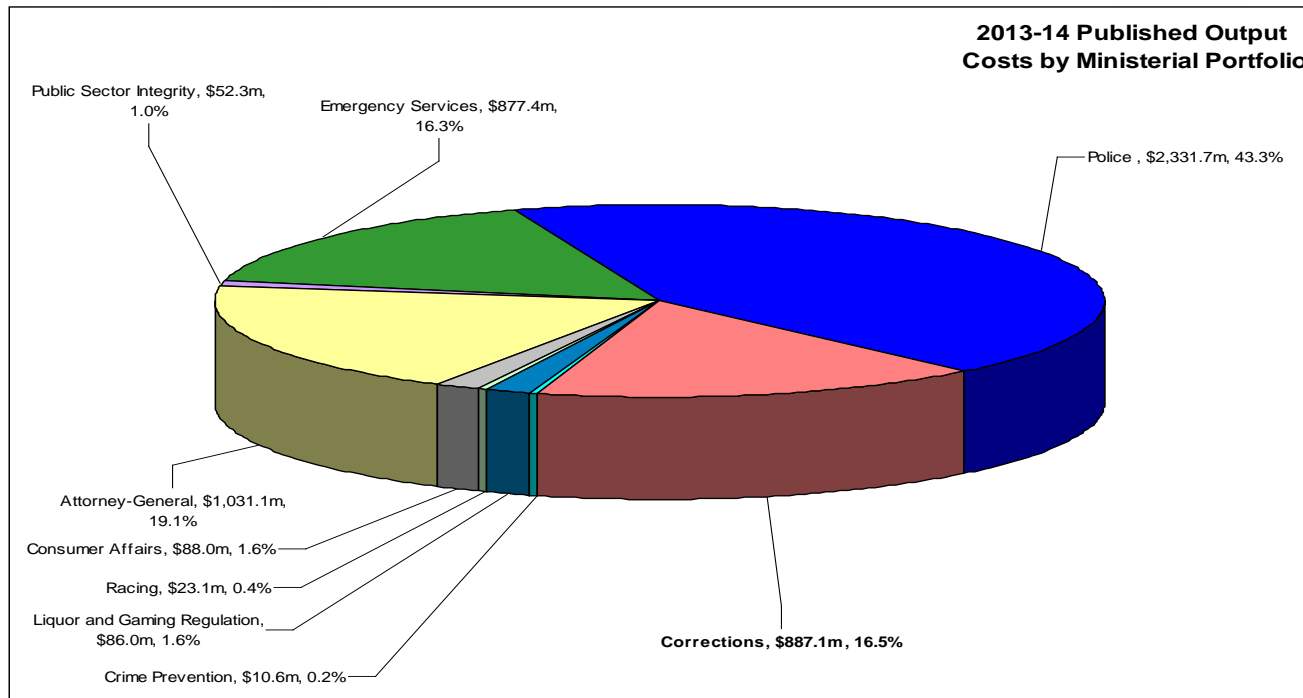


13 MAY 2013

**Public Accounts and Estimates Committee**  
2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearing

Mr Edward O'Donohue MLC  
Minister for Corrections

## Justice Budget Breakdown 2013-14



- Corrections - \$887.1m
- 16.5% of the Justice Budget

## Budget Outcomes

### 2013-14 Budget Initiatives Portfolio program

- **\$131.5 million for new prison beds and expanded facilities**
- **\$52.9 million** - infrastructure upgrades and a new 40 bed unit at Barwon Prison to increase capacity to manage high security and management prisoners
- **\$78.6 million** - to provide for 357 prison beds across the male prison system to accommodate demand pressures.

## Delivering Election Commitments

- 500 new prison beds
- A new single, flexible, **Community Correction Order**
- Enhancing **Electronic Monitoring**

## Prison Expansion Program - Update



Fishburn Unit – Port Phillip Prison



Loddon Prison Expansion



Dame Phyllis Frost Centre

## Additional Beds in 2013-14 budget

- Provides \$78.6m for 357 male prison beds in existing prisons
- Beds will commence opening from August 2013
- Will exceed election commitment of 500 prison beds in this term

## High Security and Management Prisoners

- High security and management prisoners are the most high risk prisoners within the prisoner population
- Budget provides \$52.9m to build and operate a new 40-bed high security unit at Barwon Prison and upgrade the existing Banksia Management Unit
- The new unit will increase capacity to manage high security and management prisoners in the male prison system

## New Community Correction Order

- Introduced on 16 January 2012
- 2013 - strengthening of the Community Correction Order:
  - Courts will be able to impose a monetary bond
  - Legislation introduced to allow electronic monitoring as a condition
  - New powers to impose administrative sanctions (mid 2013)
  - Fines, up to 16 hours of additional community work, or extension of curfew



## Electronic Monitoring

- Contract with G4S to deliver new electronic monitoring technology
- Most comprehensive and wide-ranging electronic monitoring system in Australia
- For the first time, GPS technology will be available to monitor some of Victoria's most dangerous criminals, including serious sex offenders and parolees
- Introduces advanced alcohol monitoring technology

## Community Work

- 445,255 hours of unpaid community work performed across the state to a value of \$11.14 million
- Over 1,000 community organisations involved
- Over 8,000 offenders participated at more than 50 locations





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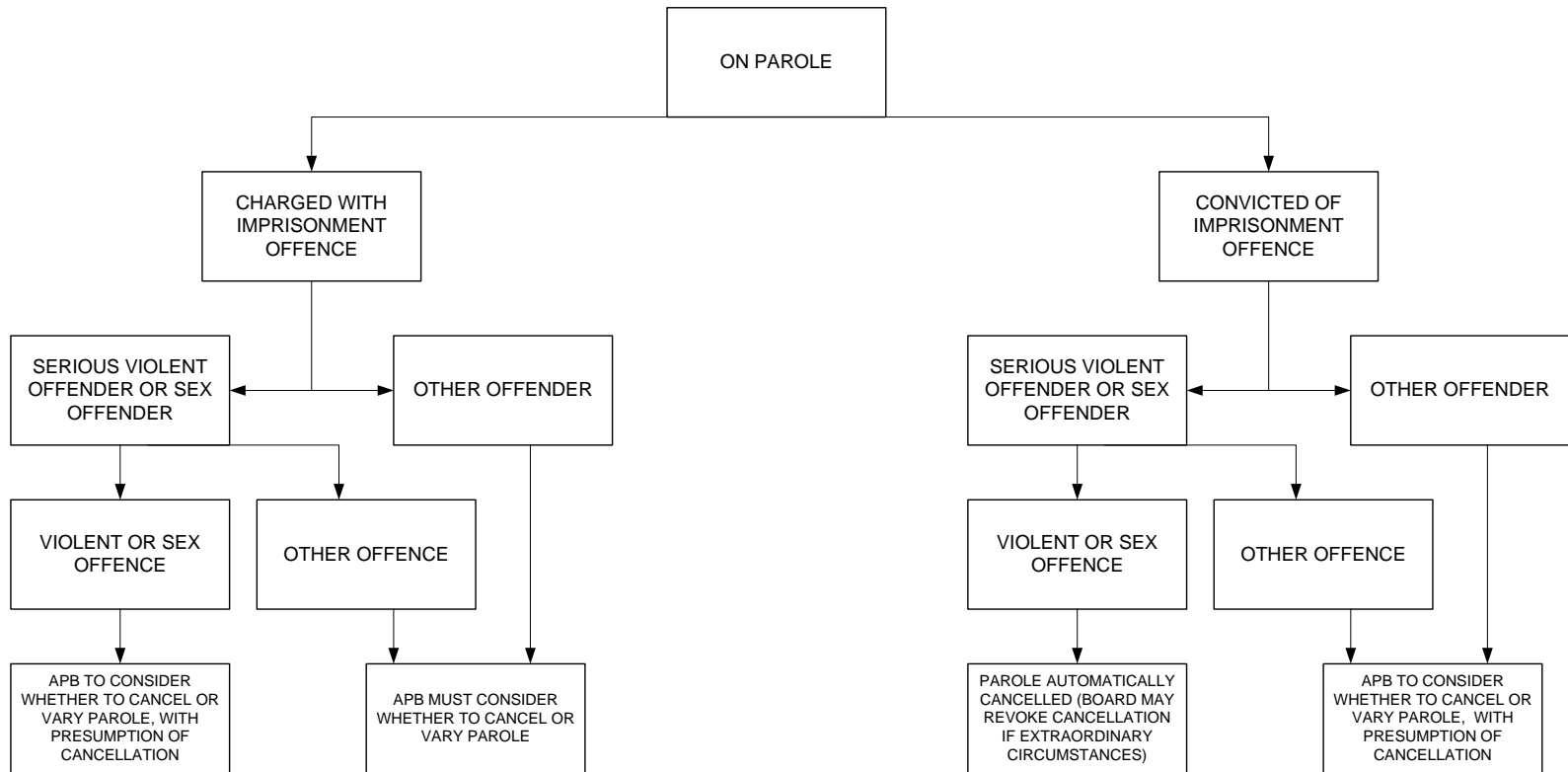


## Parole Reforms

- Introduced reforms that will make Victoria's parole laws the toughest in Australia
- Require the automatic cancellation of parole if a serious violent or sex offender is convicted of a further violent or sex offence while on parole
- Commence 20 May 2013

# Justice Legislation Amendment (Cancellation of Parole and Other Matters) Act 2013

## EFFECT OF NEW PROVISIONS



## Parole Reforms

- Builds upon earlier set of reforms which:
  - Improve information sharing between the Adult Parole Board, Corrections Victoria and Victoria Police
  - Require the Adult Parole Board to specify the general principles it uses when making parole decisions, ensuring clear guidelines on when and why parole is justified
  - Give the Adult Parole Board greater powers to cancel parole if an offender commits further offences while on parole
  - Reinforce that community safety is the paramount consideration in all parole decisions