



Public Accounts & Estimates Committee
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Social housing in Victoria....

- A large and diverse portfolio
- Over 83,000 dwellings throughout the State
- A significant public asset valued at over \$18 billion

In 2013 -14

- Will support around 140,000 residents (77,000 long term households) as well as crisis accommodation to over 9,000 households – many of our most vulnerable citizens
- Will provide flexible support through Bond Loans and the housing establishment fund to assist people maintain tenancies in the private market.
- Will provide support to over 100,000 people who are, or at risk of, being homeless.



Responding to the challenge....

- Improve management of public housing.
- Grow social housing options.
- Direct services to those most in need.
- Make social housing more sustainable.
- Tackle homelessness in new innovative ways.



The 2013 – 2014 Budget....

Includes:

- **\$237 million** for new acquisitions, improvements and major redevelopments.
- **\$232 million** in social housing and homelessness support programs.



New announcements....

\$69.2 million in new spending announcements for 2013 -14:

- **\$19.1 million** - Accommodation Options for Families Program.
- **\$7.5 million** - Third 40-bed youth foyer in regional Victoria.
- **\$9.1 million** - Regular maintenance for public housing gas heaters.
- **\$4.0 million** - Affordable housing project in Bendigo.
- **\$2.2 million** - Kids Under Cover, new portable style homes.
- **\$27.3 million** - State contribution to the \$49.4 million 2013 -14 National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness.

Improving management of public housing....

- First ever property condition review of **70,000** public housing units.
- Better management of waiting lists **-11% reduction** since September 2010. – reduction of almost 4500
- **19% reduction** in the total number of vacant public housing stock between 2010 and 2012.
- Growing social housing options with major new public housing redevelopments.



Directing services to those most in need....

Work and Learning Centres

- Dedicated training and support for public housing tenants to help break the cycle of disadvantage.

Services Connect

- Reform of the Department of Human Services with more efficient delivery of housing services to the most needed.

Opening Doors

- Promoting more streamlined support and response from the homeless services system to high need clients.

Bond Assistance

- Over \$10 million targeted to low income families in the private rental market.

High Risk Tenancy Program

- Specific assistance to tenants with multiple and complex needs facing eviction.



Making Social Housing more sustainable....

Addressing the structural deficit

- Placing social housing on a sustainable financial footing for the future.

Housing Framework

- Setting the strategic direction for a fair and sustainable social housing system.



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