

2013–14

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
2013–14 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CITIZENSHIP

Hon. Nicholas Kotsiras MP
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Department of
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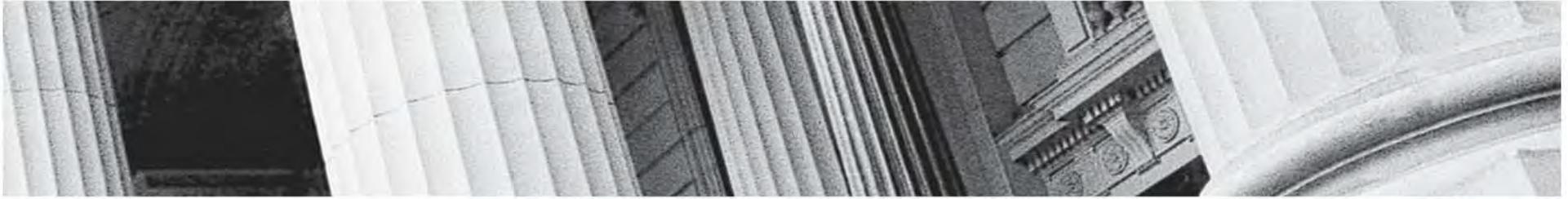


Victoria's Multicultural Diversity

Victoria's Changing Population Diversity: 1996 to 2011 Censuses

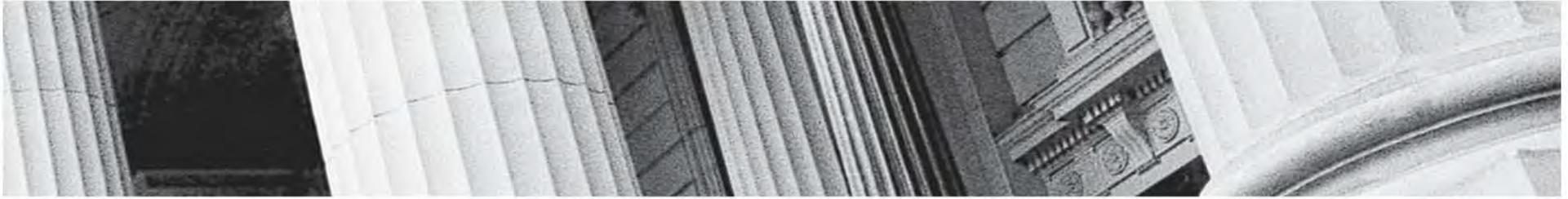
	Census			
	1996	2001	2006	2011
Overseas-born (OSB)	23.8	23.4	23.8	26.2
OSB or have at least one parent born overseas	44.3	43.4	43.7	46.8
Speaks a Language other than English	19.8	19.8	20.4	23.1

Note: As % of total population



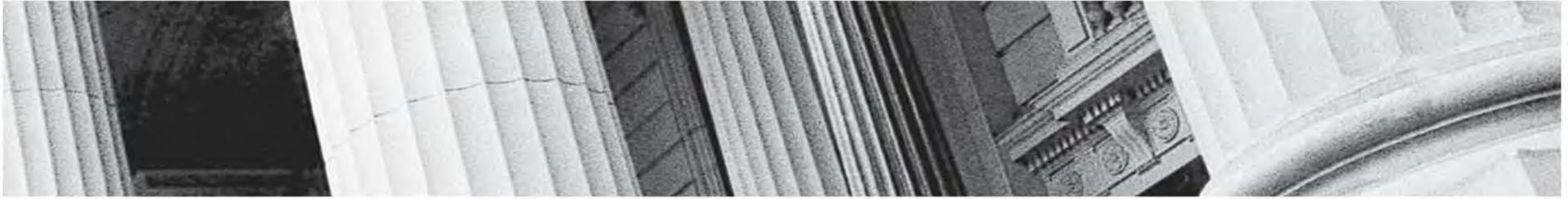
The Government's Commitment to Multicultural Affairs

- Whole-of-government approach
 - Vision for Citizenship in a Multicultural Victoria
 - Our Approach:
 - Build social cohesion through understanding and respect for diversity
 - Support the capacity of the multicultural community to participate as active citizens
 - Promote and harness the strengths of Victoria's diverse communities
 - Foster culturally responsive and accessible services for the whole community.
 - New whole-of-Government multicultural affairs and citizenship policy being developed
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Key Achievements in 2012-13

- The Victorian Multicultural Commission
 - Community Grants Program
 - Regional Advisory Councils
 - Extensive Consultations
 - Cultural Diversity Week, including Gala Dinner and Viva Victoria Festival
 - Multicultural Awards for Excellence
 - Refugee Recognition Record
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Achievements in 2012-13 cont.

- Department of Premier and Cabinet
(Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship)
 - Settlement Coordination Unit
 - Promoting Community Harmony
 - Unity Through Partnerships Program
 - Cultural Precincts and Community Infrastructure
 - Multicultural Language Services Program
 - Community Receptions
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Achievements in 2012-13 cont.

■ Other Departments

- Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) Regional Offices (DHS)
 - Support for Migrant & Refugee Students (DEECD)
 - Languages Education (DEECD)
 - Refugee Health Nurse Program (DH)
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2013-14 Budget Initiatives

- Portfolio Budget - \$25.9m in 2013-14
 - ✓ Peak Multicultural Organisation Support Fund - \$1.5m in 2013-2015
 - ✓ VMC - additional \$360,000 over 2 years

 - Refugee Health (DH) - \$22.2m over 4 years
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