



# **Public Accounts & Estimates Committee**

## **Budget Estimates Hearing Mental Health Portfolio 2013-14**

Minister for Mental Health, the Hon Mary Wooldridge MP

# Context for reform

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- A new Mental Health Act
- Reform of the community managed mental health sector
- Reform of alcohol and drug treatment services
- Whole of government alcohol and drug Strategy
- Workforce strategy – including SACS

## **Cross portfolio**

- Services Connect
- Service Sector reform

# Portfolio overview

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## **Mental health**

- Investing \$1.232 billion in 2013/14
- An increase of \$62.6 million this year and 19 per cent over three Budgets
- Created over 500 new jobs
- Invested in more than 250 new beds

## **Alcohol and drugs**

- Investing \$153.5 million in 2013/14
- An increase of \$7.1 million this year and over 13 per cent over three Budgets
- Created more than 60 jobs and secured 325 jobs

# 2013-14 Budget Highlights

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## Investing in establishing and operating mental health beds

- \$35 million for a new Werribee Mercy Hospital Mental Health facility (54 beds)
- Funding for more patients at Monash Health and Austin Health
- Funding to operate three new Psychiatric Assessment and Planning Units (PAPUs)
- New adult inpatient beds at Traralgon
- Mother baby units in Traralgon, Bendigo and Ballarat

## More support in the community, including:

- Expanding community mental health services in East Gippsland
- Support for refugees and asylum seekers
- Alcohol and drug programs as part of *Improving health outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians*
- SACS pay rises for ~9000 workers
- Services Connect

# Investing in beds

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<b>Bed Type</b>	<b>New beds</b>	<b>Replacement beds</b>	<b>Total beds</b>
Adolescent Inpatient	12	32	44
Adult Inpatient	55	96	151
Adult PARC	60	0	60
Aged Inpatient	20	20	40
Community Care Unit	22	0	22
Mother Baby Unit	15	0	15
Psychiatric Assessment & Planning Unit	16	4	20
Secure Extended Care	42	28	70
Youth PARC	10	0	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>432</b>

# What's been delivered: AOD

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*Invested an additional \$230 million in alcohol and drug services since coming into office.*

- **Better support in emergency departments** including \$12 million for a new targeted Alcohol and Drug initiative in 21 Emergency Departments across Victoria
- **Investing in treatment services** including establishing new therapeutic Alcohol and drug counselling services in Melbourne's south-east, outer-east and in the Barwon Region, redeveloping Victoria's alcohol and drug treatment system and implementing the Alcohol and Drug workforce strategy
- **Pharmacotherapy reform across Victoria** including doubling funding to improve the way pharmacotherapy is accessed and managed, establishing Victoria's first ever methadone withdrawal beds, developing new training for GPs and pharmacists, updating clinical guidelines, and developing an area based pharmacotherapy model
- **Investing in harm reduction services such as** expanding access to needle and syringe programs and widening the use of Naloxone to prevent heroin and other illicit drug overdoses

# What's been delivered: Mental health

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*Invested an additional \$240 million in mental health services since coming into office.*

- **More mental health beds** in hospitals and the community, targeted to areas where they are most needed such as in the west, for young people and for those who need short-term treatment in emergency departments
- **Improving inpatient experience through** improved access to beds through the establishment of a bed coordinator, more than \$4 million to ensure greater safety for women and gender sensitive practice and reform of the Mental Health Act
- **More community based services** including more than \$84 million to assist people early, to avoid hospital admissions, for grief and bereavement services and to support recovery in the community, significant reform of the community managed mental health sector and new funding to support GLBTI young people, headspace and people with an eating disorder
- **More opportunities to assist 'recovery'** of people with a mental illness including new investment to support people with a mental illness access education, employment and secure tenancies and record investment in mental health research to translate evidence practice