

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2013/14 Budget Estimates Hearing

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### Technology Portfolio

- 2013/14 Victorian State Budget has allocated \$19 million in new funding towards technology including:
  - Funding to support the implementation of the *Victorian Government ICT Strategy*
  - Support for the extension of core initiatives under *Victoria's Technology Plan for the Future – ICT*
    - includes support for exports and other industry development activities, ICT skills initiatives and regional telecommunications activities

## Release of the *Victorian Government ICT Strategy*

- Aims to deliver better government services with its objectives and actions in three key areas: engagement, investment and capability
- Achievements to date include:
  - ✓ Appointment of Chief Technology Advocate
  - ✓ launch of a market consultation process on the transformation of TPAMS into VicConnect
  - ✓ update and relaunch of the Victorian Government web portal at [www.vic.gov.au](http://www.vic.gov.au)

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2012/13 Technology Portfolio highlights continued

Good progress on core initiatives under *Victoria's Technology Plan for the Future*: ICT, Biotechnology and Small Technologies

- Launched the \$8 million Technology Voucher Program
- Staged 2 funding rounds of the \$11 million Digital Futures Fund
- Released the \$3.9 million eResearch Agenda
- The \$15 million Health Market Validation program received 32 proposals from 28 SMEs to address 12 Technology Requirements Specifications from Government
- Launched the \$0.6 million Enabling Technology Skills Program
- Announced the \$1 million commitment to the Building Global Bridges Program

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