

# 2015-16 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

## Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon. Wade Noonan MP  
Minister for Police

# Portfolio Breakdown

- The 2015-16 State Budget has provided Victoria Police with a \$2,512.4 million output cost for Policing Services. There is \$44 million in new asset funding with an estimated total asset expenditure in 2015-16 of \$137.5 million.
- This Budget also provides output funding of \$259.5 million for Infringements and Enhancing Community Safety and Crime Prevention.

# 2015-16 Election Commitments

- This Budget also provides capital and operational funding, over four years to meet our election commitments:
  - \$148.6 million for custody officers to manage prisoners at police cells
  - \$35.4 million to upgrade the Police Radio Communications
  - \$7.8 million for the Bellarine and Geelong community safety package
  - \$50.0 million for the Homesafe trial – 24hr public transport on weekends
  - \$4.5 million for cracking down on clandestine drug labs
  - the TAC will provide \$17.7 million for new drug and booze buses and increased drug tests
  - \$15 million for Mernda Police Station

# Election commitments

## Police Custody Officers

- The 2015-16 State Budget provides \$148.6 million, over four years, to transition the management of police cells to new police custody officers.
- This commitment will release 400 frontline police back into the community.
- The Acting Chief Commissioner will recruit and train 400 custody officers to supervise people held in police cells
- The custody officers will initially be deployed to supervise prisoners at high demand police stations across Victoria.

# Election Commitments

## Police Radio Upgrade

- The Victorian Government has committed \$11.5 million in additional funding over four years, to upgrade to a secure encrypted digital network.
- Work on removing the analogue system will begin in July, with the digital radios phased in from January 2017.
- The total estimated cost, including existing funds currently allocated to the legacy analogue system to be retired, is \$35.4m.

# Election commitments

## Homesafe 24-hour public transport on weekends

- The Government has provided \$50.0 million to trial Homesafe – a plan for public transport to operate through the night on Fridays and Saturdays, to begin on 1 January 2016.
- As part of the Homesafe policy, funding has been provided to allow for additional police personnel to provide a community safety/security presence on the rail network.
- Details about the operational model are currently being finalised by Victoria Police and PTV.

# Election commitments

## Drugs – Ice Intervention

- The 2015-16 State Budget provides \$45.5 million in new investment, focusing on priority initiatives to reduce the supply, demand and harm of a drug that's ruining lives
- \$4.5 million to expand the capacity of Victoria Police Forensic Drug Branch to help drug profiling and intelligence gathering
- The TAC will provide \$17.7 million additional funding for new drug and booze buses and funding to conduct 100,000 drug tests each year over the next two years to improve road safety.

# Election commitments

## Bellarine and Geelong Safety Package

- Funding of \$7.8 million over four years.
- Fifteen new sworn police officers will be deployed in the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong area.
- Extend the opening hours of Portarlington, Queenscliff and Drysdale police stations.



# Election commitments

## Mernda Police Station

- The Government has listened to the community and has committed \$15.0 million to build a new police station for the growing areas of Mernda and Doreen:
- The funding will support the purchase of land and construction of the new police station.

# Other initiatives and Programs

- Community Crime Prevention
- Wyndham Multi-Disciplinary Centre
- Police component of the Assessment and Referral Court list
- Road Safety Cameras

# Questions