

2019-20 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon. Ben Carroll MP
Minister for Youth Justice

Youth Justice Budget Overview

- **The 2019-20 Victorian Budget invests \$45.5 million** over two years in initiatives to strengthen the Youth Justice system.
- Budgeted output funding for Youth Justice is **\$235.1 million in 2019-20**, up from **\$134.2 million in 2014-15**.
- Over \$1 billion invested in Youth Justice in the last 4-5 years.

Delivering on our commitments - Youth Justice

- ***Armytage & Ogloff Youth Justice Review* - a roadmap for reform of the youth justice system**
 - \$50 million in 2017-18 to implement recommendations
- **Strengthening the youth justice custodial system**
 - Reviews into incidents at Parkville and Malmsbury in 2016/17 by Neil Comrie AO
 - Over \$400 million on upgraded and new infrastructure including new facility at Cherry Creek
 - New laws introduced that impose tougher consequences on young people who assault custodial staff
- **4th phase of Aboriginal Justice Agreement ('Burra Lotjpa Dunguludja')**
 - \$10.8 million in 2018-19 budget
- **Children's Court Youth Diversion Service**
 - Recommendation of Family Violence Royal Commission
 - \$12.9 million in 2018-19 budget

2019-20 Budget Initiatives

Youth Justice – Custody

- **2019-20 Budget provides over \$20 million for Safety and Emergency Response Team (SERT) staff, Corrections Victoria Security and Emergency Services Group (SESG) staff, senior operational and intelligence staff and staff on the units.**
- **A Youth Justice Custodial Facilities Working Group has been established to focus on the implementation of *Armytage & Ogloff Youth Justice Review***



2019-20 Budget Initiatives Youth Justice – Community

The 2019-20 Budget provides over \$25 million to:

- safely supervise and manage complex young people in the community
- deliver innovative rehabilitative programs including Family Functional Therapy & Multi-systemic Therapy
- expand Youth Justice Community Support Service
- build a culturally responsive workforce
- deliver programs tailored to meet specific cultural needs
- continue Multi-Agency Panels (MAPs)

Youth Justice – Planning for the future

- **Continued implementation of recommendations from *Armytage & Ogloff* including:**
 - a new approach to case management supported by validated risk assessment tools
 - evidence-based Youth Offending and Psychosocial Programs
 - an Intensive Intervention Unit
 - extension of community based early intervention, restorative justice and transition support programs including the Youth Support Service, Youth Justice Group Conferencing
- **Koori Youth Justice Taskforce**
- **Risk Assessment and Case Management Approach to Youth Justice Custody**