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VACCHO's Victorian Budget Breakdown 2015/16

Whole of Government

Family Violence

In outlying years there will be further announcements as the government intend to implement all the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Family Violence

- Reducing Aboriginal Family Violence – Projects include a targeted state-wide and regional education and awareness campaign, and evaluation projects will build the strategic monitoring and evaluation capability \$1.3m 2015/16
- Responses for Aboriginal people – funding to ACCOs to support Aboriginal people experiencing or recovering from family violence through the provision of support services (aligned with DHHS Housing Assistance output) \$600k 2015/16
- Child protection flexible responses – additional child protection workers specialising in family violence \$3.9m 2015/16
- Counselling services for women and children – additional counselling support for women and children experiencing family violence \$2.5m 2015/16
- Family Violence access workers – additional 15 family violence protection workers (respond to referrals from Police) no amount specified in Service Delivery Budget Paper #3

Premier and Cabinet

- Aboriginal Leadership and self-determination program – support to enhance governance of Aboriginal organisations, build Aboriginal inclusion, support reconciliation and provide for the development of leadership initiatives in consultation with Aboriginal communities \$3.5m o/4yrs
- Victorian Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Strategy – additional support to registered Aboriginal parties, will also deliver training and capacity building programs and facilitate major projects \$21m o/4yrs
- Victorian Aboriginal Economic (VAE) Strategy – establish VAE Board and facilitate industry agreements and landmark projects to close the gap in employment and economic outcomes \$4.5m o/4yrs
- Service Victoria – planning and development of Service Victoria to improve access to government transactional services for families and businesses (streamlining) \$15m 2015/16

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

- Social and community services equal remuneration order – ongoing support provided for CSOs to meet wage increase for workers funded by DHHS from the Fair Work Australia equal remuneration order \$889m o/4yrs

Vulnerable Children and Families

- Child FIRST and family services – 70 additional workers in NGOs and flexible funding packages for complex cases, includes development and implementation of performance framework \$48.1m o/4yrs
- Child Protection Demand – additional 88 child protection workers \$47.8m o/4yrs
- Specialised child protection workers – 4 workers to target child sexual exploitation of children in Out of Home Care (OoHC) \$2m o/4yrs
- Reforming after-hours child protection intake and responses – additional 19.5 child protection after-hours outreach workers \$15.7m o/4yrs
- Expansion of intensive placement, prevention and reunification service – state-wide for vulnerable families and children at risk of being placed in OoHC & assisting reunification to families of children in OoHC. This includes development and implementation of performance framework \$20.8m o/4yrs
- Family-led Decision Making (FLDM) program – extension to service \$9.2m o/4yrs
- Financial support for carers – reviewing and consolidating existing carer allowance policies to simplify the carer allowance system \$31.3m o/4yrs
- Removing barriers to permanency – for children who can't return to parents to find another permanent home. Also, access to flexible funding for permanent carers will be introduced \$11.8m o/4yrs

- Improving support for vulnerable Aboriginal children and families - Taskforce 1000 \$1.8m 2015/2016 to:
 - respond to the findings of the taskforce
 - address the complex safety and wellbeing issues identified by taskforce
 - review existing programs assisting vulnerable Aboriginal families (in consultation with ACCOs) to max. prevention, placement, reunification
- Out of home care demand – to support placements \$39.4m o/4yrs
- SpringBoard – a leaving care program extended. Assists OoHC youth to independent living (e.g. education, training, health and other issues support) \$21.3m o/4yrs
- Re-design and renovation of OoHC properties – up to 19 existing OoHC properties (residential care) renovated with up to 15 new bedrooms available \$6.3m o/3yrs

Disability

- Individual support packages (ISP) – 830 additional packages, this includes vulnerable children at high risk of being relinquished to care \$151.1m o/4yrs
- NDIS – trial support to Barwon \$4.2m 2015/16

Aged Care

- HACC indexation – \$6.8m 2015/16 (nb HACC funding transfers to Commonwealth from 2016/17 onwards)

Health

A significant amount of funding has been allocated to asset initiatives for hospitals. \$200m to increase hospital capacity, \$560m capital and infrastructure, \$60m for elective surgery waiting lists, \$99m on ambulance services. Also:

- Whooping cough vaccine – funding restored

for expectant parents and parents of newborns \$8.4m o/4yrs

- Vision Initiative – funding continued for health promotion delivered by Vision 20/20. Advocacy and education materials to health care professionals to raise community awareness. Target elderly and Aboriginal peoples and people living with diabetes \$3.6m o/4yrs
- SunSmart – to run skin cancer prevention programs and provide grants to increase shading in public areas \$9.2m o/4yrs
- Active Community Package – \$14.1m o/4yrs spread across six programs including funding for Aboriginal Sport and Recreation to boost sporting opportunities for Aboriginal people from grass roots participation to high performance pathways. This will be done by capacity building in mainstream to be culturally safe
- Funding to Primary, Community and Dental Health – \$472m dropped to \$452.3m which is 2.2% reduction. Primarily reflects the cessation of the National Partnership Agreement on treating more public dental patients

ICE Action Plan

- Expand drug treatment services with a focus on rural rehab \$18.2m o/4 yrs (emphasis on non-residential rehab)
- Expand investment in clinical supervision \$600k o/4yrs for Alcohol & other Drug (AoD) and Mental Health workers through strengthened clinical supervision training
- Expand investment in needle and syringe programs \$1.8m o/4 yrs
- Support for families and communities \$5.7m o/4yrs (families equipped to identify/support people affected through training and family support services across 16 catchments)
- Training and supervision for workers \$400k o/2yrs (15/16, 16/17 –developing a standard best practice training curriculum for frontline workers)

Smoking

- Best practice support to quit smoking, funding for Vic Quitline \$1m 2015/16 targeted at youth, Aboriginal peoples, people with poor mental health and low socio-economic status

Mental Health

- Total allocation of \$117.8m to mental health including 80 new complex care packages supporting people with severe mental illness
- Meeting clinical demand – assistance in demand of services with a focus on appropriate community based care \$88.2m o/4yrs (this includes Commonwealth contribution under the National Health Reform Agreement)
- Suicide prevention LGBTI – various projects including support and counselling services, education and anti-bullying campaigns and training for teachers and volunteers \$5.9m o/4yrs
- Minor infrastructure and capital works for mental health facilities \$5m 2015/16

HIV prevention

- Community based rapid point of care testing. Funding to continue rapid testing in Fitzroy \$2.3m o/4yrs

Pharmacies

- Real time prescription monitoring – funding to evaluate and plan for the implementation of monitoring of medications. Pharmacists and prescribers to access patients' dispensing history for schedule eight medicines (e.g. methadone, oxycodone)
- Super Pharmacies – 20 metro and rural pharmacies with extended trading hours with a nurse between 6-10pm. Intention is to provide an alternative to presenting at emergency \$28.6m o/4yrs

Department of Education and Training (DET)

- Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) – continued funding for ECIS and 150 flexible support packages \$9m o/4yrs
- Social and community services equal remuneration order – ongoing support provided for CSOs to meet wage increase for workers funded by DET from the Fair Work Australia equal remuneration order \$4.8m o/4yrs
- LLENs – continued funding for young people disengaged or at risk of disengagement from employment and training \$32m o/4yrs
- TAFE Back To Work Fund will help campuses meet the needs of local employers, creating new training courses to give local students the skills they need \$50m
- School breakfast clubs – 500 most disadvantaged government primary schools serviced by FoodBank \$13.7m o/4yrs

Department of Justice and Regulation (DoJR)

Justice

- Youth diversion program – supervises young people at risk of being remanded and links to services that address their needs \$1.2m o/4yrs
- Expanding Community Correctional Services – to meet growth of community correction orders, including employing additional community corrections officers with nine new offices and refurbishment of 25 existing offices. Also expansion of rehab and reparation programs \$63m o/4yrs
- Women's prison expansion strategy – infrastructure to the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre and Tarrengower Prison to meet growth in female prisoners. Includes continuation of The Targeted Women's Correctional Response program and additional mental health and counselling services \$53.3m o/4yrs
- Homelessness Innovation Action Projects – risk of homelessness, including women and children escaping family violence and assistance in securing and maintaining affordable accommodation, providing links to employment and personal support programs and support for those at risk of losing tenancy \$40.3m o/4 yrs and ongoing

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