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In brief

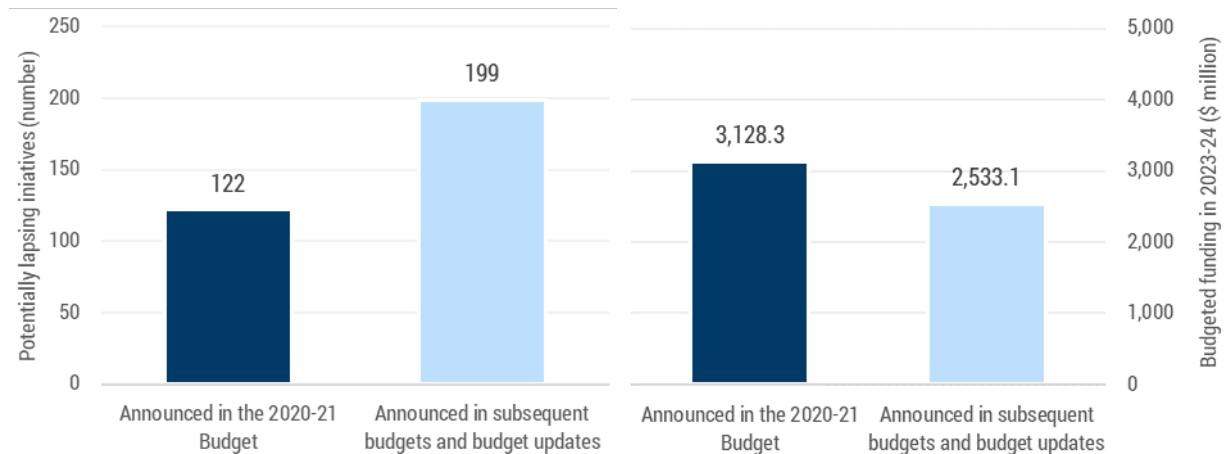
The Victorian Government provides 2 budget updates each year – a Budget and a Half-Year Budget Update. These include funding allocations for government initiatives for up to 4 years over the budget year and forward estimates. We assess Victorian budget updates released since 2020–21 to identify potentially lapsing output initiatives – those not funded beyond 2023–24.

The 2020–21 budget updates provide forecasts and initiative funding to 2023–24. The government could qualitatively indicate that initiatives announced are ongoing but providing funding beyond this year would be inconsistent with their budget practices. It is difficult, often impossible, to determine whether an initiative announced in either of these budget updates with funding to 2022–23 would continue to receive funding beyond that year. Some of these initiatives may be lapsing initiatives.

Subsequent budget updates provide forecasts and initiative funding beyond 2023–24. The government could have announced funding for these initiatives beyond 2023–24 but chose not to. Initiatives announced in these budgets without funding after 2023–24 are likely to be lapsing initiatives.

In 2023–24, we identified 321 potentially lapsing output initiatives with most of these announced in 2020–21 when the Government could not have additional years of funding. Initiatives from 2020–21 budget updates accounted for 122 of these while most (199) were announced in subsequent budgets. This means we can be reasonably confident of most of the identified potentially lapsing initiatives, but that we have insufficient information to conclusively determine this status for 38%.

Figure 1 – Potentially lapsing output initiatives – count and funding



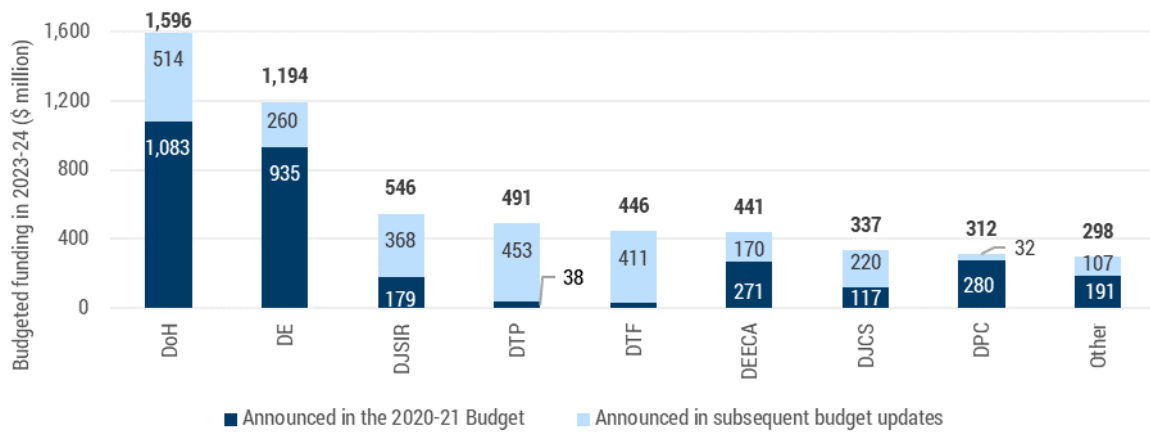
Source: Parliamentary Budget Office.

The Government provided \$5,661.4 million in funding to potentially lapsing output initiatives in 2023–24. Of this:

- \$3,128.3 million was for potentially lapsing initiatives announced in 2020-21
- \$2,533.1 million was for initiatives announced since 2020-21, which could have included funding beyond 2023–24.

Potentially lapsing output initiatives are spread across the various functions and departments of government.

Figure 2 – Potentially lapsing output initiative funding in 2023–24



Note: Other encompasses Whole of Government, Department of Government Services, Parliament and Court Services Victoria.
 Source: Parliamentary Budget Office.

Initiatives announced since 2020–21 account for 62% of potentially lapsing initiatives and 45% of the funding provided in 2023–24. Results are not consistent across portfolio agencies, for example:

- Department of Health potentially lapsing initiatives are dominated by \$629.5 million of funding for maintaining hospital capacity in 2023-24, which was announced in the 2020-21 budget
- Department of Education potentially lapsing initiatives are dominated by \$576.5 million of funding for support for school students with disability in 2023-24, which was announced in the 2020-21 budget
- Department of Transport and Planning potentially lapsing initiatives are dominated by \$238.3 million of funding for COVID-19 impacts on the transport network, which was announced in the 2023–24 budget
- Department of Treasury and Finance potentially lapsing initiatives are dominated by \$380.0 million of funding for the Commonwealth Games, which was announced in the 2023–24 budget
- Department of Premier and Cabinet potentially lapsing initiatives are dominated by \$200.0 million of funding for the Breakthrough Victoria Fund, which was announced in the 2020-21 budget.

Context

Request

On 14 June 2023, Mr John Pesutto MP, Member for Hawthorn, asked the Parliamentary Budget Officer to provide independent advice about programs announced in the last 4 years that have funding ending in 2023–24.

Scope

In this advice we consider output budget initiatives that were announced or provided with additional funding between 2020–21 and 2023–24, where the last year of funding was 2023–24. We consider one department per chapter, and separate initiatives in each chapter announced:

- in the 2020–21 budget
- in budgets and budget updates since 2020–21.

Attachment C provides budget descriptions for each initiative considered in this advice.

Limitations

There is uncertainty around whether the budget initiatives identified have already been allocated ongoing funding. Initiatives originally announced with the final year of funding in 2023–24 may have funding beyond this that was not specifically published in subsequent budgets.

Budget initiatives are subject to name and portfolio changes meaning they may not be easy to concord. It is difficult to track such changes to initiatives that are not headline or large programs.

We prepared this advice on 19 April 2024.

Background

Budgets not released

The Victorian Government generally releases a state budget and a half yearly budget update each year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020–21 budget was released later than usual – in November 2020. This enabled the government to include the impact of COVID-19 measures in that year's budget. The government did not publish a half yearly budget update for 2020–21.

In 2022, the government did not release a half yearly budget update. Instead, the Department of Treasury and Finance released a Victorian Economic and Financial Update, which served the purpose of a budget update and contained budgeted government initiatives announced prior to the 2022 election campaign.

Initiative timeframes

Many budget initiatives announced in the 2020–21 budget and budget update were funded to 2023–24. We consider these initiatives are more likely to have ongoing budgeted funding. Initiatives announced since 2020–21, with a final year of funding in 2023–24, may have a time-limited purpose and are less likely to have ongoing funding. This may include when funding has been provided for planning purposes, with the ongoing funding for a policy provided in a future separate initiative.

The Victorian Government's Budget Paper 3 – Service Delivery provides a description of each output initiative announced by the government. These descriptions sometimes indicate timeframes for policies, which can be useful to inform judgement on whether an initiative is funded beyond the forward estimates.

Programs that end in 2023–24 may receive additional or ongoing funding in future budgets depending on the success of the program, or if more funding is necessary to meet the required outcome. Additionally, initiatives may receive a single year of funding each year, often through grant rounds or similar types of programs.

Whole of Government

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Whole of Government with a final year of funding in 2023–24.

The Whole of Government category includes output initiatives for areas with specific outcomes that have inputs from multiple departments. Between the 2020–21 and 2023–24 budgets, the Whole of Government sector has provided funding for the following areas:

- 2019–20 Victorian bushfires
- Aboriginal Affairs
- Delivering for regional and rural Victoria Program
- Flood Recovery
- Housing Statement.

Programs announced in the 2020–21 budget

There were 19 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Whole of Government in 2020–21 with funding to 2023–24, with:

- \$173.3 million total funding in 2023–24
- \$803.8 million total funding across the 4 years to 2023–24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023–24 as ongoing programs, while others may not have funding beyond 2023–24, as they have a limited timeframe. The *Supporting Portland's economic diversification* initiative is an example of a program that likely has a limited timeframe, as it provides targeted grant funding for regional areas.

Figure 3 – Whole of Government budget output initiatives announced in 2020–21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Bushfire Recovery Victoria	25.2	123.8
2020-21 Budget	Aboriginal community-led responses within the youth justice system	3.2	11.8
2020-21 Budget	Aboriginal economic development: Building opportunity and economic prosperity for Victorian Aboriginal communities	1.7	7.3
2020-21 Budget	Aboriginal Heritage approvals:	0.2	2.7

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Ensuring the continued safety and operations of the Lake Tyers and Framlingham Aboriginal Trusts	3.1	12.7
2020-21 Budget	Improving recognition and management of water by Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians	5.7	21.0
2020-21 Budget	Agricultural College Modernisation Fund	9.5	50.0
2020-21 Budget	Delivering for Rural and Regional Victoria	24.4	124.5
2020-21 Budget	Fast tracking waste and recycling infrastructure	6.2	40.9
2020-21 Budget	Improving rural health outcomes	5.4	30.9
2020-21 Budget	Princes Highway East Duplication Stage 3	2.6	8.2
2020-21 Budget	Strengthening our Dairy Supply Chain	1.5	7.9
2020-21 Budget	Supporting Portland's economic diversification	2.0	5.9
2020-21 Budget	Visitor Economy: Regional Events Fund	4.0	20.0
2020-21 Budget	Visitor Economy: Regional Tourism Infrastructure	23.9	120.6
2020-21 Budget	Visitor Economy: Regional Tourism Investment Fund	40.0	150.0
2020-21 Budget	Water wise rural communities	11.8	59.4
2020-21 Budget	Wild dog control project	1.1	4.4
2020-21 Budget	Kardinia Park Stadium Stage 5 Redevelopment	1.8	1.8
	Total	173.3	803.8

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, we consider that at least the following would likely have funding beyond 2023–24:

- *Improving rural health outcomes*
- *Visitor Economy: Regional Events Fund*
- *Aboriginal community-led responses within the youth justice system*
- *Delivering for Rural and Regional Victoria*
- *Ensuring the continued safety and operations of the Lake Tyers and Framlingham Aboriginal Trusts.*

Programs announced since 2020–21

There were 15 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Whole of Government since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$59.2 million total funding in 2023-24
- \$139.1 million total funding across the years to 2023-24.

These were likely for a specific purpose with limited timeframes, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 4 – Whole of Government budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Delivering a Victorian truth and justice process	18.8	58.3
2021-22 Budget	Progressing Traditional Owner Settlements	0.3	3.2
2022-23 Budget	Aboriginal family services and child protection	3.9	7.2
2022-23 Budget	Boosting capacity and addressing demand in the Aboriginal cultural heritage system	16.1	35.7
2022-23 Budget	Enabling joint management of Barmah National Park	2.3	5.8
2022-23 Budget	Improving capacity for Traditional Owner Corporations to negotiate Recognition and Settlement Agreements with the State	0.5	5.2
2022-23 Budget	Preparing the education system for self-determination	2.0	5.8
2022-23 Budget	Progressing the First Principles Review	0.4	0.8
2022-23 Budget	Supporting Aboriginal youth engagement	0.3	0.6
2022-23 Budget	Water access and ownership for Traditional Owners	1.9	3.8
2023-24 Budget	Floods and disaster mental health response	0.5	0.5

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2023-24 Budget	Recovery communications program	1.1	1.1
2023-24 Budget	Regional and state coordination additional resourcing	2.0	2.0
2023-24 Budget	Support to councils to undertake secondary impact assessments	7.1	7.1
2023-24 Budget update	Delivering a Rental Stress Support Package	2.0	2.0
	Total	59.2	139.1

Source: Parliamentary Budget Office.

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Floods and disaster mental health response*
- *Recovery communications program*
- *Regional and state coordination additional resourcing*
- *Support to councils to undertake secondary impact assessments*
- *Delivering a Rental Stress Support Package.*

The largest potentially lapsing program with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Visitor Economy: Regional Tourism Fund* program, which is provided to deliver projects in alignment with the Regional Tourism Review, to increase visitation, align with visitor demand and leverage investment to develop new attractions. Given that the funding is for projects coming out of the Regional Tourism Review additional funding beyond 2023-24 is only likely to be required if the projects cannot be achieved under the current funding arrangements and timelines.

Department of Education

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Education with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

As this analysis spans multiple budget years where department name changes have occurred, the output initiatives from each of these departments have been combined under the current Department of Education.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 19 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the then Department of Education and Training (now Department of Education) in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$934.5 million total funding in 2023-24
- \$2,831.6 million total funding across the 4 years to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others may not have ongoing funding, as they have a limited timeframe. The *Child safety reforms implementation* program is an example of an initiative that likely has a limited timeframe, as it provides support for the transition to the new National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

Figure 5 – Department of Education and Training budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Building Blocks	6.9	38.5
2020-21 Budget	Early Start Kindergarten for refugee and asylum seeker children	0.3	2.5
2020-21 Budget	Maintaining National Disability Insurance Scheme support	2.5	9.7
2020-21 Budget	Protecting children's safety and wellbeing:	12.5	46.6
2020-21 Budget	Supporting Victorian kindergartens	4.1	67.7
2020-21 Budget	Child safety reforms implementation	1.3	5.0
2020-21 Budget	Creating jobs in education through innovative and accelerated pathways to teaching	2.1	15.5
2020-21 Budget	Excellence in teacher education	0.9	2.3
2020-21 Budget	Increasing the availability of outside school hours care	34.9	81.7

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Preparing, training and supporting high-performing school leaders and teachers	2.3	8.6
2020-21 Budget	Respectful Relationships for children and youth	7.7	37.5
2020-21 Budget	School upgrades	0.7	2.5
2020-21 Budget	Specialist Teachers and Data and Evidence Coaches	6.8	20.6
2020-21 Budget	Supporting secondary students for jobs of the future	4.4	38.0
2020-21 Budget	Inclusion for all: New funding and support model for school students with disability	576.5	1,560.0
2020-21 Budget	Big Build apprenticeships	8.9	33.1
2020-21 Budget	Skills for resilient and emerging industries	18.9	74.8
2020-21 Budget	Skills for women, young people, migrants, vulnerable Victorians and retrenched workers	8.0	155.5
2020-21 Budget	TAFE and training driving economic recovery	234.8	631.5
	Total	934.5	2,831.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on budget paper descriptions, we consider that at least the following would likely have funding beyond 2023-24:

- *Early Start Kindergarten for refugee and asylum seeker children*
- *Maintaining National Disability Insurance Scheme support*
- *Inclusion for all: New funding and support model for school students with disability.*

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 16 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Department of Education since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$259.6 million total funding in 2023-24
- \$562.2 million total funding across the years to 2023-24.

These were likely for a specific purpose with a limited timeframe, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 6 – Department of Education budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Support for students with disabilities and additional needs	5.0	19.6
2021-22 Budget update	A new TAFE funding arrangement	28.6	156.2
2022-23 Budget	Continuing the early childhood language program	2.8	5.5
2022-23 Budget	Kinder Kits for three-year-old kinder	7.6	14.7
2022-23 Budget	Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	2.9	5.2
2022-23 Budget	Active Schools	9.6	20.8
2022-23 Budget	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) delivery on the Northern Hemisphere timetable	1.5	2.9
2022-23 Budget	Apprenticeship Support Officers	6.1	12.0
2022-23 Budget	Skills Solutions Partnerships	0.2	0.4
2022-23 Budget	TAFE inclusion	0.4	0.8
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Extending the Tutor Learning Initiative	129.2	258.4
2023-24 Budget	Students with Disabilities Transport Program	31.9	31.9
2023-24 Budget	Eltham Woods Childcare Cooperative, Hughesdale Kindergarten and Research Preschool	2.9	2.9
2023-24 Budget	New Schools Planning Fund	26.0	26.0
2023-24 Budget	School Upgrades Delivery Fund	4.0	4.0
2023-24 Budget update	Strengthening Self-Determination in Education	0.9	0.9
	Total	259.6	562.2

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Students with Disabilities Transport Program*
- *Eltham Woods Childcare Cooperative, Hughesdale Kindergarten and Research Preschool*
- *New Schools Planning Fund*
- *School Upgrades Delivery Fund*

- *Strengthening Self-Determination in Education.*

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Inclusion for all: New funding and support model for students with disability* program, which involves a new funding and support model for students with disability, that is being progressively introduced over five years. This funding is likely to continue to at least 2024-25, as stated in the description.

Department of Environment, Energy and

Climate Change

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Due to a machinery of government change, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is now the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), with some responsibilities transferred to the Department of Transport and Planning. This analysis combines output initiatives under the former DELWP with the current DEECA.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 23 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the then DELWP (currently DEECA) in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$271.4 million total funding in 2023-24
- \$2,458.6 million funding across the 4 years to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others may not have ongoing funding, as they have a limited timeframe. The *Energy efficiency upgrades for homes* is an example of an initiative that likely has a limited timeframe, as it provides funding efficiency upgrades for 250,000 households and 35,000 social housing properties.

Figure 7 – DELWP budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Building a sustainable water sector	5.2	21.7
2020-21 Budget	Building flood resilience in Victoria	6.7	26.7
2020-21 Budget	Enhancing urban water security, iconic urban waterways and recreational water	14.3	65.1
2020-21 Budget	Improving the health of Victoria's waterways and catchments in the face of escalating impacts of climate change	58.1	223.9
2020-21 Budget	Making Victorians water wise: Investing in communities for a secure water future	1.8	11.2
2020-21 Budget	Strong foundations for Victoria's water: Compliance, markets, water entitlements and oversight of the water grid	7.3	28.0

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Sustaining a resilient and secure water register for Victoria	11.3	42.3
2020-21 Budget	The evidence base for Victorian water: Availability and knowledge	14.1	58.2
2020-21 Budget	Accelerating adoption of zero emission vehicles	1.4	25.2
2020-21 Budget	Cheaper cleaner energy to drive economic recovery	8.9	681.9
2020-21 Budget	Clean energy transition initiatives	6.3	49.6
2020-21 Budget	Energy efficiency upgrades for homes	29.4	447.7
2020-21 Budget	Grid resilience: Neighbourhood batteries and microgrid trials	2.1	20.8
2020-21 Budget	More solar homes	2.4	149.4
2020-21 Budget	State funding commitments to national energy market bodies	11.1	44.7
2020-21 Budget	Core environmental and Traditional Owner programs	1.7	41.1
2020-21 Budget	Growing jobs in land restoration and carbon storage	8.1	42.3
2020-21 Budget	Recycling Victoria	68.3	321.7
2020-21 Budget	Hazardous waste management	1.1	35.6
2020-21 Budget	Victorian deer control project	4.6	18.3
2020-21 Budget	Yellingbo Conservation Area	2.0	7.8
2020-21 Budget	Big Housing Build: Implementing the Commissioner for Better Regulation's planning reforms	1.5	52.2
2020-21 Budget	Big Housing Build: Improving the planning system for urban and regional development and state infrastructure	3.7	43.2
	Total	271.4	2,458.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on budget paper descriptions, we consider that at least the following would likely have funding beyond 2023-24:

- *Growing jobs in land restoration and carbon storage*

- *Recycling Victoria.*

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 24 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for DEECA since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$169.9 million total funding in 2023-24
- \$312.9 million total funding across the years to 2023-24.

These were likely programs with a specific purpose with a limited timeframe, or programs that receive their funding by year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 8 – DEECA budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Compliance and interceptions: protect reliability of water entitlements and maximise water resources for regional business and communities	0.9	2.5
2021-22 Budget	Resilient water markets, regional communities and infrastructure	2.2	8.4
2021-22 Budget	Supporting regional communities and economic recovery through healthy waterways	7.0	24.5
2021-22 Budget	Zero and low emission vehicles: accelerating adoption	19.8	46.1
2021-22 Budget	EcoCentre redevelopment	0.8	2.8
2022-23 Budget	Building reforms to secure Victoria's economic recovery	5.9	25.6
2022-23 Budget	Implementation of the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy	26.6	56.6
2022-23 Budget	Cheaper electricity for Victorians	4.5	9.0
2022-23 Budget	Unlocking offshore wind, renewable hydrogen and new energy manufacturing to create jobs	3.4	6.8
2022-23 Budget	Environment protection and air quality	1.8	7.7
2022-23 Budget	Wildlife care and protection	1.9	5.3
2022-23 Budget	Recycling Victoria – Household Chemical Collection program	2.0	4.0

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2023-24 Budget	Reform to Perform: Resources sector support to achieve Net Zero and the Big Build	16.5	16.5
2023-24 Budget	ResourceSmart Schools	2.9	2.9
2023-24 Budget	Delivering community benefits through implementation of the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy	1.2	1.2
2023-24 Budget	Bringing back the SEC	24.0	44.5
2023-24 Budget	Treasuring Our Trees in the Yarra Valley	0.2	0.2
2023-24 Budget	Maintaining the Conservation Regulator	3.2	3.2
2023-24 Budget	VicCoasts: Building a safe, healthier and more resilient marine and coastal environment for the community	7.0	7.0
2023-24 Budget	Zoos Victoria Kids Free Policy	10.2	10.2
2023-24 Budget	Half-price camping fees	3.9	3.9
2023-24 Budget	Zero interest loans for solar home batteries	16.0	16.0
2023-24 Budget update	Gas substitution roadmap	1.8	1.8
2023-24 Budget update	Lemon Springs site remediation	6.2	6.2
Total		169.9	312.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Gas substitution roadmap*
- *Lemon Springs site remediation*
- *ResourceSmart Schools*
- *Delivering community benefits through implementation of the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy*
- *Zero interest loans for solar home batteries*
- *Treasuring Our Trees in the Yarra Valley*
- *Maintaining the Conservation Regulator*

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- *VicCoasts: Building a safe, healthier and more resilient marine and coastal environment for the community*
- *Zoos Victoria Kids Free Policy*
- *Half-price camping fees*
- *Zero interest loans for solar home batteries*
- *Reform to Perform: Resources sector support to achieve Net Zero and the Big Build.*

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *cheaper, cleaner energy to drive economic recovery* program, which provided funding for energy projects that will deliver cheaper and cleaner energy for Victoria. If additional projects are identified or the timelines or funding for current projects take longer than expected, then funding may be extended beyond 2023-24.

Department of Government Services

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Government Services with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

The Department of Government Services is a new portfolio introduced in the 2023-24 budget.

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 4 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for DGS since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$18.4 million total funding in 2023-24
- \$18.4 million total funding across the years to 2023-24.

These were programs with a specific purpose with a limited timeframe, such as the payment scheme for the customers of liquidated builders.

Figure 9– DGS budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2023-24 Budget	Doing what matters for local communities – local government	0.4	0.4
2023-24 Budget	Social procurement reform	2.7	2.7
2023-24 Budget	Reducing future justice demand and keeping the community safe	1.7	1.7
2023-24 Budget update	Payment scheme for the customers of liquidated builders	13.6	13.6
	Total	18.4	18.4

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, all of the 4 potentially lapsing initiatives only have a single year of funding.

The largest potentially lapsing initiative announced with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Payment scheme for customers of liquidated builders* program, which payments to customers impacted by insolvencies of builders in 2022-23.

Department of Health

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Health with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

As this analysis spans multiple budget years where department name changes have occurred, the output initiatives from each of these departments have been combined under the current DoH.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 16 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the then DHHS (now DoH) in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$1,082.7 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$8,266.6 million funding to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others will likely not have additional funding, as they have a limited timeframe. The *Big Housing Build* initiative is an example of a program with a specific purpose and limited timeframe, as it provides funding for a specified number of homes to be built. This may have ongoing funding depending on the uptake of the program.

Figure 10 – DHHS budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Guaranteeing future energy supply	4.7	18.2
2020-21 Budget	Maintaining hospital capacity	629.5	2,784.3
2020-21 Budget	Voluntary Assisted Dying	5.8	23.0
2020-21 Budget	Clinical placements for aged care safe patient care	12.4	40.0
2020-21 Budget	Supporting ambulance services	24.5	135.7
2020-21 Budget	Better Futures: Home Stretch	35.4	75.1
2020-21 Budget	Intensive Family Preservation and Reunification Response	99.2	335.3
2020-21 Budget	Maintaining the capacity of the children and families system	93.8	365.4
2020-21 Budget	Reforming care services	29.7	322.7
2020-21 Budget	National Disability Insurance Scheme Stage 2: Out of scope services	8.9	198.5
2020-21 Budget	Therapeutic interventions	22.1	87.3

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Big Housing Build	87.0	737.0
2020-21 Budget	From Homelessness to a Home	12.0	150.8
2020-21 Budget	Supporting new Victorian parents	7.4	20.6
2020-21 Budget	Coronavirus (COVID-19) health response	6.3	2,956.0
2020-21 Budget	Medicinal cannabis commitments	4.0	16.7
	Total	1,082.7	8,266.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on budget paper descriptions, we consider that at least the following would likely have funding beyond 2023-24:

- *Guaranteeing future energy supply*
- *Voluntary Assisted Dying*
- *Supporting new Victorian parents*
- *Maintaining the capacity of the children and families system.*

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 43 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the DoH since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$513.5 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$1,070.9 million funding to 2023-24.

These were usually for a specific purpose with a limited timeframe, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as vaccination programs.

Figure 11 – DoH budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Critical additional responses for people experiencing homelessness placed in hotels during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic	-2.5	16.9
2021-22 Budget	Tackling racism in Victoria head-on	0.3	1.5
2021-22 Budget	Public fertility care services for Victoria	19.5	50.1
2022-23 Budget	Funding for statutory bodies and reforms	4.9	9.8
2022-23 Budget	Improving the capacity and mix of care services	6.7	84.6

Lapsing funding initiatives

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2022-23 Budget	Improving the safety of children and young people in out-of-home care	4.3	9.1
2022-23 Budget	Strengthening the community services workforce	3.5	10.4
2022-23 Budget	Emerging with stronger communities	6.2	16.3
2022-23 Budget	Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	19.4	35.9
2022-23 Budget	Implementing a sustainable Central Information Point	15.0	28.4
2022-23 Budget	Sustained support and improved housing outcomes	4.8	9.4
2022-23 Budget	Support for priority newly arrived migrant communities	3.4	6.7
2022-23 Budget	Support for veteran infrastructure	1.4	2.8
2022-23 Budget	Support for veteran transition and wellbeing	0.3	0.6
2022-23 Budget	Empowering young people facing disadvantage	0.6	1.7
2022-23 Budget	Funding for statutory bodies and reforms	1.5	3.0
2022-23 Budget	Providing additional bed capacity through modular facilities	19.5	64.9
2022-23 Budget	Supporting our maternity workforce	5.2	9.8
2022-23 Budget	LGBTIQ+ Strategy implementation	0.7	1.4
2022-23 Budget	Responding to community-based healthcare demand and delivering enhanced service responses	0.8	7.3
2022-23 Budget	Decriminalising the sex work industry	1.4	3.0
2022-23 Budget	Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	39.3	80.7
2022-23 Budget	Strengthening palliative care in the community	14.0	32.4
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	National Vietnam Veterans Museum	5.0	10.0

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Improving access to emergency care	4.8	169.7
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Supporting decriminalisation of public intoxication	20.1	37.3
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Support for primary care to protect our hospitals	24.0	56.5
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Maternal and child health workforce package	4.8	10.1
2023-24 Budget	Civil claims costs for historical institutional child abuse	58.8	73.7
2023-24 Budget	Responding to family services demand	11.2	11.2
2023-24 Budget	Supporting progressive reform in Youth Justice	5.0	5.0
2023-24 Budget	Funding for statutory bodies	12.4	12.4
2023-24 Budget	Women's economic security program	0.1	0.1
2023-24 Budget	Maintaining a PPE supply and stockpile	45.3	45.3
2023-24 Budget	Safer digital healthcare program 2023-24	19.3	19.3
2023-24 Budget	Backing pharmacists to boost our health system	18.9	19.9
2023-24 Budget	Doing what matters for local communities – community health	0.2	0.2
2023-24 Budget	Prevention and early intervention of chronic and preventable health conditions	41.9	41.9
2023-24 Budget	Supporting local communities and high-quality care for Victorians	0.2	0.3
2023-24 Budget	Victoria's pandemic program	44.0	44.0
2023-24 Budget	Maximising our health workforce	15.3	15.3

Lapsing funding initiatives

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2023-24 Budget	Mental health support for emergency service workers	2.9	2.9
2023-24 Budget	Pathways to home	9.1	9.1
Total		513.5	1,070.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Responding to family services demand*
- *Supporting progressive reform in Youth Justice*
- *Funding for statutory bodies*
- *Women's economic security program*
- *Maintaining a PPE supply and stockpile*
- *Safer digital healthcare program 2023-24*
- *Doing what matters for local communities – community health*
- *Prevention and early intervention of chronic and preventable health conditions*
- *Victoria's pandemic program*
- *Maximising our health workforce*
- *Mental health support for emergency workers*
- *Pathways to home.*

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) health response* program, which provided funding to a range of initiatives to support the public health response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and

Regions

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Due to a machinery of government change, the former Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) is now the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR), with some responsibilities transferred to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

As this analysis spans multiple budget years where department name changes have occurred, the output initiatives from each of these departments have been combined under the current DJSIR.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 16 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the then DJPR (now DJSIR) in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$178.6 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$1,732.0 million of funding to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others will likely not have additional funding, as they have a limited timeframe. *A strategy to grow and modernise Victorian agriculture* program is an example of an initiative with a limited timeframe, as it provides short term support and stimulus to assist Victoria's agriculture recover from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Figure 12 – DJPR budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Game hunting	0.3	5.3
2020-21 Budget	Supporting pets and animal welfare	3.8	19.1
2020-21 Budget	Victorian community pest management	1.7	8.3
2020-21 Budget	Defence Capture Plan	0.7	6.0
2020-21 Budget	Improving cancer outcomes	9.5	33.0
2020-21 Budget	LaunchVic	10.0	40.0
2020-21 Budget	Small Business: Ready for Growth	2.8	12.2
2020-21 Budget	Supporting medical research to protect Victorians and grow jobs for the future	61.3	210.3

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Victoria's Digital Future Now	56.3	525.9
2020-21 Budget	Jobs for Victoria: Our plan to maximise jobs and help Victorians into work	3.4	619.4
2020-21 Budget	Local government community infrastructure loan scheme	1.5	6.0
2020-21 Budget	Minimising risks from rehabilitation of mines and quarries	4.7	21.2
2020-21 Budget	Visitor Economy: Industry Support	3.3	106.5
2020-21 Budget	Trade: Export Recovery Plan	2.7	31.8
2020-21 Budget	A new strategy to grow and modernise Victorian agriculture	5.0	65.0
2020-21 Budget	State Basketball Centre Redevelopment	11.6	22.0
	Total	178.6	1,732.0

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Like a *strategy to grow and modernise Victorian agriculture* program, there are multiple programs that are for a specific purpose, likely with a limited timeframe. Likewise, the relevant budget papers do not make it clear that a program may receive ongoing funding.

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 34 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the now DJSIR since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$367.6 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$893.6 million of funding to 2023-24.

These were usually for a specific purpose with a limited timeframe, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 13 – DJSIR budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Rural Financial Counselling Service	2.0	5.8
2021-22 Budget	Transforming traceability	4.0	11.6
2021-22 Budget	Seymour revitalisation	0.2	1.6
2021-22 Budget	La Trobe University Sports Park	1.5	101.1
2021-22 Budget	Victorian Institute of Sport	8.2	24.6

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget update	Delivering the Australian Institute for Infectious Disease	77.5	245.1
2022-23 Budget	Transforming Western Melbourne	0.5	2.8
2022-23 Budget	Celebrating Diversity through South Asian film	1.2	2.4
2022-23 Budget	Creative spaces and places	3.0	6.0
2022-23 Budget	Building a thriving digital economy	1.3	2.6
2022-23 Budget	Supporting Victorian Manufacturing – Victorian Industry Investment Fund	20.0	40.0
2022-23 Budget	Sick Pay Guarantee	80.0	245.7
2022-23 Budget	Skills Solutions Partnerships	2.5	9.6
2022-23 Budget	Supporting jobs for young people in sport and recreation	0.7	1.3
2022-23 Budget	<i>Major Events Act 2009</i> administration and enforcement	1.0	2.0
2022-23 Budget	Regional Tourism Infrastructure Projects	17.3	29.9
2022-23 Budget	Travel Pass	0.9	2.0
2022-23 Budget	Victoria's trade recovery and global engagement	2.8	12.8
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Victorian Land Systems Fund	4.3	8.0
2023-24 Budget	Growing Suburbs Fund	10.0	10.0
2023-24 Budget	Destination Victoria	32.5	32.5
2023-24 Budget	Essential regulation of the Victorian professional boxing and combat sports sector	1.6	1.6
2023-24 Budget	Sporting trusts support	7.5	7.5
2023-24 Budget	Safe and sustainable recreational game hunting	2.3	2.3
2023-24 Budget	Made in Victoria – supporting industry through R&D infrastructure	15.0	15.0
2023-24 Budget	Supporting the innovation ecosystem	5.0	5.0

Lapsing funding initiatives

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2023-24 Budget	Bendigo Art Gallery redevelopment	2.0	2.0
2023-24 Budget	Doing what matters for local communities – regions	0.3	0.3
2023-24 Budget	Latrobe Valley Authority	7.2	7.2
2023-24 Budget	Creative experiences package	0.4	0.4
2023-24 Budget	Digital games and visual effects rebate	10.0	10.0
2023-24 Budget	Apprenticeships Taskforce	1.5	1.5
2023-24 Budget Update	GOTAFE funding support	15	15
2023-24 Budget update	Cultural and creative agencies operations	28.4	28.4
	Total	367.6	893.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Growing Suburbs Fund*
- *Destination Victoria*
- *Essential regulation of the Victorian professional boxing and combat sports sector*
- *Sporting trusts support*
- *Safe and sustainable recreational game hunting*
- *Made in Victoria – supporting industry through R&D infrastructure*
- *Supporting the innovation ecosystem*
- *Bendigo Art Gallery redevelopment*
- *Doing what matters for local communities – regions*
- *Latrobe Valley Authority*
- *Creative experiences package*
- *Digital games and visual effects rebate*
- *Cultural and creative agencies operations*
- *GOTAFE funding support*
- *Apprenticeships Taskforce.*

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Jobs for Victoria: Our plan to maximise jobs and help Victorians into work* program, which provided funding to support businesses and job seekers to improve labour market outcomes.

Department of Justice and Community

Safety

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Justice and Community Safety with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 3 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Department of Justice and Community Safety in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$117.2 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$481.1 million of funding to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others will likely not have additional funding, as they have a limited timeframe.

Figure 14 – DJCS budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Fire Services Reform implementation	27.2	180.8
2020-21 Budget	Victoria Police system enhancements and resources	89.7	299.5
2020-21 Budget	Victorian State Emergency Services: Head Office upgrades	0.3	0.8
	Total	117.2	481.1

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on budget paper descriptions, we consider that at least the initiative, *Victoria Police system enhancements and resources*, would likely have funding beyond 2023-24.

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 24 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Department of Justice and Community Safety since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$219.8 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$442.6 million of funding to 2023-24.

These were usually for a specific purpose with a limited period, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 15 – DJCS budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Restorative Engagement and Redress Scheme for Victoria Police Members	7.7	42.2
2021-22 Budget	Improved oversight and support of offenders	0.9	14.1
2022-23 Budget	Decriminalising the sex work industry	3.2	8.4
2022-23 Budget	Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	6.4	13.1
2022-23 Budget	Critical emergency management reforms	1.0	2.2
2022-23 Budget	Public water safety initiatives	2.6	12.0
2022-23 Budget	VICSES facilities and fleet maintenance and volunteer health and safety	7.4	16.9
2022-23 Budget	Responding to the Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence and enhancing gambling and liquor regulation	8.5	55.5
2022-23 Budget	Better mental healthcare for police	2.5	5.0
2022-23 Budget	Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System	0.1	1.5
2022-23 Budget	Digital future of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages	2.5	8.7
2022-23 Budget	Delivery of prosecution services	7.5	15.0
2022-23 Budget	Helping courts respond to the impacts of the pandemic	1.9	11.0
2022-23 Budget	Legal assistance	28.7	50.0
2022-23 Budget	Diverting children from youth justice	6.0	11.0
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Countering violent extremism	1.0	1.3
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Office of the Special Investigator	4.4	4.4
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Supporting decriminalisation of public intoxication	5.4	12.7

Budget	Initiative	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2023-24 Budget	Supplementation for the Inspector-General for Emergency Management	2.2	2.2
2023-24 Budget	Preventing and addressing gambling harm	74.5	110.0
2023-24 Budget	Western Plains Correctional Centre	36.0	36.0
2023-24 Budget	Pre-court assistance to reduce delays and adjournments	1.9	1.9
2023-24 Budget	Addressing over-representation in the Youth Justice system	3.0	3.0
2023-24 Budget update	Life Saving Victoria	4.5	4.5
	Total	219.8	442.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Office of the Special Investigator*
- *Supplementation for the Inspector-General for Emergency Management*
- *Western Plains Correctional Centre*
- *Pre-court assistance to reduce delays and adjournments*
- *Addressing over-representation in the Youth Justice system*
- *Life Saving Victoria.*

The largest potentially lapsing program announced since 2020-21 with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Victoria Police system enhancements and resources*, which provided funding to implement a range of system enhancements and reforms to deliver more efficient and effective police operations.

Department of Premier and Cabinet

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Premier and Cabinet with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 6 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Department of Premier and Cabinet in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$280 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$1,018.9 million of funding to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others will likely not have additional funding, as they have a limited timeframe. The *Digital Victoria* program is an example of an initiative that likely has a limited timeframe, as it provides funding for digital transformation across government and to improve the user experience for business owners and local families. This is unlikely to continue beyond 2023-24 unless the government chooses to provide ongoing maintenance funding for the digital transformation.

Figure 16 – Department of Premier and Cabinet budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Digital Victoria	64.5	156.1
2020-21 Budget	Breakthrough Victoria Fund	200.0	801.0
2020-21 Budget	Transforming the Victorian Public Service through data-driven insights	6.0	24.0
2020-21 Budget	Family violence prevention and early intervention with culturally and linguistically diverse communities	2.0	9.7
2020-21 Budget	Gender Equality Programs	4.5	16.9
2020-21 Budget	Implementation of the Gender Equality Act 2020	3.0	11.2
	Total	280.0	1,018.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on budget paper descriptions, we consider that at least the following would likely have funding beyond 2023-24:

- *Breakthrough Victoria Fund*
- *Transforming the Victorian Public Service through data-driven insights*
- *Gender Equality Programs.*

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 5 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Department of Premier and Cabinet since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$31.9 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$101.8 million of funding to 2023-24.

These were usually for a specific purpose with a limited period, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 17 – Department of Premier and Cabinet budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Securing Victoria's international interests	0.3	4.7
2022-23 Budget	Service Victoria – enhancing customer experience with more digital services for Victorians	23.3	86.5
2022-23 Budget	Workplace Gender Pay Equity Initiatives	0.1	1.0
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Parliamentary standards and integrity reforms	1.5	2.9
2023-24 Budget	Wage theft laws compliance and enforcement	6.7	6.7
	Total	31.9	101.8

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the *Wage theft laws compliance and enforcement* program only has a single year of funding.

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative with a final year of funding in 2022-23 was the *Breakthrough Victoria Fund*, which provided funding to establish a fund to drive investment into translational research, innovation and commercialisation outcomes to accelerate growth in key sectors and create jobs. As the fund is \$2 billion and only \$801 million has been contributed to date, it is likely that additional funding will occur beyond 2023-24.

Department of Transport and Planning

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Transport and Planning with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Due to a machinery of government change, the former Department of Transport (DoT) is now the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), absorbing the planning functions of DELWP.

As this analysis spans multiple budget years where department name changes have occurred, the output initiatives from each of these departments have been combined under DTP.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 5 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the former Department of Transport (now Department of Transport and Planning) in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$37.8 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$241.8 million of funding to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others will likely not have additional funding, as they have a limited timeframe. The *Public transport network safety and resilience* program is an example of an initiative with a limited period, as it provides funding to upgrade 9 substations on the metropolitan rail network. This is unlikely to continue beyond 2023-24 unless the government decides to upgrade further substations.

Figure 18 – Department of Transport budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Bus service improvements	6.9	21.2
2020-21 Budget	Keeping Victorians moving	28.9	212.2
2020-21 Budget	Timetable planning	0.5	3.0
2020-21 Budget	Women in Transport program	0.5	2.3
2020-21 Budget	Public transport network safety and resilience	1.0	3.1
	Total	37.8	241.8

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on budget paper descriptions, we consider that at least the following would likely have funding beyond 2023-24:

- *Bus service improvements*
- *Timetable planning.*

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 21 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the current Department of Transport and Planning since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$452.9 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$908.2 million of funding to 2023-24.

These were usually for a specific purpose with a limited period, or programs that receive their funding by year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 19 – Department of Transport and Planning budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Murray River bridge crossing upgrades	4.8	15.9
2021-22 Budget	A more productive road network for freight	0.7	2.2
2021-22 Budget	Fitzroy Gasworks Sports Centre	0.2	0.6
2022-23 Budget	Local ports critical maintenance works	1.5	1.5
2022-23 Budget	Ports Victoria start-up	1.3	3.5
2022-23 Budget	West Gate Bridge maintenance	1.8	3.7
2022-23 Budget	Michleham Road Upgrade - Stage 1	4.0	6.5
2022-23 Budget	Smarter roads - phase 2	1.1	2.2
2022-23 Budget	Support for veteran transition and wellbeing	0.3	0.6
2022-23 Budget	Train radio system upgrade	13.6	27.0
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Regional Rail Services	9.4	16.3
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	Unlocking Capacity on the Metro Rail Network	13.5	25.0
2022-23 Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update	New Tarneit railway station	2.5	5.0
2023-24 Budget	COVID-19 impacts on the transport network	238.3	628.2
2023-24 Budget	Multi-Purpose Taxi Program	6.5	10.5
2023-24 Budget	School Crossing Supervisor Program	15.7	15.7

Lapsing funding initiatives

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2023-24 Budget	Melton Line Upgrade	9.0	9.0
2023-24 Budget	Metro Tunnel readiness	100.5	100.5
2023-24 Budget	Mode Shift Incentive Scheme	3.5	3.5
2023-24 Budget	Unlocking new communities and affordable housing	3.5	3.5
2023-24 Budget	Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal development	21.2	27.3
	Total	452.9	908.2

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Local ports critical maintenance works*
- *School Crossing Supervisor Program*
- *Melton Line Upgrade*
- *Metro Tunnel Readiness*
- *Mode Shift Incentive Scheme*
- *Unlocking new communities and affordable housing.*

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative with a final year of funding in 2022-23 was the *COVID-19 impacts on the transport network* program, which provided funding to address COVID-19 impacts on the transport network and offset the impact of lower revenue for public transport operators. It is unlikely this funding will go beyond 2023-24 unless patronage levels are slower to return to previous levels.

Department of Treasury and Finance

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives for the Department of Treasury and Finance with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 9 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$34.9 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$219.9 million of funding to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others will likely not have additional funding, as they have a limited timeframe.

Figure 20 – Department of Treasury and Finance budget output initiatives announced in the 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Offsite construction	0.4	4.5
2020-21 Budget	Victorian digital asset strategy	0.9	6.5
2020-21 Budget	Big Housing Build: Victorian Homebuyer Fund	16.7	66.8
2020-21 Budget	Regulatory reform package	3.4	74.8
2020-21 Budget	Research and development cash flow loans	5.7	12.9
2020-21 Budget	Venture Growth Fund	0.1	25.8
2020-21 Budget	Centralised Accommodation Management	2.3	10.9
2020-21 Budget	Procurement reform	4.4	13.7
2020-21 Budget	Supporting coronavirus (COVID-19) recovery through procurement	1.0	4.0
	Total	34.9	219.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 6 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for the Department of Treasury and Finance since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$411.0 million of funding in 2023-24

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- \$439.9 million of funding to 2023-24.

These were usually for a specific purpose with a limited period, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 21 – Department of Treasury and Finance budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	Distillery door grant	5.0	10.1
2022-23 Budget	Unlocking the potential of loans and guarantees to support more housing	1.0	2.3
2022-23 Budget	Supporting Victorian Manufacturing – International investment attraction	20.0	40.0
2022-23 Budget	Victorian Government Trade and Investment Network resourcing	2.5	5.0
2023-24 Budget	Delivering a memorial to recognise those who have lost their lives on the job	2.5	2.5
2023-24 Budget update	Commonwealth Games	380.0	380.0
Total		411	439.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Delivering a memorial to recognise those who have lost their lives on the job*
- *Commonwealth Games.*

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative announced since 2020-21 with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Commonwealth Games*, which provided funding to settle all disputes regarding the cancellation of the 2026 Commonwealth Games, as this is cancelled government funding is unlikely to be required beyond 2023-24.

Parliament

In this section

This section outlines the budget output initiatives for Parliament and its services with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There were 4 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for Parliament in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$12.6 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$37.5 million of funding to 2023-24.

Some of these initiatives may already be funded beyond 2023-24 as ongoing programs, while others will likely not have additional funding, as they have a limited timeframe.

Figure 22 – Parliament budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Electorate Office safety and security upgrades	1.5	6.4
2020-21 Budget	Members of Parliament electorate office and communication budgets	0.3	1.2
2020-21 Budget	Funding for IBAC: Meeting demand and community expectations	10.1	27.1
2020-21 Budget	Securing a sustainable Ombudsman for Victorians	0.7	2.8
	Total	12.6	37.5

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 3 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for Parliament since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$2.1 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$5.0 million of funding to 2023-24.

These were usually for a specific purpose with a limited period, or programs that receive their funding each year, such as rounds of grant funding.

Figure 23 – Parliament budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2021-22 Budget	IBAC: Enhancing support provided to the Victorian public sector to prevent corruption and police misconduct (a)	1.0	3.9
2023-24 Budget	Supporting the operations of the Victorian Ombudsman	0.7	0.7
2023-24 Budget update	Legislative Council 2024 regional sitting	0.4	0.4
	Total	2.1	5.0

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Based on the description of these initiatives in the budget papers, the following only have a single year of funding:

- *Supporting the operations of the Victorian Ombudsman*
- *Legislative Council 2024 regional sitting.*

The largest potentially lapsing output initiative announced since 2020-21 with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Funding for IBAC: Meeting demand and community expectations* initiative, which provided funding to the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) to enable it to meet current and future government and community expectations of the agency. As this funding is to meet current and future demands, funding may be required beyond 2023-24.

Court Services Victoria

In this section This section outlines the budget output initiatives from Court Services Victoria with the final year of funding in 2023-24.

Programs announced in the 2020-21 budget

There was 1 potentially lapsing output initiative announced for Court Services Victoria in 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$0.1 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$0.9 million of funding to 2023-24.

This initiative will likely not have additional funding as it has a limited time frame.

Figure 24 – Court Services Victoria budget output initiatives announced in 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	New Wyndham Law Court	0.1	0.9
	Total	0.1	0.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Programs announced since 2020-21

There were 5 potentially lapsing output initiatives announced for Court Services Victoria since 2020-21 with funding to 2023-24, with:

- \$32.4 million of funding in 2023-24
- \$36.9 million of funding to 2023-24.

These initiatives were for specific purposes and may have limited periods.

Figure 25 – Court Services Victoria budget output initiatives announced since 2020-21

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
2020-21 Budget	Sunshine Law Courts Redevelopment	5.2	8.8
2023-24 Budget	Continuing therapeutic court programs	18.3	18.3
2023-24 Budget	Courts case management system	7.9	7.9
2022-23 Budget	New federal jurisdiction matters in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria	0.2	0.3
2022-23 Budget	Specialist Weekend Online Children's Court	0.8	1.6

Lapsing funding initiatives

Budget	Initiative	Funding in 2023-24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023-24 (\$million)
Total		32.4	36.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

The largest potentially lapsing initiative with a final year of funding in 2023-24 was the *Continuing therapeutic court programs* initiative, which provided targeted support and funding for continuing Drug Court programs and continuing the Court Integration Services Program Indictable Stream Pilot.

Attachment A – Assumptions and approach

In this section we provide the assumptions and approach we used to identify budget programs with a final year of funding in 2023-24.

Assumptions

When preparing this advice, we made the following assumptions:

1. We excluded budget initiatives that had funding 'to be confirmed' in the relevant budget papers from this analysis.
2. We used the initiative descriptions in relevant budget papers to determine if a program was likely to have ongoing funding beyond 2023-24.

Approach

When preparing this advice, we:

- identified output budget initiatives in Budget Paper 3 – Service Delivery from 2020-21 to 2023-24 that had a final year of funding in 2023-24
- broke these initiatives down by portfolio department, with a further delineation by whether the initiatives were announced in the 2020-21 budget or budget update, or announced since 2020-21
- assessed whether it was likely for the program to have ongoing funding beyond 2023-24 based on initiative descriptions in the relevant budget papers.

Attachment B – Data sources

- Victorian Budget 2020/21, Budget Paper No. 3 Service delivery
- Victorian Budget 2021/22, Budget Paper No. 3 Service delivery
- Victorian Budget 2022/23, Budget Paper No. 3 Service delivery
- Victorian Budget 2023/24, Budget Paper No. 3 Service delivery
- Victorian Budget Update 2021/22
- Victorian Economic and Fiscal Update 2022
- Victorian Budget Update 2023/24

Attachment C – Budget output initiative

descriptions

Whole of Government

Figure 26 – Whole of Government output initiative descriptions announced in 2020–21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Bushfire Recovery Victoria	Funding is provided for the operation of Bushfire Recovery Victoria, a newly established permanent agency working closely with bushfire-affected communities. This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's Emergency Management Capability output.	25.2	123.8
Aboriginal community-led responses within the youth justice system	Funding is provided to establish and expand programs and supports to help reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in the youth justice system.	3.2	11.8
Aboriginal economic development: Building opportunity and economic prosperity for Victorian Aboriginal communities	Funding is provided for a suite of new and existing initiatives that will help close the gap in economic and social outcomes between Aboriginal Victorians and non-Aboriginal communities. This includes continued support for the Aboriginal Economic Broker Grants Program and Kinaway Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Aboriginal Tourism Sector. Funding is also provided for the newly established Victorian Aboriginal Employment and Economic Council, to ensure investments in economic development areas.	1.7	7.3
Aboriginal Heritage approvals:	Funding is provided to meet increased demand on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage protection system and improve the compliance and enforcement capability of Aboriginal Victoria. New funding will also improve the safeguarding of Aboriginal intangible heritage and deliver a compliance and enforcement tracking database.	0.2	2.7

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Ensuring the continued safety and operations of the Lake Tyers and Framlingham Aboriginal Trusts	Funding is provided to support the continued safety and operations of the Lake Tyers and Framlingham Aboriginal Trusts, including sustainable self-management in accordance with the Aboriginal Lands Act 1970. This includes ensuring water, sewer, road, housing and fire safety infrastructure at the Trusts meet state and national standards.	3.1	12.7
Improving recognition and management of water by Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians	Funding is provided to continue incorporating Aboriginal values and expertise into water management across Victoria, including supporting Traditional Owners' organisations. This supports the Government's commitment to Aboriginal self-determination in relation to water management under Water for Victoria, the Aboriginal self-determination plan Pupangarli Marnmarnepu, the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, and the Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Economic Framework.	5.7	21.0
Agricultural College Modernisation Fund	Funding is provided for infrastructure upgrades to accommodation and research and learning facilities at regional agricultural training facilities to support the agricultural sector to grow and modernise. A fund will be established and require co-contributions from participating colleges for eligible projects. Upgrades will be delivered at the following colleges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longerenong College (near Horsham); • University of Melbourne's Dookie campus (near Shepparton); and • Marcus Oldham College (Geelong). 	9.5	50.0
Delivering for Rural and Regional Victoria	Resourcing for the Rural and Regional Victoria group is provided to secure its role in whole of government regional policy and to implement a contemporary approach to regional economic development. This will include targeted additional support to regions that are experiencing complex overlapping challenges and maintaining the Latrobe Valley Authority's operations as part of the Rural and Regional Victoria group. These functions will build resilience and economic diversity by providing support in multiple ways for regional business and industry to increase jobs, grow output and improve economic diversity of local regional economies.	24.4	124.5

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Fast tracking waste and recycling infrastructure	Funding is provided to build regional material recovery facilities to optimise Victoria's resource recovery and transfer station network, provide ongoing regional jobs and attract new reprocessing and manufacturing to regional areas.	6.2	40.9
Improving rural health outcomes	Funding is provided to address disparities in health outcomes in rural areas, investing in preventing, treating and improving recovery from cardiac, stroke and cancer conditions. This includes increasing rural community testing and screening activities and bringing care for rural communities close to home and embedding access via telehealth to clinical trials and supportive care following diagnosis.	5.4	30.9
Kardinia Park Stadium Stage 5 Redevelopment	Funding is provided for the fifth and final stage of the Kardinia Park Stadium Redevelopment. The project will deliver a new two-tiered northern stand, provide state-of-the-art spectator and community facilities and build on Geelong's ability to host and attract major events.	1.8	1.8
Princes Highway East Duplication Stage 3	The duplication of the Princes Highway East between Traralgon to Sale will be completed to improve travel efficiency and safety. The project includes constructing two additional lanes and a centre median at the Flynn and Kilmany locations.	2.6	8.2
Strengthening our Dairy Supply Chain	Funding is provided to strengthen the road network used by the Barwon South West dairy industry to improve efficiency of freight movements and allow our dairy industry to scale up production. These improvements will support economic recovery by creating jobs during construction of the road upgrades and by enabling industry growth.	1.5	7.9
Supporting Portland's economic diversification	Funding is provided to facilitate and invest in local business growth opportunities in Portland's key industries. This investment will contribute to the diversification of the local economy and the growth of local jobs.	2.0	5.9

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Visitor Economy: Regional Events Fund	Funding is provided to support a strong pipeline of regional events through the year. These events will attract visitors from Melbourne and interstate, creating economic and community benefits in regional areas.	4.0	20.0
Visitor Economy: Regional Tourism Infrastructure	Funding is provided for a range of regional tourism infrastructure projects to support jobs and local communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grampians Peak Trail Projects; • Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing – Stage 1; • Wilson Promontory Revitalisation; • Murray River Adventure Trail; • Gippsland Tourism Recovery Package; • Great Ocean Road Revitalisation; • Brambuk Cultural Centre Revitalisation; • Mallee Silo Art projects including Rainbow Silo Art and the Mallee Silo Art initiatives; • Ballarat Centre for Photography; and • Prosecco Road – Early Works. 	23.9	120.6
Visitor Economy: Regional Tourism Investment Fund	Funding is provided to deliver projects in line with the findings from the Regional Tourism Review to increase visitation, align with visitor demand and leverage major private sector investment in order to develop new attractions and create higher service levels.	40.0	150.0
Water wise rural communities	Funding is provided to support rural water infrastructure projects that will increase regional water security and efficiency across Victoria, while meeting the challenges of drought and climate change. The continuation of the Sustainable Irrigation Program will support a modern and productive irrigation sector, and ensure Victoria meets its salinity management obligations under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.	11.8	59.4

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Wild dog control project	Funding is provided to reduce the risks wild dogs pose to primary production, biodiversity and community health in Victoria. A new wild dog trap alert system will also be introduced to reduce the time allocated to inspecting traps and enable more humane treatment.	1.1	4.4

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 27 – Whole of Government output initiative descriptions announced since 2020–21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Delivering a Victorian truth and justice process	Funding is provided to establish the Yoo-rook Justice Commission in Victoria as a formal truth-telling process with Aboriginal Victorians to recognise historic wrongs and address ongoing injustices. It will also support government and the First Peoples' Assembly engagement in the Commission's activities.	18.8	58.3
Progressing Traditional Owner Settlements	Funding is provided to progress Traditional Owner Settlements and complete the Traditional Owner Settlements First Principles Review.	0.3	3.2
Aboriginal family services and child protection	Funding is provided to continue the Aboriginal Children and Families Innovation and Learning Fund, which provides grants to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to research new programs and interventions and to embed innovations into practice. Funding is also provided to ensure Aboriginal children in care receive a cultural safety plan, consistent with legislative requirements in the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005.	3.9	7.2

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Boosting capacity and addressing demand in the Aboriginal cultural heritage system	Funding is provided to support the continued functions and boost capacity of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage system. This includes additional resources for Registered Aboriginal Parties to fulfil their statutory obligations and respond to increased demand, functionality improvements to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Registry, proactive identification and protection of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage, and additional enforcement and compliance to promote protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage as per the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.	16.1	35.7
Enabling joint management of Barmah National Park	Funding is provided to continue joint land management of the Barmah National Park in partnership with the Yorta Yorta people.	2.3	5.8
Improving capacity for Traditional Owner Corporations to negotiate Recognition and Settlement Agreements with the State	Funding is provided to support Traditional Owner corporations when negotiating a Recognition and Settlement Agreement package with the State. This will ensure corporations are resourced to prepare for, and participate in, negotiations under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010. This funding further demonstrates the Government's commitment to self-determination.	0.5	5.2
Preparing the education system for self-determination	Funding is provided to improve educational outcomes and experiences for Aboriginal Victorians and to prepare for the forthcoming self-determination in education reforms. This includes continuing the Strengthening Principals' Professional Capability in Koorie Education program, the Speaking out Against Racism program, and expanding Victorian Aboriginal language learning in schools. In addition, funding supports the continuation of a statewide consultation and co-design process to progress Aboriginal self-determination in education.	2.0	5.8
Progressing the First Principles Review	Funding is provided to establish a Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 Forum related to the First Principles Review to improve the outcomes of agreements under the Act.	0.4	0.8

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting Aboriginal youth engagement	Funding is provided to strengthen the Koorie Youth Council partnership with government in the design and delivery of initiatives affecting Aboriginal young people, consistent with Victoria's commitment to Aboriginal self-determination.	0.3	0.6
Water access and ownership for Traditional Owners	Funding is provided to support returning water to Traditional Owners for cultural, spiritual, and economic use. This will deliver on commitments outlined in the Aboriginal Access to Water Roadmap as well as support emerging Traditional Owner capability in water management.	1.9	3.8
Floods and disaster mental health response	Funding is provided to deliver early intervention and psychological services to support the mental health of communities impacted by floods and disasters.	0.5	0.5
Recovery communications program	Funding is provided to continue the communications program on flood recovery.	1.1	1.1
Regional and state coordination additional resourcing	Funding is provided to continue additional resourcing in support of regional and state coordination of flood recovery efforts.	2.0	2.0
Support to councils to undertake secondary impact assessments	Funding is provided to continue supporting councils and Emergency Recovery Victoria in undertaking secondary impact assessments in flood impacted communities.	7.1	7.1
Delivering a Rental Stress Support Package	Funding is provided for a Rental Stress Support Package to support households dealing with rental stress by providing renting-focused community education, information, advice or advocacy services to be delivered by Consumer Affairs Victoria.	2.0	2.0

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Education

Figure 28 – Department of Education and Training output initiatives descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Building Blocks	Grants will be provided to local government and other eligible providers to build, expand and upgrade early childhood infrastructure. This will support additional kindergarten places, enhance the quality of learning environments and give families across Victoria greater access to local kindergartens. Grants will be available for upgrades of existing facilities and the purchase of equipment to provide safe and inclusive environments for children of all needs.	6.9	38.5
Early Start Kindergarten for refugee and asylum seeker children	Funding is provided to support three-year-old refugee and asylum seeker children to access 15 hours of free or low-cost kindergarten in all parts of Victoria from 2021. This initiative will also offer the Early Start Kindergarten (ESK) extension grant to four-year-old refugee and asylum seeker children to enable them to access free or low-cost kindergarten regardless of setting.	0.3	2.5
Maintaining National Disability Insurance Scheme support	Victoria makes ongoing contributions to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), recognising the value of services previously provided through the State which have transitioned to the NDIS. This funding is provided to continue to support the Department of Education and Training's share of this contribution, reflecting the ongoing value of Early Childhood Intervention Services and Flexible Support Packages.	2.5	9.7
Protecting children's safety and wellbeing:	Funding is provided to maintain critical regulatory functions to protect the safety, health and wellbeing of children attending early childhood education and care services in Victoria and to increase operating levels to address service growth and manage the risk profile of the sector.	12.5	46.6

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting Victorian kindergartens	Funding is provided for free sessional kindergarten in eligible services during 2020 and to support the transition to school in 2021. The initiative will also support kindergarten viability and provide support for additional kindergarten services to access early years management arrangements.	4.1	67.7
Child safety reforms implementation	Support is provided for the transition of the education and training sector to the new National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority will also receive funding to support its expanded remit to regulate boarding school facilities.	1.3	5.0
Creating jobs in education through innovative and accelerated pathways to teaching	Funding is provided for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programs that accelerate the training and employment of high-quality teachers into schools and early childhood services. The initiative will provide stipends and scholarships to address financial barriers for students undertaking the ITE accelerated programs. Programs will focus on recruiting students from rural and regional areas, including young people and women, and encouraging graduates to work in education settings in their local area. This model creates opportunities for Aboriginal people to work as qualified teachers on Country.	2.1	15.5
Excellence in teacher education	Funding is provided to continue and expand the National Exceptional Teaching for Disadvantaged Schools program. This program will equip 300 high-performing teaching students with skills to work in schools in disadvantaged areas and, through its placement program, help to achieve a more equitable distribution of high-achieving graduates in government schools.	0.9	2.3

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Increasing the availability of outside school hours care	Grants will be available for government schools that offer primary aged education without a current outside school hours care (OSHC) service, to increase the availability of OSHC to Victorian families (whether children attend government or non-government schools). Funding will help establish new services, providing support for costs including resources or equipment, setup and administration, facility upgrades, small service viability and transport. This will help support establishment of up to 400 new OSHC services by 2024 to provide education and care for primary school children outside school hours.	34.9	81.7
Preparing, training and supporting high-performing school leaders and teachers	Aspiring principals will continue to be supported to participate in the Victorian Aspiring Principals Assessment, which will ensure that Victorian schools have high-quality principals ready to fill future vacancies.	2.3	8.6
Respectful Relationships for children and youth	Funding will continue for Respectful Relationships to support schools and early childhood educators to promote respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. The initiative provides training and support to schools to implement respectful relationships education as a core component of the Victorian curriculum. It also includes professional development for early childhood educators to support respectful relationships in early childhood settings.	7.7	37.5
School upgrades	One hundred and twenty-three schools across Victoria will receive funding for upgrades. This will improve educational outcomes through the provision of high-quality teaching spaces and facilities for school and community use. Funding is also provided for the operating costs associated with school upgrades.	0.7	2.5
Specialist Teachers and Data and Evidence Coaches	Funding is provided to continue Specialist Teachers and Data and Evidence Coaches in government schools. This will build teacher capabilities and improve data literacy skills in schools' workforces.	6.8	20.6

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting secondary students for jobs of the future	Funding is provided to support implementation of the recommendations from the Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling. This includes new Jobs, Skills and Pathways Coordinators in government secondary schools to support students with vocational and applied learning pathways and transitions, and Jobs, Skills and Pathways Managers to support schools and facilitate industry engagement. Funding will also support development of a broader senior secondary qualification and improve data on post-school outcomes.	4.4	38.0
Inclusion for all: New funding and support model for school students with disability	<p>A new funding and support model for students with disability will be progressively introduced to government schools over five years from mid-2021. Over the transition period, the following initiatives will be progressively incorporated into the model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program for Students with Disabilities; ▪ Language and Learning Disabilities Support Program; ▪ Transition Support Funding; and ▪ Equipment Boost. <p>Funding for personalised educational adjustments for students with disability with high needs will remain a core part of the new funding and support model. The reform introduces a new inclusive and strengths-based approach to identifying both student need and adjustments required in their educational setting. The model also introduces a new school-level funding allocation to deliver classroom and school-wide adjustments, and to build capability in inclusive education across government schools. These adjustments will further support the educational participation of students with disability and additional needs, including students with autism and learning difficulties. This investment includes funding to meet the cost of forecast growth to 2024-25.</p>	576.5	1560.0

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Big Build apprenticeships	Funding is provided to expand opportunities for apprentices and trainees through a flagship Victorian Government Big Build training pathway. A new division of the Department of Education and Training will be established to oversee and coordinate the employment and training of apprentices and trainees on Big Build infrastructure projects. This transformative new approach will leverage group training organisations and Victoria's infrastructure program to create high-quality skills pathways for apprentices and trainees. It will help to support more Victorians to access these opportunities, including women and disadvantaged Victorians. Funding will enhance the impact of the Major Projects Skills Guarantee, support the employment and training of up to 1 500 apprentices and trainees each year and secure a pipeline of skilled workers in critical areas.	8.9	33.1
Skills for resilient and emerging industries	Funding is provided to enable the rapid retraining of workers into high-priority industries through additional places in accredited skill sets, delivered through a new Victorian Funded Skill Set List. This initiative also supports a workforce skill sets pilot to respond to immediate and emerging skills needs. Funding will also be provided to support skills and workforce development as part of the current North East Link and new Footscray Hospital projects. This funding will put TAFE at the centre of these iconic projects, training the project workforce and creating a skilled workforce legacy. This will include New Skills and Jobs Centres and on-site support at these projects to provide workers with skills advice and address project-specific training needs. Additional funding will support Victoria's transition to a cleaner economy, including partnerships between education and training providers and industry to design new skills pathways. A Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce and Workforce Development Strategy will assess the skills needs of the sector, including identifying opportunities for Victorians affected by economic disruption.	18.9	74.8

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Skills for women, young people, migrants, vulnerable Victorians and retrenched workers	Funding provides additional flexibility for Victorians particularly affected by economic disruption, including women, young people, migrants, vulnerable Victorians and retrenched workers, to access subsidised and Free TAFE training to reskill and upskill in 2021. Targeted opportunities will be made available through TAFE and other training providers across Victoria, making it easier for Victorians with pre-existing qualifications to retrain for sectors that need more skilled workers. Support is also provided for Koorie learners and multicultural communities, including through a Koorie loading to support pre-accredited learners, additional support for the Koorie Vocational and Education Training Advisory Group and the establishment of a Multicultural Learning Partnership between the Department of Education and Training, AMES Australia, Victorian Multicultural Commission and Adult, Community and Further Education Board.	8.0	155.5

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
TAFE and training driving economic recovery	<p>Funding is provided to meet anticipated demand for eligible students to undertake training to enhance their skills and employment opportunities, including for Victorians impacted during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Support for subsidised training places and Free TAFE in priority areas will be boosted, as well as additional places for accredited short courses and skill sets in construction. Three courses have been added to the Free TAFE course list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work; ▪ Certificate III in Health Services Assistance; and ▪ Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations. <p>The Course in Introduction to the National Disability Insurance Scheme will also be provided free at TAFE. This initiative will also provide funding to attract and support people to reskill as teachers at Victorian TAFEs, including teacher scholarships and mentoring. Apprentices and trainees retrenched during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will continue to be supported through job matching and other assistance and the Learn Local sector will be supported to lift adult literacy, numeracy and digital skills.</p>	234.8	631.5

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 29 – Department of Education output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Support for students with disabilities and additional needs	Funding is provided to continue the demonstration pilot of outside school hours care and school holiday programs for young people with disability which delivers free, high-intensity support at six government school sites.	5.0	19.6

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
A new TAFE funding arrangement	Funding is provided to support the introduction of a new TAFE funding arrangement. The new funding arrangement will more closely link funding for TAFEs and dual sector providers to the costs of public provision of skills and training, including driving quality teaching and learning outcomes, broad access for students, and delivery of community and support services. Funding includes additional support for TAFEs in 2021-22 to assist with managing the decline in training revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic.	28.6	156.2
Continuing the early childhood language program	Funding is provided to continue early intervention programs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early Childhood LOOKOUT to support children in out-of-home care access kindergarten and effectively transition to school ▪ Access to Early Learning to provide intensive outreach for vulnerable children and their families to support participation in early education. 	2.8	5.5
Kinder Kits for three-year-old kinder	Funding is provided to continue delivering Kinder Kits for every child enrolled in funded three-year-old kindergarten. Each kit includes books and educational items to support early literacy and help families to engage in children's learning.	7.6	14.7

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	<p>Funding is provided to services and programs to support Victorians with disability who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support for non-permanent residents ▪ Home and Community Care Program for Younger People ▪ youth justice specialist disability advisers ▪ Office of the Public Advocate's guardianship, investigation and support services ▪ aids and equipment support. <p>This initiative will deliver on the Government's commitment to continue to provide support to existing Victorian disability services' clients who have not been able to transition to the NDIS. This will also support non-permanent residents to access Early Childhood Intervention Services. This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection and Family Services output ▪ Disability Services output. 	2.9	5.2
Active Schools	Funding is provided to continue the Active Schools program in government primary, secondary and specialist schools for a further two school years, to ensure that all Victorian students have the skills, confidence and motivation to be active for life. This includes an expert support service for schools, and assistance with the costs of running sport, outdoor education and active recreation programs.	9.6	20.8
Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) delivery on the Northern Hemisphere timetable	Funding is provided to allow schools to deliver VCE subjects on an August to June timetable.	1.5	2.9

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Apprenticeship Support Officers	Funding is provided to continue contemporary, targeted support for Victorians to finish their training through the Apprenticeship Support Officers program. The program provides dedicated supports to learners most at risk of failing to complete their apprenticeship, including women.	6.1	12.0
Skills Solutions Partnerships	Funding is provided to Skills Solutions Partnerships, a collaboration between the Victorian Government, industry, TAFEs and dual sector universities to pilot new training approaches that address skills shortages in priority areas, including short courses and work placements.	0.2	0.4
TAFE inclusion	Funding is provided to conduct an access audit of all TAFE campuses to identify improvements required across the TAFE network to ensure people with disability can access training and skills.	0.4	0.8
Extending the Tutor Learning Initiative	Funding is provided to extend the Tutor Learning Initiative, enabling government and non-government schools to continue delivering small group learning support in 2023 to students with the most need for additional academic support.	129.2	258.4
Students with Disabilities Transport Program	Funding is provided to continue and expand the Students with Disabilities Transport Program which provides transport assistance for students with disabilities to attend specialist schools.	31.9	31.9
Eltham Woods Childcare Cooperative, Hughesdale Kindergarten and Research Preschool	Funding is provided for improvements to Eltham Woods Childcare Cooperative, Hughesdale Kindergarten and Research Preschool.	2.9	2.9
New Schools Planning Fund	Funding is provided for the New Schools Planning Fund to enable further planning to deliver the remaining 25 schools to reach the Government's commitment to open 100 new schools across the state by 2026. Funding is also provided to plan for a future secondary college for the Armstrong Creek West and Mount Duneed community.	26.0	26.0

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
School Upgrades Delivery Fund	Funding is provided for planning and developing future capital upgrades at fifty-four schools across Victoria. This will improve educational outcomes through the provision of high-quality classrooms and facilities for learning and community use. This initiative contributes to the delivery of the Government's election commitment, 'Delivering great local schools' as published in Labor's Financial Statement 2022.	4.0	4.0
Strengthening Self-Determination in Education	Funding is provided to improve the educational outcomes of Koorie students in Victoria. This includes funding to support the delivery of the Koorie Literacy and Numeracy program and to support the implementation of self-determination reforms in schools.	0.9	0.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action

Figure 30 – Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning output initiatives descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Building a sustainable water sector	Victoria's water security will be improved through the early identification and mitigation of key risks. Safety improvements will be made to high-risk small dams across Victoria, Sustainable Water Strategies will be reviewed and renewed, and water activities will be monitored and evaluated.	5.2	21.7
Building flood resilience in Victoria	Funding is provided to improve Victoria's resilience to flooding through enhanced planning and forecasting, mitigation and emergency response. This includes investments to locally prioritised flood prevention infrastructure and implementation of Regional Floodplain Management Strategies.	6.7	26.7

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Enhancing urban water security, iconic urban waterways and recreational water	Funding is provided to further develop the use of stormwater and recycled water in urban and regional areas as alternative sources of water and to position Victoria's urban water sector to manage the challenges of urbanisation, population growth and climate change through improving water management and planning. This includes greater access to recreational water sites and protection for the Barwon and Yarra Rivers and Melbourne's western waterways through improved governance and institutional arrangements.	14.3	65.1
Improving the health of Victoria's waterways and catchments in the face of escalating impacts of climate change	Funding is provided to continue to improve the health of Victoria's regional waterways and catchments. This includes delivery of regional environmental works programs to protect and restore priority catchments and waterways and ongoing management of Victoria's environmental water to ensure maximum value for flora and fauna. Citizen science programs and school-based activities will build awareness and maintain engagement with the community.	58.1	223.9
Making Victorians water wise: Investing in communities for a secure water future	Funding is provided to implement a set of initiatives targeting the residential, community and school sectors to increase water efficiency and save water to manage both the short and long-term pressures on water supply. This includes ongoing behavioural change campaigns and rebate programs to improve water efficiency in community housing.	1.8	11.2
Strong foundations for Victoria's water: Compliance, markets, water entitlements and oversight of the water grid	Funding is provided to transition the Victorian Water Register (VWR) to a new technology platform and enhance the functionality for delivery of online water market services. This will ensure the VWR continues as the authoritative record for water entitlements and provides information required to effectively manage Victoria's water resources.	7.3	28.0
Sustaining a resilient and secure water register for Victoria	Funding is provided to enable the delivery of essential water availability information that underpins water security for Victoria. This includes enhanced monitoring and reporting on water resources, water quality and volume, climate research and impact assessments.	11.3	42.3

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Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
The evidence base for Victorian water: Availability and knowledge	Funding is provided to enable the delivery of essential water availability information that underpins water security for Victoria. This includes enhanced monitoring and reporting on water resources, water quality and volume, climate research and impact assessments.	14.1	58.2
Accelerating adoption of zero emission vehicles	Funding is provided for a range of initiatives to facilitate a smart, clean electric vehicle (EV) transport network that will accelerate adoption of zero emission vehicles. This includes rolling out a fast-charging network for motorists across major highways and key tourist destinations in Victoria through targeted infrastructure grants and introducing EV-ready provisions in new buildings from 2022 to prepare for mainstream uptake of EVs. In addition, a business case will be developed for the procurement of zero emission vehicles for the Victorian government fleet.	1.4	25.2
Cheaper cleaner energy to drive economic recovery	Funding is provided to develop new energy projects that will deliver cheaper and cleaner energy for Victoria. New renewable energy zones will be supported including through grid investment, the Victorian Big Battery will be delivered, transmission networks upgraded, and new clean energy generation projects facilitated. This includes funding to attract investment in innovative energy projects that will deliver transformational benefits to Victoria, and fast track their development and construction through the economic recovery. Funding to design a second Victorian Renewable Energy Target auction will also be provided.	8.9	681.9

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Clean energy transition initiatives	<p>Funding is provided for a package of initiatives to deliver low-emissions, low-cost energy services in Victoria including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ legislative amendments and policy development to mandate timely utility connections for new homes and buildings, energy standards in rental properties, expanding the Victorian Energy Upgrades program and work towards net zero carbon new homes; ▪ establishing community power hubs to develop and deliver renewable energy projects in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne; and ▪ development of a gas roadmap to support more efficient use of gas, the competitiveness and long-term viability of industrial customers that currently use natural gas as a feedstock, development of renewable gas sources, and strategic substitution opportunities through increased electrification and alternative fuels, including hydrogen and biogas. 	6.3	49.6
Energy efficiency upgrades for homes	Funding is provided for energy efficiency upgrades for 250 000 low income households and over 35 000 social housing properties, delivering lower energy bills, improved thermal comfort for families and climate-resilient housing.	29.4	447.7
Grid resilience: Neighbourhood batteries and microgrid trials	Funding is provided to trial new technologies to improve grid resilience. Trial sites for microgrids and stand-alone power systems will be deployed to improve bushfire resilience and energy safety in fire-affected communities, while neighbourhood batteries will be rolled out to deliver localised storage and enhanced system strength.	2.1	20.8
More solar homes	Additional rebates will be delivered by Solar Victoria to eligible households, including renters, to install battery storage systems and solar panels on their homes. Interest-free loans are available to support households. Funding is also provided for training, safety and quality audits, grid improvements and to Solar Victoria.	2.4	149.4

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Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
State funding commitments to national energy market bodies	Funding is provided for Victoria's commitments to national energy market bodies. This includes the Government's obligations to fund the Australian Energy Market Commission and Energy Security Board. This funding will ensure the Government supports national energy efficiency processes and market reforms.	11.1	44.7
Core environmental and Traditional Owner programs	<p>Funding is provided for a package of initiatives to deliver the Government's Biodiversity 2037 commitment and partner with Traditional Owners, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ targeted action to improve biodiversity through grants and the direct involvement by the community to protect threatened species, improve habitat and reduce threats to biodiversity; ▪ partnering with private landholders and local government authorities for weed, pest, and habitat protection; ▪ increasing the area of suitable habitat for the Helmeted Honeyeater and Leadbeater's Possum, as well as continued support for the Victorian Wildlife Hotline; ▪ continuing the Managing Country Together program with Traditional Owners, and the implementation of the Wotjobaluk, Dja Dja Wurrung and Eastern Marr Settlement Agreements; and ▪ resourcing Parks Victoria to continue park ranger positions and manage key assets, ensuring safe and equitable access to parks and their benefits. 	1.7	41.1

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Growing jobs in land restoration and carbon storage	Funding is provided to create jobs and attract investment in carbon sequestration on private and public land by incentivising the restoration of native vegetation and carbon plantings over 16 years through Government grants. This will deliver jobs in the economic recovery, a long-term income stream for landholders, improve farm productivity and assist Victoria to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. This includes funding to grow the economic opportunities related to land management and restoration available to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians.	8.1	42.3
Recycling Victoria	Funding is provided for the 10-year Recycling Victoria action plan to transform Victoria's recycling sector and develop a circular economy. In addition to an overall strengthening of Victoria's waste and recycling industry, key initiatives include introducing a four-bin waste and recycling system and a container deposit scheme. This will increase the rate of recycling, reduce litter in the environment and create new jobs and technologies in waste management and recycling industries.	68.3	321.7
Hazardous waste management	Funding is provided to ensure plans and policies are in place to manage hazardous waste, and to successfully implement new environmental laws. The Asbestos Disposal Management Plan will be established, and the Household Chemical Collection Program will continue. Remediation works will also start at specific high-risk waste sites to protect public health and safety and the environment.	1.1	35.6
Victorian deer control project	Funding is provided to undertake deer control in priority locations across peri-urban, eastern and western Victoria. This will protect agriculture, biodiversity and Aboriginal cultural heritage, and address public safety issues caused by deer, including vehicle accidents and property damage.	4.6	18.3

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Yellingbo Conservation Area	Funding is provided to continue implementation of the Yellingbo Conservation Area and ensure recommendations made by the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council are delivered. Actions include undertaking targeted revegetation and pest control, improving land management planning and practices and enhanced access to and amenity of the area.	2.0	7.8
Big Housing Build: Implementing the Commissioner for Better Regulation's planning reforms	Funding is provided to implement the Commissioner for Better Regulation's planning reforms to improve the system's performance and clarity. Immediate legislative changes will be investigated including a review of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. Regional planning hubs will provide support to Councils on statutory approvals as well as strategic plans and assessments. The Affordable by Supply and Streamlining for Growth programs from the Victorian Planning Authority will also be extended. Growth area infrastructure coordination will also be simplified.	1.5	52.2
Big Housing Build: Improving the planning system for urban and regional development and state infrastructure	Funding is provided for targeted planning system reforms to support Victoria's economic recovery. The reforms will have a critical role in unlocking private sector investment and supporting Government initiatives, including the delivery of infrastructure, jobs and housing.	3.7	43.2

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 31 – Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Compliance and interceptions: protect reliability of water entitlements and maximise water resources for regional business and communities	Funding is provided to support water compliance activities that will maintain community confidence in the water entitlement framework, prevent water theft and address emerging risks to water availability.	0.9	2.5

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Resilient water markets, regional communities and infrastructure	Funding is provided for community engagement and capacity building to support irrigators and Traditional Owners. This includes grants for infrastructure projects to enable farms to modernise and optimise water efficiency.	2.2	8.4
Supporting regional communities and economic recovery through healthy waterways	Funding is provided for a package of on-ground environmental works to improve the health of rivers and wetlands. Sites targeted will be of high recreational and tourism importance.	7.0	24.5
Zero and low emission vehicles: accelerating adoption	Funding is provided to encourage the early adoption of zero emission vehicles by households and businesses through a public subsidy scheme for lower-cost zero emission vehicles.	19.8	46.1
EcoCentre redevelopment	Funding is provided to contribute to the design and construction of a new facility for the Port Phillip EcoCentre in St Kilda. The EcoCentre is a leading community-managed organisation with a dedicated team of scientists, educators and volunteers who design and implement innovative environmental programs.	0.8	2.8
Building reforms to secure Victoria's economic recovery	Funding is provided for the Victorian Building Authority to implement automatic mutual recognition, a national initiative to boost occupational mobility that will make it easier for interstate practitioners to work in Victoria. Additional measures will also be introduced to strengthen the building approvals process, including a risk-based targeted inspection audit program. The Office of the State Building Surveyor will be established, ensuring buildings are consistently well-built, safe and fit for purpose.	5.9	25.6

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Implementation of the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy	Funding is provided to begin implementation of the Sustainable Water Strategy for the Central and Gippsland region, in partnership with Traditional Owners. Funding will implement the strategy through a range of projects to commence in 2022-23, including co-investment in place-based Integrated Water Management projects, support for business and councils to be more water efficient, waterway and catchment health projects in Lower Latrobe, Maffra, Moorabool and Werribee as well as investment to enable adaptation to a drying climate.	26.6	56.6
Cheaper electricity for Victorians	Funding is provided to ensure the Victorian Energy Compare website continues to assist consumers in searching for the cheapest electricity deal. The Energy Assistance Program will also be funded to support energy customers experiencing vulnerability to navigate the energy market.	4.5	9.0
Unlocking offshore wind, renewable hydrogen and new energy manufacturing to create jobs	Funding is provided to support planning and policy development for Victoria's first offshore wind development, securing the State's position as a powerhouse for renewable energy innovation. Support will also be provided for further policy development to deliver renewable hydrogen projects.	3.4	6.8
Environment protection and air quality	Funding is provided to establish two air quality precincts to implement actions to reduce localised air pollution and to support regulatory implementation of recent environment protection reforms.	1.8	7.7
Wildlife care and protection	Funding is provided for a package of initiatives that seek to protect Victorian wildlife. These include on-ground koala management programs for overabundant populations, which encompass health checks and fertility controls, and protection of grey-headed flying fox colonies across the State by managing heat stress events and avoiding human wildlife conflicts. Funding is also provided to support Victorian wildlife centres and shelters rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife, including support for the Amaroo Wildlife Shelter, Ballarat koalas, Friends of Bats Geelong and Surf Coast Wildlife Rescue.	1.9	5.3

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Recycling Victoria – Household Chemical Collection program	Funding is provided for the Household Chemical Collection program to continue to make it easier for Victorians to safely dispose of household hazardous chemicals and hard-to-recycle products, such as batteries and fluorescent lights.	2.0	4.0
Gas substitution roadmap	Funding is provided to progress the necessary building reforms required to phase out gas connections to new and existing buildings and phase out the use of gas appliances.	1.8	1.8
Lemon Springs site remediation	Additional funding is provided for the Environment Protection Authority to continue to remediate the high-risk illegal waste site at Lemon Springs in order to protect the community and the environment.	6.2	6.2
ResourceSmart Schools	Funding is provided for the ResourceSmart Schools program to continue to embed sustainable behaviours among Victorian school communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, resource usage and waste to landfill.	2.9	2.9
Delivering community benefits through implementation of the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy	Funding is provided for targeted programs as part of the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy, including rebates for water efficiency upgrades and continuing partnerships with Traditional Owner groups.	1.2	1.2
Bringing back the SEC	Funding is provided to establish the State Electricity Commission to accelerate investment in renewable energy in partnership with industry, deliver benefits to households through lower energy bills, and assist in meeting Victoria's renewable energy targets. This includes an initial \$1 billion equity investment. This initiative delivers on the Government's election commitment, 'Bringing back the SEC' as published in Labor's Financial Statement 2022.	24.0	44.5
Treasuring Our Trees in the Yarra Valley	Funding is provided to support Treasuring Our Trees to utilise fallen trees for local projects, including for furniture and outdoor equipment for re-use in Victorian schools and community projects.	0.2	0.2

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Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Maintaining the Conservation Regulator	Funding is provided to support the continuation of the operations of the Conservation Regulator, including for compliance and enforcement activities across the public land estate. This will assist in maintaining the safety and amenity of state forests across Victoria.	3.2	3.2
VicCoasts: Building a safe, healthier and more resilient marine and coastal environment for the community	Funding is provided to address critical erosion and flood risks, protect marine and coastal assets, and support the adaptation and resilience of coastal communities.	7.0	7.0
Zoos Victoria Kids Free Policy	Funding is provided to continue to allow children under 16 years of age to enjoy free admission to Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary, Kyabram Fauna Park and Werribee Open Range Zoo on weekends, public holidays and during school holidays.	10.2	10.2
Half-price camping fees	Funding is provided to continue the 50 per cent reduction in camping fees at national and state parks across Victoria.	3.9	3.9
Zero interest loans for solar home batteries	Funding is provided for Solar Victoria to provide interest-free loans to eligible households to install solar battery storage systems in their homes.	16.0	16.0
Reform to Perform: Resources sector support to achieve Net Zero and the Big Build	Funding is provided to maintain capability to deliver improved efficiency and reliability of licensing approval functions, regulate potential harms in earth resource operations, and support industry investment through targeted programs.	16.5	16.5

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Government Services

Figure 32 – Department of Government Services output initiative descriptions announced since 2020–21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Doing what matters for local communities – local government	Funding is provided for Maribyrnong and Whittlesea City Councils for better streetscape in Footscray and public facilities in Laurimar. This initiative contributes to the delivery of the Government's election commitment, 'Doing what matters for local communities' as published in Labor's Financial Statement 2022.	0.4	0.4
Social procurement reform	Funding is provided for priority social procurement reforms to strengthen social procurement compliance and improve process efficiency.	2.7	2.7
Reducing future justice demand and keeping the community safe	Funding is provided to reduce future justice demand and keep people out of prison, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhancing the Aboriginal Youth Cautioning Program to improve cautioning for young people aged 10–17 years old in collaboration with Victorian Aboriginal communities • funding for a two-year pilot to assist Aboriginal Community Justice Panels in three locations • supporting forensic disability and complex needs services for people with cognitive disabilities who have been in custody, reducing the risk of recidivism • expanding the Embedded Youth Outreach Program to Brimbank/Melton and Greater Shepparton Local Government Areas (LGAs) to assist vulnerable young people aged 10–24 years old who are at risk of long-term involvement in the criminal justice system • implementing a regional hub model for Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services (VALS) across five locations, in response to increasing demand for legal services in regional Aboriginal communities • continuing financial counselling for victim survivors of family violence, including provision of family violence financial counselling at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre and Tarrengower Women's Prison. 	1.7	1.7

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
	Funding for this initiative forms part of the Early Intervention Investment Framework.		
Payment scheme for the customers of liquidated builders	Funding is provided to support payments to customers of builders who declared insolvency during 2022-23, previously limited to Porter Davis Homes customers.	13.6	13.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Health

Figure 33 – Department of Health and Human Services output initiative descriptions announced in 2020–21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Guaranteeing future energy supply	Funding is provided to ensure cogeneration plant can continue to provide reliable energy supply at The Alfred, Royal Melbourne Hospital and University Hospital Geelong and ensure Victorian hospitals have sufficient capacity and reliable backup energy supply in the event of a power failure in the electricity grid. Emergency diesel generators will be installed at health facilities across the state to maintain backup energy supply.	4.7	18.2
Maintaining hospital capacity	Funding is provided for health services to manage service delivery requirements as Victoria transitions to COVID Normal. This includes supporting the continuation of baseline services including elective surgery, continuing the operation of new facilities opened in order to increase capacity in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and funding to support the cost of new high-cost therapies. Funding will support the delivery of elective surgery care that was deferred during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, ensuring the ongoing good health of Victorians as the State transitions to COVID Normal.	629.5	2784.3

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Voluntary Assisted Dying	Funding is provided to manage the ongoing implementation of Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying laws including an expansion of the Statewide Voluntary Assisted Dying pharmacy service and the Voluntary Assisted Dying care navigator system. Information technology systems will also be upgraded to improve functionality and regulatory support will be further expanded.	5.8	23.0
Clinical placements for aged care safe patient care	Funding will support an increase in aged care student placements for nurses and personal care workers subject to the Commonwealth accepting and funding recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety to introduce minimum mandated staffing ratios in private and not for profit residential aged care facilities. Staff ratios are already mandated in Victorian public sector residential aged care facilities.	12.4	40.0
Supporting ambulance services	Funding is provided to support increased demand for ambulance services and continue the Mobile Stroke Unit and Victorian Stroke Telemedicine initiatives. Funding is also provided to deliver year-round services in Nagambie and 24-hour operations at the Diamond Creek ambulance branch and implement the Government's commitment to review the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Act 2003.	24.5	135.7
Better Futures: Home Stretch	Funding is provided to support young people to stay with their existing kinship or foster carer families up to 21 years of age, or to transition to an independent living arrangement.	35.4	75.1

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Intensive Family Preservation and Reunification Response	<p>Funding is provided to help support earlier intervention in the children and families system to improve outcomes for Victorian children and reduce entries into out of home care. The package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continuation of funding for Integrated Family Services, Cradle to Kinder, Aboriginal Cradle to Kinder and other evidence-based programs in 2020-21; and ▪ developing and delivering an outcomes-focused investment and commissioning approach to the delivery of intensive family preservation and restoration through targeted support for vulnerable families using evidence-based programs. 	99.2	335.3
Maintaining the capacity of the children and families system	<p>Continued support is provided for vulnerable children by expanding the child protection workforce and increasing the number of home-based care placements for children who are unable to live safely with their families. Additional financial support will also be provided to meet the individual needs of children in home-based care placements. Funding is also provided for a range of supports including Child FIRST services to ensure vulnerable families are connected to the services and support they require, early parenting and cultural supports to improve child wellbeing as well as additional capacity for the child protection litigation function across Victoria and an ongoing program to recruit foster carers.</p> <p>Additional funding for the settlement of civil claims for historical institutional child abuse and for therapeutic services provided by OPEN Place and advocacy services provided by Care Leavers Australasia Network will also help support Victorians who were in institutional care as children prior to 1990. Funding is also provided for Good Money stores in Collingwood, Geelong, Dandenong and Morwell to support vulnerable Victorians experiencing financial hardship by building their financial capacity and security. There is also assistance available to ensure the sustainability of community service organisations at risk of financial stress.</p>	93.8	365.4

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Reforming care services	Funding is provided to improve the lived experience of children and young people in residential care, including additional investment for the development of 21 two and three bedroom residential facilities, the continuation and expansion of the Keep Embracing Your Success program and additional Targeted Care Packages. Care Hubs will be established to provide intensive support to children and young people before moving to longer-term placements. Funding is also provided to reduce representation of Aboriginal children in care and continue to support self-determination for Aboriginal Victorians. Aboriginal children and families involved in the child protection system will be provided with services and support to remain connected with their culture. This will include the transition of case management and expanded child protection functions of Aboriginal children in care to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, as well as implementation of family support teams.	29.7	322.7
National Disability Insurance Scheme Stage 2: Out of scope services	Funding is provided to support a range of services outside the scope of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to assist people with disability in Victoria. Funding will be provided to services and programs to support Victorians with disability who are not eligible for the NDIS, including support for people with psychosocial disability who do not meet the National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) threshold for NDIS access. This initiative will deliver on the Government's commitment to continue to provide support to existing Victorian disability services' clients who have not been able to transition to the NDIS Funding is also provided to continue coordination supports to NDIS clients with complex needs while the NDIA develops an appropriate and functioning pathway in the scheme.	8.9	198.5

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Therapeutic interventions	Funding is provided for therapeutic and flexible support for children, young people and adults impacted by family violence. This includes providing 5 700 family violence flexible support packages for victim survivors of family violence each year, and continuing adolescent family violence services for young people and their families.	22.1	87.3
Big Housing Build	<p>Funding is provided to deliver over 12 000 new homes throughout Victoria. This includes 9 300 social housing properties replacing 1 100 old social housing dwellings. Funding will also develop 2 900 mainly affordable housing dwellings.</p> <p>Affordable rental options will be integrated into projects to create vibrant, diverse communities and provide well-located housing to moderate-income working households. New social housing dwellings will be delivered, providing accommodation for some of the most vulnerable Victorians. The initiative will also create opportunities for small, medium and large building contractors across the state, creating jobs and supporting Victoria's economic recovery.</p> <p>Funding is provided to accelerate the ongoing social housing capital upgrade program, including the enhanced gas heater servicing and replacement programs. This initiative is a component of the Big Housing Build package. The Department of Treasury and Finance's initiative Big Housing Build: Expanded Social Housing Growth Fund initiative contributes to this initiative.</p>	87.0	737.0
From Homelessness to a Home	Funding is provided to extend emergency hotel accommodation for up to 2 000 Victorians experiencing homelessness while they transition into longer term housing. This funding will also provide enhanced private rental assistance, flexible support and head lease more than 1 000 properties from the private rental market, to help people transition from homelessness and emergency hotel accommodation into stable housing in the long term.	12.0	150.8

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting new Victorian parents	Funding is provided to continue the expansion of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies program to rural and regional areas. The program supports vulnerable pregnant women accessing maternity, specialist and counselling services to help improve perinatal outcomes. Funding also supports maternal and child health services that provide a wide range of programs supporting Victorian families, including both universal consultations for all families and targeted support to Victorian families in need.	7.4	20.6
Coronavirus (COVID-19) health response	Funding is provided to deliver a range of priority initiatives to support the Government's public health response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including additional investment in public health capabilities to rapidly and effectively respond to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Funding will support both the cost of meeting additional demands on the health system at the peak of recent increases in case numbers, and ongoing capacity that will be required to enable the safe easing of restrictions and management of any future spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes additional funding to support frontline healthcare workers, and service responses to help minimise the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Support is also provided for increased testing capacity and optimisation of Victoria's pathology and supply chain processes.	6.3	2956.0
Medicinal cannabis commitments	Funding will continue to support the Victorian Compassionate Access Scheme for medicinal cannabis for 90 patients, including ongoing support for participating hospitals. Funding also supports the processing of all Schedule 8 medicinal cannabis permit applications within 48 hours of receipt.	4.0	16.7

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 34 – Department of Health output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Critical additional responses for people experiencing homelessness placed in hotels during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic	Funding is provided to meet the housing and support needs of people in emergency accommodation. This supports vulnerable Victorians to remain in hotels until their transition into longer-term housing arrangements. Funding is also provided for additional security at hotels.	-2.5	16.9
Tackling racism in Victoria head-on	Funding is provided to support the implementation of communication, community engagement and training initiatives to reduce vilification and hate-based conduct. These initiatives are part of the Government's response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Anti-Vilification Protections.	0.3	1.5
Public fertility care services for Victoria	Funding is provided to deliver public fertility care services, implementing the Government's commitment to assist more people to become parents through in vitro fertilisation. This includes providing up to 2 700 treatment cycles annually and a range of other fertility care services. Funding will also be provided for the first public sperm and egg bank in Australia, to ensure Victorians have access to donor sperm and eggs within the public system.	19.5	50.1

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Funding for statutory bodies and reforms	Funding is provided for the implementation of the Child Wellbeing and Safety (Child Safe Standards Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment Act 2021. As a result of these legislative reforms, additional support is required to set up information sharing systems and compliance and enforcement frameworks and make necessary organisational changes. Regulators will also communicate the reforms to around 50 000 regulated entities and community members, providing revised sector guidance and educational information. Funding is also provided for the Disability Services Commissioner to manage its residual functions related to Transport Accident Commission and State Trustee funded services prior to the establishment of new arrangements for non-National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) disability complaints.	4.9	9.8
Improving the capacity and mix of care services	Funding is provided to support existing demand for residential care and to continue trialling the Care Hub program, which brings together multidisciplinary teams to provide children and young people entering out-of-home care with specialist services and immediate care placement options. Funding is also provided to continue the CaringLife app to enable up to 1 500 children in out-of-home care to store photos and other digital documentation important to their identity.	6.7	84.6

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Improving the safety of children and young people in out-of-home care	<p>Funding is provided to continue developing the menu of evidence-informed practices and programs on the Outcomes, Practice and Evidence Network (OPEN) website which enables the child protection and family services sector to share knowledge and build capability. Funding is also provided to boost safety measures for vulnerable children and young people through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ introducing safety checks for adult household members in kinship care placements ▪ improving cross-jurisdiction information sharing about children and young people ▪ enhancing service delivery and security for high-risk children and young people in secure care facilities. 	4.3	9.1
Strengthening the community services workforce	<p>Funding is provided for an attraction and recruitment campaign that raises the profile of the community services workforce. Funding is also provided for scholarships to increase education and training pathways for underemployed cohorts and those with lived experience interacting with social services. These initiatives remove barriers to entry to the community services workforce and increase the pipeline of graduates and diversity in community services.</p>	3.5	10.4
Emerging with stronger communities	<p>Funding is provided for a range of initiatives to support the social recovery of Victorian communities. Initiatives include continuation of the funding boost provided to the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program, and a package of food relief support, including continuation of Regional Food Hubs and the Food Relief Taskforce, chilled food freight to regional areas and pop-up food relief markets in vulnerable communities. These initiatives will increase the supply of fresh and frozen foods to Victorians experiencing food insecurity. Funding is also provided for additional community support, including funding for Sikh Volunteers Australia Incorporated to purchase and operate free food distribution vans and for the improvement of facilities at Uniting Prahran.</p>	6.2	16.3

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	<p>Funding is provided to services and programs to support Victorians with disability who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support for non-permanent residents ▪ Home and Community Care Program for Younger People ▪ youth justice specialist disability advisers ▪ Office of the Public Advocate's guardianship, investigation and support services ▪ aids and equipment support. <p>This initiative will deliver on the Government's commitment to continue to provide support to existing Victorian disability services' clients who have not been able to transition to the NDIS. This will also support non-permanent residents to access Early Childhood Intervention Services. This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection and Family Services output ▪ Disability Services output. 	19.4	35.9
Implementing a sustainable Central Information Point	Funding is provided to expand the impact of the statewide Central Information Point, a multi-agency service that collates and shares relevant information about the risk of harm posed by perpetrators of family violence to inform family violence risk assessment and management.	15.0	28.4
Sustained support and improved housing outcomes	Funding is provided to continue the Homelessness After-Hours Service operated by the Salvation Army to continue responding to, and supporting, people experiencing homelessness. The Holmesglen Education First Youth Foyer operated by Launch Housing will also be continued. The Youth Foyer provides an integrated accommodation and education response for young people aged 16 to 24 who are experiencing, or are at risk of, homelessness, and are committed to pursuing education and training.	4.8	9.4

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Support for priority newly arrived migrant communities	Funding is provided to support improved settlement outcomes for Victoria’s humanitarian cohorts and emerging migrant communities. These initiatives will build community capacity and extend legal support for asylum seekers and temporary visa holders, and continue to provide case management support and information on employment protections for migrant communities. Funding will also increase the capacity of Regional Community Hubs across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, supporting enhanced services for new migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.	3.4	6.7
Support for veteran infrastructure	Funding is provided for ex-service organisations to maintain facilities that are safe, accessible and fit-for-purpose for veterans and their families. Funding will support organisations to address issues including lighting and electrical safety and improve accessibility through features including ramps, door widening and handrails.	1.4	2.8
Support for veteran transition and wellbeing	Funding is provided for a range of initiatives aimed at improving veterans’ participation and wellbeing including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ supporting veterans obtaining a Recognition of Prior Learning certificate, removing a significant barrier for job seeking veterans ▪ continuation of the Returned and Services League Active program, which aims to reduce social isolation and improve veteran’s mental health ▪ free public transport for veterans, war widows, school students, Australian Defence Force cadets, Girl Guides, and Scouts for veterans-related events and for veterans during Veterans’ Health Week. 	0.3	0.6
Empowering young people facing disadvantage	Funding is provided to continue initiatives that support young people at risk of disengagement. The Empower Youth program will be continued, providing early intervention case management to vulnerable young people. Continued support is also provided for young people to participate in Scouts and Girl Guides.	0.6	1.7

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Funding for statutory bodies and reforms	Funding is provided for the implementation of the Child Wellbeing and Safety (Child Safe Standards Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment Act 2021. As a result of these legislative reforms, additional support is required to set up information sharing systems and compliance and enforcement frameworks and make necessary organisational changes. Regulators will also communicate the reforms to around 50 000 regulated entities and community members, providing revised sector guidance and educational information. Funding is also provided for the Disability Services Commissioner to manage its residual functions related to Transport Accident Commission and State Trustee funded services prior to the establishment of new arrangements for non-National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) disability complaints.	1.5	3.0
Providing additional bed capacity through modular facilities	Funding is provided to establish additional capacity at Werribee Mercy Hospital, Northern Hospital and Casey Hospital. This includes the establishment and staffing of modular units to alleviate demand on health service emergency departments by providing triage, assessment, respiratory clinic, and urgent care clinic functions.	19.5	64.9
Supporting our maternity workforce	Funding is provided for maternity workforce capacity and support, including new Registered Undergraduate Student of Midwifery positions. Funding is also provided to health services to support the midwifery workforce and meet growing demand for maternity services through flexible approaches.	5.2	9.8

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
LGBTIQ+ Strategy implementation	<p>Funding is provided for a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening the health, wellbeing, social and economic outcomes of LGBTIQ+ Victorians, supporting delivery of the Government's 2018 election commitment to develop the first whole of government LGBTIQ+ Strategy. Initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continuation of the LGBTIQ+ Grants Program ▪ the Pride Events and Festivals Fund ▪ Melbourne Pride ▪ specialist LGBTIQ+ legal services at the Victorian Pride Centre ▪ the Trans and Gender Diverse in Community Health Program ▪ a trial of Safe Spaces for LGBTIQ+ youth in Western Victoria, including referral services and greater access to targeted medical and emotional supports. <p>This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's LGBTIQ+ Equality Policy and Programs output. This initiative contributes to the Department of Health's Community Health Care output.</p>	0.7	1.4
Responding to community-based healthcare demand and delivering enhanced service responses	<p>Funding is provided to strengthen community-based healthcare, by increasing the delivery of services for people who have deferred care, and supporting the integration of general practitioners into 20 registered community health services. In addition, funding will support the design of a new community-based model of care for people diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, providing early intervention and care via community health services.</p>	0.8	7.3

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Decriminalising the sex work industry	<p>Funding is provided to continue reforms relating to the decriminalisation of sex work in Victoria. This includes support for WorkSafe to establish a dedicated Sex Work Safety Team to develop guidance, training, industry support and awareness campaigns, Victoria Police to manage the transition to decriminalisation, the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission to develop supports for sex workers facing discrimination under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010, and the St Kilda Legal Service to provide legal advice and assistance. Funding is also provided to further develop a peer-led agency to embed the reforms within the sex worker community. This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support output ▪ Regulation of the Victorian Consumer Marketplace output ▪ Policing and Community Safety output. 	1.4	3.0

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	<p>Funding is provided to services and programs to support Victorians with disability who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support for non-permanent residents ▪ Home and Community Care Program for Younger People ▪ youth justice specialist disability advisers ▪ Office of the Public Advocate's guardianship, investigation and support services ▪ aids and equipment support. <p>This initiative will deliver on the Government's commitment to continue to provide support to existing Victorian disability services' clients who have not been able to transition to the NDIS. This will also support non-permanent residents to access Early Childhood Intervention Services. This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection and Family Services output ▪ Disability Services output. 	39.3	80.7
Strengthening palliative care in the community	Funding is provided to continue palliative care services, including regional and rural services and the statewide Palliative Care Advice Service. Additional funding is also provided to enable palliative care providers to respond to increased demand for specialist palliative care throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.	14.0	32.4
National Vietnam Veterans Museum	Funding is provided to support the construction of a new purpose-built National Vietnam Veterans Museum. The new museum will include multimedia experiences for visitors and improved conservation systems and visitor facilities.	5.0	10.0

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Improving access to emergency care	Funding is provided for a range of initiatives to support improvements in Ambulance Victoria's operations and ambulance response times. This includes doubling capacity and expanding eligibility for the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department program, expanding Ambulance Victoria offload teams, and the development of a data dashboard to provide emergency department staff and paramedics with near real-time insights into system capacity. Funding is also provided to support system wide improvements for hospitals to respond to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the deployment of specialist staff across 12 hospitals to help offload, assess and treat patients faster, a new trial with select private hospitals to secure additional capacity and the establishment of two new paediatric GP respiratory clinics.	4.8	169.7
Supporting decriminalisation of public intoxication	Funding is provided to further support trials to inform the development of a health-based response to public drunkenness ahead of the statewide rollout of this reform. This includes funding for four trial sites in the City of Yarra, City of Greater Dandenong, City of Greater Shepparton and Castlemaine.	20.1	37.3
Support for primary care to protect our hospitals	Funding is provided to support the establishment of an additional 20 Priority Primary Care Clinics in partnership with general practitioners (GPs). Services will help ease pressure on emergency departments, support patients with conditions that require an urgent response but not an emergency response, and offer services to reflect category 4 and 5 presentations such as simple fractures, minor burns, and mild infections. Services will operate for extended hours and patient consults will be billed only to the Medical Benefits Schedule which means there is no cost to the patient. This initiative expands the investment already provided to establish and operate five new Priority Primary Care Clinics.	24.0	56.5

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Maternal and child health workforce package	Funding is provided for maternal and child health services, including in metropolitan growth corridors, to attract and support new and existing workers. This includes recruitment and promotion strategies to boost workforce supply and provide additional administrative support. Funding is also provided to develop a new client health record management system for the Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Centre network to increase system and workforce efficiencies.	4.8	10.1
Civil claims costs for historical institutional child abuse	Funding is provided for the settlement of civil claims for historical institutional child abuse suffered by former wards of the State while in the State's care.	58.8	73.7
Responding to family services demand	Funding is continued for trials to embed family services in universal settings such as schools, early years services and community health hubs to provide more accessible services for vulnerable families.	11.2	11.2
Supporting progressive reform in Youth Justice	Funding is provided for early intervention, diversion and family therapy programs for 10-11 year old young people in contact, or at risk of contact, with the justice system. Funding for this initiative forms part of the Early Intervention Investment Framework.	5.0	5.0
Funding for statutory bodies	Funding is continued for the Victorian Disability Worker Commission to perform its statutory functions, including regulatory oversight of disability workers and addressing breaches of the disability worker code of conduct. Funding is also continued for the Disability Services Commissioner to manage its residual functions related to Transport Accident Commission and State Trustee funded services and oversight of disability services complaints and resolutions.	12.4	12.4
Women's economic security program	Funding is provided for SisterWorks Richmond to provide skills-based learning programs for migrant, refugee and asylum-seeker women and expand the Employment Pathways program to connect more women to paid employment opportunities.	0.1	0.1

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Maintaining a PPE supply and stockpile	Funding is provided to continue the purchase and warehousing of personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure healthcare workers and patients are protected from infection.	45.3	45.3
Safer digital healthcare program 2023-24	Funding is provided to maintain strong cybersecurity measures for Victorian public health services and Ambulance Victoria. This includes support for next generation antivirus protections, a security operations centre, and a recovery service in the event of a successful cyberattack. Funding is also provided to upgrade the network infrastructure needed to support and deliver patient-related services such as pathology, diagnostic imaging, and patient management systems.	19.3	19.3
Backing pharmacists to boost our health system	Funding is provided to support a pilot for community pharmacists to treat straightforward urinary tract infections, common skin conditions, and reissue contraceptive prescriptions as well as administer travel vaccinations and more public health vaccinations.	18.9	19.9
Doing what matters for local communities – community health	Funding is provided to the Water Well Project to deliver education sessions to newly arrived refugees and at-risk migrants to help them navigate the health system, and provided to Radio Lollipop to continue providing care, comfort, play and entertainment to sick children at Monash Children’s Hospital.	0.2	0.2
Prevention and early intervention of chronic and preventable health conditions	Funding is provided to continue operating Priority Primary Care Centres and GP Respiratory Clinics to treat patients who require urgent care, but not an emergency response. Additional funding will maintain access to community-based health care, continue services to refugees and asylum seekers in Victoria, deliver the SunSmart Program to children and their families in primary schools and early childhood programs, and continue education and early detection of skin cancer in primary care.	41.9	41.9

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting local communities and high-quality care for Victorians	Funding is provided to MHA Care, Extended Families Australian, healthAbility, Peninsula Home Hospice, and Warrnambool District and Community Hospice to provide community-based services, including the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People, health services for vulnerable and disadvantaged Victorians, and palliative care.	0.2	0.3
Victoria's pandemic program	Funding is provided to continue the public health response to COVID-19 in Victoria. This includes targeted engagement with at-risk cohorts to ensure they are well informed in relation to COVID-19 risk, protective behaviours, vaccination and treatments.	44.0	44.0
Maximising our health workforce	Funding is provided to build Victoria's healthcare workforce through international recruitment, develop a systemic program to support graduate enrolled nurses in their first year of practice, and continue enhancing rural maternity service capability and professional development of prevention and health promotion practitioners.	15.3	15.3
Mental health support for emergency service workers	Funding is provided to continue delivery of tailored mental health support for emergency workers through the Responder Assist program.	2.9	2.9
Pathways to home	Funding is provided to transition those who are well enough for discharge from hospital, including people with a disability, into home-like settings that are equipped to meet their needs, making more hospital beds available to treat additional patients.	9.1	9.1

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

Figure 35 – Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions output initiative descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Game hunting	Funding is provided for the development and delivery of a second Sustainable Hunting Action Plan to further promote responsible hunting in Victoria.	0.3	5.3
Supporting pets and animal welfare	Grants will be provided to organisations undertaking pet re-homing activities; organisations providing free or low-cost de-sexing of cats and dogs for vulnerable and disadvantaged Victorians; and to equine rehabilitation and re-homing organisations for equipment upgrades and service expansions. Funding is provided for Pet Exchange Register operations and to the RSPCA Victoria Inspectorate and Animal Welfare Victoria for compliance and enforcement activities. A Taskforce will be established to make findings and recommendations to Government on best practice models for the operation of the pet foster care and rescue sector and rehoming animals utilised in medical research. This will improve the quality of animal and equine welfare across Victoria and support the responsible care of pets.	3.8	19.1
Victorian community pest management	Funding is provided to support the continued management of fruit flies and the Fox and Wild Dog Bounty program. This will help manage the risks and impacts of fruit flies, foxes and wild dogs on primary production, biodiversity and community health in Victoria.	1.7	8.3
Defence Capture Plan	Victoria's defence industry and supply chains will be supported to secure roles in delivering major defence contracts through advocacy, advisory and capability development activities, including through the Victorian Defence Industry Advocate and the operations of the Defence Council of Victoria, the Victorian Defence Alliances and the Defence Science Institute. Targeted support for high-potential defence opportunities and a digital capability uplift program will also help to promote a competitive advanced manufacturing sector in Victoria.	0.7	6.0

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Improving cancer outcomes	Funding is provided to the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Alliance to build on its work on improving cancer research and outcomes for Victorians. This will deliver programs to improve patient outcomes, contribute to the Victorian biomedical industry and generate more equitable cancer care across Victoria, advancing the objectives of the Medical Research and Health portfolios.	9.5	33.0
LaunchVic	Funding is provided for the continued operations of LaunchVic, including activities to harness the 'angel' and early stage investor communities, which represent a key source of finance to startups. Targeted support will also be provided to high-potential startups and scaleups in priority sectors. Further, the CivVic Labs Accelerator Program will continue and LaunchVic will build on its focus of investing in proven programs and capabilities in regional Victoria. This will help to re-establish the growth momentum in Victoria's startup ecosystem and promote entrepreneurship in regional Victoria, which will support job creation, innovation and productivity growth.	10.0	40.0
Small Business: Ready for Growth	Funding is provided to assist small and medium-sized Victorian businesses to digitise and innovate through the use of Small Business Support Toolkits, and a Ready for Growth service to support businesses that have high-growth potential through masterclasses and personalised coaching including in advanced digital engagement and innovation. The Small Business Commission's dispute resolution services will be streamlined through the implementation of a new case management system.	2.8	12.2

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting medical research to protect Victorians and grow jobs for the future	<p>Funding is provided for the following initiatives which will strengthen Victoria’s position as a leader in medical research, support jobs and improve health outcomes over the longer term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the Australian Institute for Infectious Disease, which the Government will make a substantial contribution towards, subject to completion of the business case and co-investment from the Commonwealth; ▪ development of a business case for the establishment of a National Centre for Inflammation, led by the Hudson Institute; ▪ continued support for the Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance; ▪ delivery of a respiratory challenge trials project, with the Government taking an equity share; and ▪ coronavirus (COVID-19) research to support the development of treatments and responses that address its immediate, medium and long-term health impacts. 	61.3	210.3
Victoria’s Digital Future Now	<p>Business-grade broadband will be delivered across suburbs and regional towns to enable businesses, employees and job seekers to fully participate in the emerging digital economy. Funding is also provided to eradicate mobile blackspots and improve connectivity in regional Victoria, which will support public safety, improve digital connectivity, boost jobs and regional economic growth. A new flagship digital and innovation hub will be established in Cremorne to accelerate the development of one of Australia’s leading urban technology precincts, and the delivery of digital short courses and industry internships will improve digital capability. This will help unemployed workers to re-skill and transition into digital careers where demand is strong and job vacancies exist.</p>	56.3	525.9

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Jobs for Victoria: Our plan to maximise jobs and help Victorians into work	Job seekers and businesses will be supported to improve labour market outcomes through the delivery of enhanced and expanded Jobs Victoria services and the further enhancement of job creation outcomes from government procurement. Jobs Victoria delivery sites will host expert jobs mentors and career counsellors and accessibility will be improved through the delivery of an online jobs platform and helpline. Jobs and skills advocates will also assist job seekers to access appropriate supports.	3.4	619.4
Local government community infrastructure loan scheme	Funding is provided for a second round of low interest community infrastructure loans to Victorian councils to build vital community infrastructure that supports social and economic participation. Access to \$100 million in loans will be available across 2020-21 and 2021-22.	1.5	6.0
Minimising risks from rehabilitation of mines and quarries	Funding is provided for the operations of the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority, which was established on 30 June 2020 and provides independent advice on mine rehabilitation and oversees rehabilitation planning. Supporting this, the assessment and rehabilitation bond review functions of the Earth Resources Regulator will be expanded, activities associated with the Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy will be implemented, and remediation works at the former Benambra site will be progressed. These initiatives will assist with returning previously mined lands to beneficial public uses, ensure rehabilitated sites meet public standards and improve the local environment by preventing contamination from disused mines.	4.7	21.2

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Visitor Economy: Industry Support	Funding is provided to support the recovery of Victoria's visitor economy, especially in regional areas, from the impact of the 2019-2020 Victorian bushfires and coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The funding will support strategic destination planning to identify priority regional tourism initiatives; business case development for new tourism products, events and experiences; targeted intrastate, interstate and overseas marketing campaigns to attract visitors to our regions; capacity and skills development for tourism businesses; and continued support to Regional Tourism Boards. Funding is also provided to support the Emerald Tourist Railway Board. These initiatives, complemented by investment in Regional Tourism Infrastructure, the Regional Tourism Investment Fund, the Victorian Regional Travel Voucher Scheme and the Regional Events Fund and Business Events Program, respond to the findings of the Regional Tourism Review and will support Victoria's economic recovery by supporting and growing the tourism industry across Victoria.	3.3	106.5
Trade: Export Recovery Plan	Funding is provided to pilot virtual trade missions, establish a Freight Stabilisation Fund and provide Global Gateway vouchers to support Victorian exporters to stabilise and pivot their business models for recovery. The continued operations of the Victorian Government Trade and Investment network will also be supported, increasing access to export opportunities in priority international markets. A Victorian Government Special Representative will also be appointed in New Zealand to facilitate new partnerships in trade and investment. These initiatives will showcase Victorian businesses to the world and ensure an integrated approach to trade and export opportunities, supporting both jobs and economic growth.	2.7	31.8

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
A new strategy to grow and modernise Victorian agriculture	Short-term support and stimulus is provided to assist Victoria's agriculture industry to recover from the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and lay the foundations for the sector to become more innovative and sustainable. This includes establishing the Agriculture Technology Regional Innovation Network and a Pathways to Export program, as well as continuing the Agriculture Energy Investment Plan and delivering a new Food to Market Infrastructure Program.	5.0	65.0
State Basketball Centre Redevelopment	Funding is provided for the redevelopment and expansion of the State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South to create one of Australia's premier basketball facilities. The project will help meet growing demand for basketball and will support athlete development pathways and high-performance programs.	11.6	22.0

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 36 – Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Rural Financial Counselling Service	Funding is provided for the State's contribution to the Rural Financial Counselling Service so it can continue to offer free and impartial advice to farming and related small businesses suffering financial hardship.	2.0	5.8
Transforming traceability	Agricultural traceability systems will be strengthened to enhance Victoria's reputation for high-quality food and fibre products, driving growth in both local and export market access. This will be achieved by implementing a traceability and product integrity action plan which will provide increased information on traceability systems and improve biosecurity risk management. New traceability technologies will be trialled, building on successful Agriculture Victoria technology trials, and marketing campaigns will be developed to promote Victoria's paddock to plate journey.	4.0	11.6

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Seymour revitalisation	Funding is provided to progress the design and construction of enabling infrastructure in the Hilldene Employment Precinct in Seymour. This will address the shortage of readily developable industrial land in the town and support the establishment of new businesses.	0.2	1.6
La Trobe University Sports Park	Funding is provided towards delivering professional standard football facilities for the Home of the Matildas and a future home for Football Victoria. Funding is also provided for a Rugby Centre of Excellence. Both the Home of the Matildas and the Rugby Centre of Excellence will support greater participation in football and rugby, particularly for women and girls and disadvantaged groups.	1.5	101.1
Victorian Institute of Sport	Funding is provided to the Victorian Institute of Sport to increase the number of Victorians categorised as elite athletes supported in the lead up to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and to expand programs and support services for elite athletes.	8.2	24.6
Delivering the Australian Institute for Infectious Disease	Following the State's contribution announced in the 2020-21 Budget, further funding is provided to establish a new Australian Institute for Infectious Disease in Victoria as a co-contribution from the Commonwealth Government was not provided. The institute will be the largest centre of expertise in the Southern Hemisphere region, boosting ongoing research efforts through Victoria's universities and medical research institutes to help protect the State against future pandemics.	77.5	245.1
Transforming Western Melbourne	Funding is provided to facilitate development in the Werribee National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC) including the development of the East Werribee Roadmap and a fast-track review of the Precinct Structure Plan. This initiative will facilitate economic, social and environmental benefits within the Western suburbs of Melbourne.	0.5	2.8

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Celebrating Diversity through South Asian film	Funding is provided to support local film makers to tell more diverse stories on our screens through a short film competition and mentorship program for Victorian filmmakers under the guidance of leading South Asian directors. Funding is also provided to position the Indian Film Festival Melbourne awards as a major event, promoting Victoria as a production, tourism, education and trade destination.	1.2	2.4
Creative spaces and places	Funding is provided to respond to demand for affordable creative industry spaces and strengthen our creative industries' recovery and future growth by delivering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ more affordable creative spaces within our cities and towns and helping creative workers to secure fit-for-purpose creative spaces in vacant/underutilised accommodation ▪ infrastructure projects that activate existing community spaces for creative programming and strengthen the vibrancy of our neighbourhoods supporting placemaking and jobs for local creatives ▪ small-scale projects in partnership with local governments and non-government organisations to support the local creative sector by unlocking the potential of unused or under-utilised spaces. 	3.0	6.0
Building a thriving digital economy	Funding is provided to extend the SummerTech LIVE work integrated learning program, which facilitates 10 to 12 week studentships for tertiary students over the summer break. The program supports students to gain job-ready skills and employment opportunities through developing innovative technical solutions to digital challenges faced by small and medium enterprises (SMEs).	1.3	2.6

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting Victorian Manufacturing – Victorian Industry Investment Fund	Funding is provided to establish a new Victorian Industry Investment Fund (VIIF) stream of the Victorian Jobs and Investment Fund. Grants provided through the VIIF will support fast growing and expanding businesses, including in supply chains that underpin economic resilience. The program will focus on investments that are strategically important to economic recovery and growth, generating capital investment and new jobs for Victoria.	20.0	40.0
Sick Pay Guarantee	Funding is provided towards program design and implementation of the Sick Pay Guarantee. The two-year pilot will support casual and contract workers in eligible occupations across priority industries by providing a payment of up to five days of sick or carer's pay at the national minimum wage. It is anticipated that more than 150 000 workers will be eligible in the first phase of the Sick Pay Guarantee.	80.0	245.7
Skills Solutions Partnerships	Funding is provided to Skills Solutions Partnerships, a collaboration between the Victorian Government, industry, TAFEs and dual sector universities to pilot new training approaches that address skills shortages in priority areas, including short courses and work placements.	2.5	9.6
Supporting jobs for young people in sport and recreation	Funding is provided to subsidise accreditation for more than 2 000 young people, supporting their employment in the sport and recreation sector.	0.7	1.3
<i>Major Events Act 2009</i> administration and enforcement	Funding is provided to support sporting and cultural events through anti-ticket scalping provisions, new amendments, and crowd management protection. This initiative contributes to the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions' Tourism and Major Events output.	1.0	2.0

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Regional Tourism Infrastructure Projects	<p>Funding is provided to support the growth of regional tourism through funding for the following regional tourism infrastructure projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Croajingolong Coastal Wilderness Walk ▪ Mildura 'Trail of Lights' ▪ Murray to Mountains Rail Trail ▪ Wycheproof Wetlands Precinct ▪ Central Goldfields Art Gallery – Indigenous Interpretive Garden – Stages 2 & 3 ▪ Bald Hill Activation – Stage 3 Summit Trail ▪ Budj Bim – Development of visitor experiences at Lake Condah and the Tae Rak Traps ▪ Kittyhawk Museum Business Case ▪ Lorne Sea Baths Wellness Centre. 	17.3	29.9
Travel Pass	Funding is provided to support the recovery and growth of Victoria's international education sector through the International Student Travel Pass. This will support transport accessibility for international students.	0.9	2.0
Victoria's trade recovery and global engagement	Funding is provided for the Trade Mission Program to help exporters remain connected to international markets. As part of this initiative, the Government will establish a new trade and investment office in Paris to generate and capture opportunities for Victorian businesses to further expand into European markets in key trade sectors. This initiative also supports the continuation of key trade facilities that strengthen Victoria's international engagement efforts. These initiatives will assist in supporting Victoria's trade and exports in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.	2.8	12.8

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Victorian Land Systems Fund	Funding is provided for the Victorian Land Systems Fund, which supports supply chain partners of Hanwha Defense Australia and the broader defence supply chain in Victoria. The Supply Chain Investment Program will provide grants for investments that create jobs and stimulate industry growth and recovery within the defence industry. The Supply Chain Uplift Program will assist SMEs to access growth finance, capture industry development opportunities and resolve industry growth impediments.	4.3	8.0
Cultural and creative agencies operations	Additional funding is provided to Victoria's cultural and creative agencies to support program delivery in 2023-24.	28.4	28.4
Growing Suburbs Fund	Funding is provided for critical local infrastructure projects that support social and economic participation in areas of Melbourne with high population growth.	10.0	10.0
Destination Victoria	Funding is provided for the rollout of the Victorian Masterbrand framework through Visit Victoria destination marketing activities and the development of an international tourism strategy to build a resilient visitor economy in Victoria.	32.5	32.5
Essential regulation of the Victorian professional boxing and combat sports sector	Funding is provided for a functional review of the operations of the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board in regulating professional boxing and combat sports. Funding is also provided to digitise Victoria's professional boxing and combat sports licensing, registration and permit system. This will support implementation of best practice concussion education and management standards, to reduce the risk of injury and promote safety.	1.6	1.6
Sporting trusts support	Funding is provided to support the State Sport Centres Trust and the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust to continue operations in 2023-24.	7.5	7.5
Safe and sustainable recreational game hunting	Funding is provided for the Game Management Authority to maintain local enforcement, compliance with hunting regulations and stakeholder engagement.	2.3	2.3

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Made in Victoria – supporting industry through R&D infrastructure	Funding is provided to establish an Industry R&D Infrastructure Fund to incentivise and leverage private industry investment in research and development and complement existing incentive settings such as the Commonwealth’s R&D tax incentive.	15.0	15.0
Supporting the innovation ecosystem	Victoria’s innovation ecosystem will continue to be supported through the expansion of the successful Alice Anderson Fund which supports women-led startups to leverage private sector capital.	5.0	5.0
Bendigo Art Gallery redevelopment	Funding is provided to support a major redevelopment of the Bendigo Art Gallery, which will include new gallery spaces, a Traditional Owner Place of Keeping, and retail and hospitality offerings.	2.0	2.0
Doing what matters for local communities – regions	Funding is provided to support Connecting Cockatoo Communities, upgrade the St Leonards Progress Association Hall and support the continuation and maintenance of the Warrnambool Community Garden.	0.3	0.3
Latrobe Valley Authority	Funding is provided to continue the Latrobe Valley Authority’s operations, supporting the management of economic transition in the region. Funding is also provided for the Ladder Step-Up program to provide employment support for young people in the Latrobe Valley and for delivery of the Inclusive Employment Program by the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council.	7.2	7.2
Creative experiences package	Funding is provided to deliver a range of community cultural initiatives in 2023-24.	0.4	0.4
Digital games and visual effects rebate	Funding is provided to deliver a pilot digital games and visual effects rebate in 2023-24 to attract more digital and visual effects business to Victoria.	10.0	10.0
GOTAFE funding support	Funding is provided to support GOTAFE, a vocational education provider in regional Victoria, for the remainder of 2023.	15.0	15.0
Apprenticeships Taskforce	Funding is provided to support the establishment of an Apprenticeships Taskforce with employee, union, and industry representatives. The Taskforce will consider measures to improve safety and fairness for apprentices, including an assessment of existing regulation and options for reform.	1.5	1.5

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Justice and Community Safety

Figure 37 – Department of Justice and Community Safety output initiatives descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Fire Services Reform implementation	Funding is provided to deliver the initial implementation of the fire services reforms. This includes additional resources provided to the Country Fire Authority, including training and new personal protective clothing for volunteers, together with funding for the replacement of 15 fire stations and a new fire station at Clyde, and replacement of 50 firefighting appliances. Funding for essential information technology and equipment for Fire Rescue Victoria and the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority is also provided.	27.2	180.8
Victoria Police system enhancements and resources	Funding is provided to implement a range of system enhancements and reforms that will deliver more efficient and effective police operations.	89.7	299.5
Victorian State Emergency Services: Head Office upgrades	Funding is provided for urgent works at the Victorian State Emergency Services Head Office in Southbank.	0.3	0.8

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 38 – Department of Justice and Community Safety output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Restorative Engagement and Redress Scheme for Victoria Police Members	Funding is provided to implement the redress and restorative engagement scheme for victims of workplace sexual harassment and sexual assault at Victoria Police.	7.7	42.2

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Improved oversight and support of offenders	Funding is provided to improve community safety through strengthened oversight and rehabilitative support of offenders including those on Community Correction Orders. This includes establishing a central specialised team to provide case management oversight of high-risk, complex offenders on Community Correction Orders.	0.9	14.1
Decriminalising the sex work industry	Funding is provided to continue reforms relating to the decriminalisation of sex work in Victoria. This includes support for WorkSafe to establish a dedicated Sex Work Safety Team to develop guidance, training, industry support and awareness campaigns, Victoria Police to manage the transition to decriminalisation, the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission to develop supports for sex workers facing discrimination under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010, and the St Kilda Legal Service to provide legal advice and assistance. Funding is also provided to further develop a peer-led agency to embed the reforms within the sex worker community. This initiative contributes to the Department of Justice and Community Safety's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocacy, Human Rights and Victim Support output ▪ Regulation of the Victorian Consumer Marketplace output ▪ Policing and Community Safety output. 	3.2	8.4

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Strengthening Victoria's interface with the National Disability Insurance Scheme	<p>Funding is provided to services and programs to support Victorians with disability who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support for non-permanent residents ▪ Home and Community Care Program for Younger People ▪ youth justice specialist disability advisers ▪ Office of the Public Advocate's guardianship, investigation and support services ▪ aids and equipment support. <p>This initiative will deliver on the Government's commitment to continue to provide support to existing Victorian disability services' clients who have not been able to transition to the NDIS. This will also support non-permanent residents to access Early Childhood Intervention Services. This initiative contributes to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection and Family Services output ▪ Disability Services output. 	6.4	13.1
Critical emergency management reforms	Funding is provided for Emergency Management Victoria's strategic planning, assurance and reform capability to deliver on key internal reviews and government responses to inquiries undertaken by the Inspector-General for Emergency Management and the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.	1.0	2.2
Public water safety initiatives	Funding is provided to support lifesaving services, continue safety programs at public pools, and maintain and improve Life Saving Victoria clubhouses.	2.6	12.0
VICSES facilities and fleet maintenance and volunteer health and safety	Funding is provided to undertake condition assessments of VICSES facilities and priority maintenance and to replace vehicles including rescue trucks. Funding is also provided to support volunteers dealing with complex people and behaviours.	7.4	16.9

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Responding to the Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence and enhancing gambling and liquor regulation	<p>Funding is provided to support the Government’s response to recommendations from the Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence and to introduce tough new measures and strict oversight of Melbourne’s casino operator. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ establishing an Office of the Special Manager with unprecedented powers to oversee casino operations and hold Melbourne’s casino operator to account ▪ supplementing the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) to support its oversight of all gambling and gaming activities within Victoria, and resource its dedicated casino division, which will focus solely on the casino operator ▪ appointing a new VGCCC Chair and dedicated casino commissioners to strengthen oversight over casino operations ▪ supporting the Department of Justice and Community Safety to respond to Royal Commission recommendations. <p>Funding is also provided to modernise Victoria’s liquor regulator, which will improve regulatory outcomes and reduce compliance costs for liquor licence holders.</p>	8.5	55.5
Better mental healthcare for police	Funding is provided to Victoria Police to continue initiatives focused on mental health early intervention and prevention to increase mental health awareness and improve the wellbeing of police officers.	2.5	5.0
Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System	Funding is provided for the planning and design of a youth forensic mental health service in adult prisons as part of the whole of government response to recommendations from the Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System.	0.1	1.5
Digital future of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages	Funding is provided to continue the call taking capability of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, as well as scoping and developing a proof-of-concept pilot for delivering front-end Births, Deaths and Marriages services as a function of Service Victoria.	2.5	8.7

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Delivery of prosecution services	Funding is provided to support the Office of Public Prosecutions (OPP) to prosecute offenders and support victims and witnesses. Funding is also provided to assist the OPP to adopt a modern electronic document and records management system and upgrade its audio-visual systems, which will increase the OPP's productivity and streamline evidence production, reducing court delays.	7.5	15.0
Helping courts respond to the impacts of the pandemic	Funding is provided to increase the justice system's capacity to reduce court delays caused by COVID-19 public health restrictions, build a stronger and more accessible justice system and improve the safety of family violence victims. The funding will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continue the Magistrates' Court Pre-Court Engagement service, which assists clients to resolve their family violence-related matters prior to a court hearing ▪ pilot a specialist OPP County Court Team, which will work exclusively on cases in the County Court's trial division to facilitate early resolution of matters and help reduce the County Court's backlog of jury trials ▪ continue the VLA Help Before Court program so that more people charged with summary crime offences can resolve their matter at their first hearing, relieving pressure on the court system. 	1.9	11.0
Legal assistance	Funding is provided to support Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) to deliver legal services, including duty lawyers and grants of legal aid, helping to address court delays caused by COVID-19 public health restrictions.	28.7	50.0
Diverting children from youth justice	Funding is provided for key initiatives to divert children from the youth justice system, including expansion of the central after-hours assessment and bail service, an after-hours Children's Court service, and additional Aboriginal youth justice hubs.	6.0	11.0
Countering violent extremism	Funding is provided to continue programs to counter violent extremism.	1.0	1.3

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Office of the Special Investigator	Funding is provided to support key functions of the Office of the Special Investigator, which is an independent statutory body established as a result of recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants.	4.4	4.4
Supporting decriminalisation of public intoxication	Funding is provided to further support trials to inform the development of a health-based response to public drunkenness ahead of the statewide rollout of this reform. This includes funding for four trial sites in the City of Yarra, City of Greater Dandenong, City of Greater Shepparton and Castlemaine.	5.4	12.7
Supplementation for the Inspector-General for Emergency Management	Funding is provided to the Inspector-General for Emergency Management to increase its review, monitoring and assurance activities and boost Victorian community confidence in effective emergency management arrangements.	2.2	2.2
Preventing and addressing gambling harm	Funding is provided to maintain a strong gambling regulator and support Victorians experiencing gambling harm by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ supporting the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation to provide treatment services such as the Gambler's Help program, raise public awareness of gambling-related harm, and conduct world-leading research ▪ strengthening the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission to enhance the effectiveness and reach of its regulatory interventions. 	74.5	110.0
Western Plains Correctional Centre	Funding is provided to maintain and secure the Western Plains Correctional Centre and enable system-wide training, staff attraction, alongside recruitment activities ahead of opening.	36.0	36.0
Pre-court assistance to reduce delays and adjournments	Funding is provided for the Victoria Legal Aid Help Before Court program to provide support for people charged with summary crime offences to resolve their matter at their first hearing. The program will support more than 5 000 people to help reduce court delays and adjournments.	1.9	1.9

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Addressing over-representation in the Youth Justice system	Funding is provided for the delivery of programs to help address the over-representation of at-risk young people in contact with the justice system. Funding for this initiative forms part of the Early Intervention Investment Framework.	3.0	3.0
Life Saving Victoria	Funding is provided to boost critical services provided by Life Saving Victoria to support improved water safety outcomes and awareness.	4.5	4.5

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Premier and Cabinet

Figure 39 – Department of Premier and Cabinet output initiative descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Digital Victoria	Funding is provided to establish Digital Victoria to drive the digital transformation across government and improve the user experience for business owners and local families alike.	64.5	156.1
Breakthrough Victoria Fund	The Government will establish a \$2 billion Breakthrough Victoria Fund to drive investment in translational research, innovation and commercialisation outcomes to accelerate growth in key industry sectors and create jobs. The focus industries will include health and life-sciences; agri-food; advanced manufacturing; clean energy and digital technologies. This Fund is expected to catalyse significant investment from other industry, university and government sources and is expected to create a significant number of new jobs over 10 years. The Fund will support research and development adoption and commercialisation outcomes across Victoria. It will support projects delivered in partnership with knowledge institutes and industry stakeholders, anchored at key innovation and employment precincts, including Parkville, Arden Macauley, Fishermans Bend, Latrobe Bundoora and Monash Clayton.	200.0	801.0

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Transforming the Victorian Public Service through data-driven insights	Funding for the Victorian Centre for Data Insights reinforces the Government's commitment to implementing new and responsive policy and service design. This investment will result in improved data use, management and analytics across the Victorian Public Service, including bringing together data sets to generate insights in support of Victoria's coronavirus (COVID-19) response and recovery efforts.	6.0	24.0
Family violence prevention and early intervention with culturally and linguistically diverse communities	Funding is provided to administer grants and build capacity in multicultural and faith-based organisations to design and deliver family violence prevention outreach and early intervention activities. This will help secure women's immediate and longer-term safety through enduring attitudinal and behavioural change working with multicultural communities.	2.0	9.7
Gender Equality Programs	Funding is provided to continue to promote gender equality in Victoria through advancing implementation of Victoria's Gender Equality Strategy, Safe and Strong. This will support programs which promote the participation, leadership and recognition of women in various settings. Core funding is provided to the Office for Women to continue to implement key gender equality reforms. This funding will also support the Queen Victoria Women's Centre and tenant organisations to undertake critical work to support the health, wellbeing and social inclusion of women, including victims of family violence and single mothers.	4.5	16.9
Implementation of the Gender Equality Act 2020	Funding is provided to implement the Gender Equality Act 2020, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ establishing the Commission for Gender Equality in the Public Sector, ensuring effective administration and implementation of the Gender Equality Act 2020; and ▪ developing and maintaining a reporting platform for defined entities to facilitate submission of Gender Equality Action Plans and progress reports. 	3.0	11.2

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 40 – Department of Premier and Cabinet output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Securing Victoria's international interests	Funding is provided to strengthen Victoria's international engagement efforts. This includes identification of emerging economic opportunities in overseas markets, renewed memberships with the Asia Society and the Australia India Institute.	0.3	4.7
Service Victoria – enhancing customer experience with more digital services for Victorians	Funding is provided to continue Service Victoria's operations and improve public access to services by creating new channels for simple and fast interactions with government.	23.3	86.5
Workplace Gender Pay Equity Initiatives	Funding is provided to promote gender pay equity workplace initiatives and the functions of the Equal Workplaces Advisory Council, and to undertake relevant research. The focus will be on gender pay equity in all Victorian workplaces through advice on issues relating to pay equity, equality and productivity.	0.1	1.0
Parliamentary standards and integrity reforms	Funding is provided to progress parliamentary integrity reforms, including examining pathways to strengthen confidence in public institutions, and consultation with the Parliament, Victorian Electoral Commission, Victoria Ombudsman and the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission.	1.5	2.9
Wage theft laws compliance and enforcement	Funding is provided for the operations of Wage Inspectorate Victoria's wage theft compliance, enforcement and education activities to continue to assist in protecting workers from exploitation and to recover employees' lawful workplace entitlements.	6.7	6.7

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Transport and Planning

Figure 41 – Department of Transport output initiative descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Bus service improvements	<p>Funding is provided to address critical safety issues, accelerate the delivery of a new bus service connecting Mernda and Craigieburn, network reform and service upgrades on the Mornington Peninsula, continue the Westgate Punt ferry service, and improve school special services at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oberon High School; ▪ The Lakes South Morang College; ▪ Elevation Secondary College; ▪ St Helena Secondary College; ▪ Alamanda College; ▪ Officer Secondary College; and ▪ primary and secondary schools in Horsham. 	6.9	21.2
Keeping Victorians moving	<p>Strategies to reduce congestion and travel times on metropolitan roads are being trialled. This includes the expanded use of real time traffic detectors, variable message signs, closed circuit television road surveillance, strengthened clearway management and additional resources to provide a faster response to incidents and congestion. Funding is also provided for a temporary expansion of testing and assessment services to reduce the waiting time for registration and licensing services. Online service offerings will be expanded to include driver history and demerit point checks, learner and hazard perception testing, and licence renewals. Appointment fees will be waived for all learner permit, hazard perception and driving test customers impacted by the suspension of appointments and longer wait times.</p>	28.9	212.2
Timetable planning	<p>Funding is provided to further support timetable planning capability and ensure operational readiness of the rail network for timetable changes.</p>	0.5	3.0

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Women in Transport program	<p>Funding is provided for the Women in Transport program to provide training and employment opportunities for women in the transport sector, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ training and employment opportunities for 300 women to become heavy vehicle drivers; ▪ Australian qualifications and employment opportunities for 40 female refugee and asylum seeker engineers through the Engineering Pathways Industry Cadetship program; ▪ scholarships for 20 women undertaking diesel mechanic apprenticeships; and ▪ 15 vocational placements for PhD students and 20 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships for women studying in transport related fields. 	0.5	2.3
Public transport network safety and resilience	<p>Funding is provided to complete the upgrade of nine substations on the outer metropolitan rail network to ensure compliance with the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Amendment Regulations 2016. This initiative forms part of the Powerline Bushfire Safety Program.</p>	1.0	3.1

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 42 – Department of Transport and Planning output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Murray River bridge crossing upgrades	<p>Funding is provided to the road maintenance program for road surface replacement and bridge structure renewals at crossings along the Murray River. This work will address road asset deterioration and reduce road user exposure to safety hazards.</p>	4.8	15.9

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
A more productive road network for freight	A new automated road assessment and permit system will be developed to allow heavy vehicles to access the road network in a faster and more efficient way. Pre-approved heavy vehicle types and mapping of key routes will be expanded to support safer and more reliable heavy freight movements. Funding is also provided for a program of priority bridge upgrades and renewal works to improve safety and productivity across the State's road network.	0.7	2.2
Fitzroy Gasworks Sports Centre	A multi-purpose sports centre will be built in the Fitzroy Gasworks Precinct. The centre will be located adjacent to the new Fitzroy Gasworks Senior Campus and include four indoor courts, an additional rooftop court and a gym.	0.2	0.6
Local ports critical maintenance works	Funding is provided to undertake critical works on Hampton Jetty, Rye Pier, Mornington Fishermans Jetty, Old Flinders Jetty, Lakes Entrance Fishing Cooperative Ltd South Jetty, Raymond Island Public Jetty and McLoughlins Beach Jetty, and install fenders at Gem Pier. Planned asset maintenance will be undertaken on marine assets, including piers, jetties, breakwaters, seawalls and navigation aids. This work will improve user safety and accessibility at these facilities, while supporting local businesses and employment.	1.5	1.5
Ports Victoria start-up	Funding is provided to expand Ports Victoria's role in port sector planning, governance and maritime operation and safety management, supporting delivery of the Government's response to the Independent Review of the Victorian Ports System.	1.3	3.5
West Gate Bridge maintenance	Funding is provided to deliver a program of maintenance work and upgrades to improve user safety and accessibility, while supporting Victoria's economic growth, freight movement and employment.	1.8	3.7
Mickleham Road Upgrade - Stage 1	Funding is provided to upgrade Mickleham Road between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard, including intersection upgrades, bus priority infrastructure and a shared user path. Funding is also provided for the development of a business case for Mickleham Road Upgrade Stage 2 between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road.	4.0	6.5

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Smarter roads - phase 2	Funding is provided to build upon Phase 1 of the smarter roads program and improve transport outcomes for freight, on-road public transport, general traffic, pedestrians, and cyclist.	1.1	2.2
Support for veteran transition and wellbeing	Funding is provided for a range of initiatives aimed at improving veterans' participation and wellbeing including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ supporting veterans obtaining a Recognition of Prior Learning certificate, removing a significant barrier for job seeking veterans ▪ continuation of the Returned and Services League Active program, which aims to reduce social isolation and improve veteran's mental health ▪ free public transport for veterans, war widows, school students, Australian Defence Force cadets, Girl Guides, and Scouts for veterans-related events and for veterans during Veterans' Health Week. 	0.3	0.6
Train radio system upgrade	Funding is provided to replace ageing equipment to maintain the availability of the digital train radio system, which is critical to operate the metropolitan train network.	13.6	27.0
Regional Rail Services	Funding is provided for additional regional train services following the completion of enabling infrastructure works as part of the Regional Rail Revival.	9.4	16.3
Unlocking Capacity on the Metro Rail Network	Funding is provided to undertake detailed planning and development for future upgrades of the Upfield and Craigieburn lines and the metropolitan rail network's inner area traction power system.	13.5	25.0
New Tarneit railway station	Funding is provided to construct a new train station at Davis Road, Tarneit. Funding is also provided to commence planning for additional stations including at Dohertys Road, Truganina. This initiative will service growing demand in Melbourne's west.	2.5	5.0
COVID-19 impacts on the transport network	Funding is provided to address the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the transport network, including offsetting the impact of lower revenue associated with lower patronage for public transport operators to continue service delivery.	238.3	628.2

Lapsing funding initiatives

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Multi-Purpose Taxi Program	Funding is provided to support increased demand for the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program (MPTP) and to continue the current MPTP lifting fee paid to drivers for wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAVs) trips. The lifting fee was increased in 2022 to further incentivise supply and improve the availability of WAV services for MPTP members with mobility needs.	6.5	10.5
School Crossing Supervisor Program	Funding is provided to continue the Government's existing commitment to meet the 50 per cent State contribution to the School Crossing Supervisor Program.	15.7	15.7
Melton Line Upgrade	Funding is provided to upgrade the Melton line, build extra stabling and upgrade stations to deliver better train services and increase train capacity.	9.0	9.0
Metro Tunnel readiness	Funding is provided to continue preparation activities for day one operations of the Metro Tunnel, including recruitment and training of train drivers and other critical staff, trial operations, developing wayfinding and customer information, and bus network changes to align with the Metro Tunnel station locations. Funding is also provided for the enabling works and facilities to support the Metro Tunnel network integration and operations.	100.5	100.5
Mode Shift Incentive Scheme	The Mode Shift Incentive Scheme will be maintained in 2023-24 to encourage the transfer of freight from road to rail.	3.5	3.5
Unlocking new communities and affordable housing	Funding is provided to continue delivery of Precinct Structure Plans to unlock housing supply across Victoria.	3.5	3.5
Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal development	Additional funding is provided to undertake further planning, design and development work on the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal at the Port of Hastings to support the Government's commitment to the generation of electricity from offshore wind power, and the installation of 9 gigawatts of capacity by 2040.	21.2	27.3

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 43 – Department of Treasury and Finance output initiative descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Offsite construction	Funding is provided to support and modernise Victoria’s construction industry by incorporating offsite construction practices to boost productivity and sustainability. An offsite construction policy and a training program will be developed to enhance the capability across government to support innovative construction methods.	0.4	4.5
Victorian digital asset strategy	Funding is provided to develop and implement a digital asset policy that will boost productivity through the digitisation of all Victorian major projects. A specifically designed training program will also enhance skills and capability to implement greater digital working practice across government.	0.9	6.5
Big Housing Build: Victorian Homebuyer Fund	The Victorian Homebuyer Fund will provide \$500 million to accelerate Victorians into home ownership. The fund will contribute to the purchase price in exchange for a proportionate equity interest in the property. This reduces the size of the deposit required and will help Victorians buy suitable homes sooner. The fund will stimulate the economy by supporting the purchase of both established and newly built homes. Aboriginal Victorians will also have access to additional supports. As homeowners buy out the Government’s equity interest or the property is sold, the Government will recover its investment, which can be used to support even more Victorians into home ownership. Output funding is provided for setting up and operating the fund.	16.7	66.8

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Regulatory reform package	The Government will support economic recovery through a set of initiatives to improve Victoria's regulatory system, and enable firms to innovate and reduce the cost of doing business. This includes running a second round of the Better Approvals Program, as well as establishing a Regulatory Reform Incentive Fund, an Incentive Based Regulation Unit, and a Fast Track Review Unit. The latter will use new technology solutions and work with local government to respond to business concerns and make it easier to start new businesses and get building works done faster.	3.4	74.8
Research and development cash flow loans	Eligible small and medium-sized enterprises claiming the Commonwealth Government's Research and Development Tax Incentive will have access to a \$50 million fund that will provide low interest loans for up to 80 per cent of their forecast refundable tax offset. This will ensure Victorian enterprises maintain cashflows to continue vital research and development work programs.	5.7	12.9
Venture Growth Fund	Funding is provided to co-invest into a venture debt facility with a private investor to inject more capital into the scaleup sector and support companies to grow that do not meet the requirements of traditional lenders. Debt will be short to medium-term in nature and will promote high value-added jobs growth for small and medium-sized enterprises and the startup industry. The Venture Growth Fund complements the new Victorian Startup Capital Fund to be established as part of Government's Innovation portfolio.	0.1	25.8
Centralised Accommodation Management	Funding is provided for additional resources for the operational management and oversight of the Centralised Accommodation Management program. This includes new fit-out solutions, proactive leasing management, and building re-stacking to derive overall accommodation savings across government.	2.3	10.9
Procurement reform	Funding is provided for a reform program to streamline and simplify government purchasing for both buyers and suppliers, improving procurement technology and leveraging the government spend to achieve greater value for Victorians.	4.4	13.7

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Supporting coronavirus (COVID-19) recovery through procurement	Funding is provided to better leverage the government procurement spend to create employment and training opportunities for members of the community most disadvantaged during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, in particular women and young people. Specific resources will be allocated to establish a compliance function to enhance accountability and provide support and advice across government to meet these commitments.	1.0	4.0

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 44 – Department of Treasury and Finance output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Distillery door grant	A distillery door grant capped at \$5 million a year for two years will be introduced from 2021-22. Eligible claims will be paid to producers at the capped rate of \$25 per litre of alcohol in eligible product sales sold through the 'distillery door'. If the scheme is over-subscribed, the rebate per litre of alcohol will be reduced equally for all the eligible applicants. The State Revenue Office will administer the claims from 2021-22. This scheme is designed to support and enhance Victoria's distillery industry.	5.0	10.1
Unlocking the potential of loans and guarantees to support more housing	Up to a further \$1 billion will be made available in low interest loans and government guarantees to community housing agencies to deliver social and affordable housing. This will facilitate up to 6 000 new social and affordable housing dwellings, providing accommodation for some of the most vulnerable Victorians as well as key workers.	1.0	2.3
Supporting Victorian Manufacturing – International investment attraction	Funding is provided for targeted financial incentives to attract business investment in Victoria, in line with the Government's International Investment Strategy. This aims to attract strategic investments that will enhance the future prosperity of the Victorian economy including through supporting domestic supply chain capability.	20.0	40.0

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Victorian Government Trade and Investment Network resourcing	Funding is provided to support the continued operations of the Victorian Government Trade and Investment Network in strategic markets to stimulate foreign direct investment flows and talent attraction in key sectors of the Victorian economy.	2.5	5.0
Delivering a memorial to recognise those who have lost their lives on the job	Funding is provided to deliver a permanent multi-faith memorial to recognise those who have lost their lives at work.	2.5	2.5
Commonwealth Games	Funding is provided to settle all disputes regarding the cancellation of the regional Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games. The settlement finalises all matters between the parties.	380.0	380.0

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Parliament

Figure 45 – Parliament output initiative descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Electorate Office safety and security upgrades	Funding is provided to implement new electorate office and coronavirus (COVID-19) safety standards, complete minor refurbishment works and service electorate office security systems across 128 electorate offices of all Victorian Members of Parliament. Additionally, the purchase of laptops and other technological equipment will facilitate remote working arrangements for electorate offices. This will support Members of Parliament's engagement with their constituents.	1.5	6.4

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Members of Parliament electorate office and communication budgets	The electorate office and communication budget for Members of Parliament is calculated based on the number of voters enrolled in their electorate as at the last day of February of the previous financial year as per the determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal. In accordance with the most recent determination of the Tribunal, Parliament will receive additional funding for electorate office and communication budgets.	0.3	1.2
Funding for IBAC: Meeting demand and community expectations	Funding is provided to the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) to enable it to meet current and future government and community expectations of the agency. This increase in resources will also facilitate IBAC's transition to budgetary independence as legislated in the Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment (Public Interest Disclosures, Oversight and Independence) Act 2019.	10.1	27.1
Securing a sustainable Ombudsman for Victorians	Additional funding is provided to the Victorian Ombudsman's office to enable increased oversight of Victorian public administration activities. Resources will also be provided to enable the office to operate as a budget independent entity and undertake expanded powers and functions as per the Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment (Public Interest Disclosures, Oversight and Independence) Act 2019. This will assist the Victorian Ombudsman to investigate improper conduct and improve administration within the Victorian public sector and outcomes for the Victorian community.	0.7	2.8

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 46 – Parliament output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
IBAC: Enhancing support provided to the Victorian public sector to prevent corruption and police misconduct	Funding is provided to IBAC to support its ability to prevent Victorian public sector corruption and police misconduct through a program of research, engagement and communications. A new website will also be developed together with resources tailored to culturally and linguistically diverse communities.	1.0	3.9
Supporting the operations of the Victorian Ombudsman	Funding is provided to the Victorian Ombudsman to strengthen the agency's data integrity and cyber security systems.	0.7	0.7
Legislative Council 2024 regional sitting	Funding is provided to conduct a Legislative Council sitting in central northern Victoria in 2024, following resolutions of the Legislative Council on 3 May 2023 to acknowledge the serious impacts of the October 2022 flood event and sit in a flood-affected community.	0.4	0.4

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Court Services Victoria

Figure 47 – Court Services Victoria output initiative descriptions announced in 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
New Wyndham Law Court	Funding is provided for a new western metropolitan headquarter court that will meet the long-term demand for justice services in Wyndham and the surrounding growth corridor. The new court will provide a full range of specialist court programs and services including hearing rooms, mediation suites and a specialist family violence court. The new court building is part of plans for integrated services at the future Wyndham justice precinct which includes the new Wyndham police station.	0.1	0.9

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

Figure 48 – Court Services Victoria output initiative descriptions announced since 2020-21

Initiative	Description	Funding in 2023–24 (\$million)	Funding to 2023–24 (\$million)
Sunshine Law Courts Redevelopment	Funding is provided to upgrade and expand the Sunshine Law Courts by two new court rooms to meet the demand for additional services in Melbourne’s west. Enhancements include security and technology upgrades as well as amenity improvements to the public and staff spaces.	5.2	8.8
Continuing therapeutic court programs	Funding is provided to continue therapeutic court programs that provide targeted support to address the drivers of offending. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continuing Drug Court programs in Ballarat, Shepparton, and the County Court of Victoria to help participants address substance abuse issues ▪ continuing the Court Integrated Services Program Indictable Stream Pilot to support people on bail access services including housing, mental health support, drug and alcohol treatment, and Koori specific services. 	18.3	18.3
Courts case management system	Funding is provided to complete implementation of a new case management system for the Magistrates’ Court and Children’s Court to enable more efficient management of Courts operations.	7.9	7.9
New federal jurisdiction matters in the Magistrates’ Court of Victoria	Funding is provided to support the MCV’s transition to hearing federal jurisdiction matters previously heard by the VCAT. This initiative supports the legislative change passed by the Victorian Parliament that requires the MCV to hear these matters.	0.2	0.3
Specialist Weekend Online Children’s Court	Funding is provided to establish an after-hours online Children’s Court of Victoria service to support children who have offended and help divert young people from custody.	0.8	1.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance