

Victorian State Budget 2013-14

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2013-14 Budget Papers include:

- Budget Paper No. 1 – Treasurer’s Speech
- Budget Paper No. 2 – Strategy and Outlook
- Budget Paper No. 3 – Service Delivery
- Budget Paper No. 4 – State Capital Program
- Budget Paper No. 5 – Statement of Finances

Budget Overview – New Programs & Projects

Building infrastructure

A Government infrastructure investment program of \$6.1 billion in 2013-14. This budget commits to:

- Funding for East West Link – Stage 1, a \$6 to \$8 billion project to join CityLink and the Eastern Freeway and enhance productivity and liveability.
- \$110 million to progress development of a container port at the Port of Hastings.
- \$280 million in additional funding to fix, maintain and upgrade key parts of the road network.
- A \$52 million metro level crossing blitz package to progress removal of railway level crossings. This is on top of \$350 million in 2012-13.

Public transport

- \$179 million for eight new trains, adding to the seven trains funded already.
- \$300 million of investment in the public transport network, improving services, comfort and safety.

Health care

- Delivering the new \$630 million Bendigo Hospital and fully funding the Monash Children’s Hospital and Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital redevelopment, with an investment of \$197 million in 2013-14 and more than \$1 billion in total.
- \$629 million in total in the *2013-14 Budget* to fund key hospital infrastructure across Victoria, including \$50 million for the Waurin Ponds Community Hospital, \$35 million for the Werribee Mercy Hospital, \$29 million for the Northern Hospital and \$18 million for the Numurkah Hospital.
- \$426 million in 2013-14 to boost hospitals and health services

Boosting our regions

- \$16 million modernisation of the Macalister Irrigation District over three years to be matched by irrigators.
- \$150 million towards regional transport infrastructure.
- \$61 million to upgrade CFA rural fire stations.
- \$19 million for strengthening our earth resources sector.

Business and investment

- The \$66 million transport interchange upgrade at Ringwood Station, helping to underpin a \$500 million expansion of Eastland Shopping Centre.
- \$33 million in new funding towards the East Werribee Employment Precinct – transforming Melbourne’s west and ultimately providing 50 000 high-quality jobs.

Education

- \$11.6 billion in total towards the future of Victoria's education system in 2013-14.
- \$580 million in asset and output funding, including a \$200 million over 4 years for TAFE Structural Adjustment Fund

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	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Revised	2013-14 Budget	Variation ^(a) %
Strategy, Review and Regulation ^(b)	116.5	118.5	99.9	-14.2
Early Childhood Development ^(c)	507.0	542.6	543.0	7.1
School Education				
School Education – Primary ^(d)	4 013.3	4 028.0	4 072.7	1.5
School Education – Secondary ^(e)	3 456.0	3 462.8	3 507.7	1.5
Higher Education and Skills ^(f)	2 437.7	2 450.2	2 268.2	-7.0
Support Services Delivery ^(g)	303.6	311.8	297.2	-2.1
Support for Students with Disabilities ^(h)	712.9	728.7	773.6	8.5
Total ⁽ⁱ⁾	11 547.0	11 642.6	11 562.3	0.1

Higher Education and Skills

Additional support for TAFE

Additional funding is provided to build on investment committed through the Vocational Education and Training Reform Package, making available total output funding of \$100 million for the TAFE Structural Adjustment Fund over 4 years. In combination with \$100 million in capital funding, this forms a \$200 million boost to TAFEs as part of the Government's response to the independent TAFE Review Panel's report on future directions for the sector – *Next Steps for Refocusing Vocational Training in Victoria – Supporting a Modern Workforce*.

Funding will be available for initiatives, including capital investment, to improve the financial sustainability of TAFEs and support a vibrant future for TAFE institutes in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

All up approx \$180 million less in HESG budget (mostly previously announced TAFE cuts)

JGTP Funding looks to be continued – will need Federal Government Budget to confirm full amount next Tuesday

Changes / programs cut

Apprentice trade bonus program will be phased at during 2013.

(The Apprentice trade bonus program was a \$250 payment at 6 month mark and an additional \$250 payment at the 12 month mark – paid directly to apprentices) This is estimated to save \$20 million over the next 4 years.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/apprentices/Pages/tradebonus.aspx>

Further Information Sources;

<http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/budget.html>

Budget Paper 3 – Service Delivery – DEECD (Chapter 2)

<http://www.vic.gov.au/government-economy/victorian-government/budget-papers.html>

The Age: Budget Winners & Losers article

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/state-budget-winners-and-losers-20130507-2j59d.html?rand=1367905762957>

Daniel Andrews – Labor response to the budget.

<http://www.danielandrews.com.au/media/releases/you-can%E2%80%99t-trust-naphthine-education-loses-out/>