



2015-16

BUDGET

At a glance

Your State Budget 2015-16

Securing Our Economic Future

- \$1.3 billion of new revenue and savings measures that build on previous reforms, including:
 - a revised land tax scale from 2015-16, to bring Western Australia more in line with other States
 - reforms to social concessions, to ensure assistance is targeted to those most in need
 - savings from Agency Expenditure Reviews, to ensure that programs are being delivered efficiently and effectively
 - removal of the \$3,000 First Home Owner Grant for established homes, in line with other States
- \$499 million in additional Commonwealth funding for key road projects, in recognition of the unfair GST distribution
- Significant expansion of asset sales program to manage debt
- Additional support for tourism, including \$20 million for events and \$11 million for marketing

Efficient Delivery of Quality Services

- \$8.1 billion for the delivery of health services in 2015-16, with a \$243 million (4.6%) increase in spending on public hospital services
- \$4.8 billion for the delivery of education services in 2015-16, up \$294 million (6.5%) on 2014-15
 - spending per student up \$600
 - ongoing implementation of significant reform in education sector
- \$1.4 billion on police services in 2015-16, up \$53 million (4.1%) on 2014-15
 - on track for additional 550 officers by end of 2016-17
- Strong focus on mental health initiatives, including \$26 million for new suicide prevention strategy, and \$28 million for new subacute services in Karratha and Bunbury

Supporting and Protecting Our Community

- Introduction of no-fault catastrophic injury Compulsory Third Party insurance scheme from 1 July 2016 to provide lifetime care and support for people catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident
- New \$560 million Social Housing Investment Package delivering 1,000 additional social housing dwellings and halving the number of seniors and families with children on the priority waitlist
- Additional \$172 million over four years for child protection services
- Spending on disability services up \$98 million (11.3%) in 2015-16
- Additional \$35 million over two years for the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness
- \$7 million over two years for State-wide coordinated CCTV strategy

Investing in Infrastructure to Support Our Growing State

- \$24.1 billion infrastructure program over next four years, including \$6.3 billion in 2015-16, will support jobs and growth across the State
- New infrastructure investment in this Budget includes:
 - an additional \$191 million over four years for new and expanded schools, bringing total investment to \$1.2 billion
 - \$140 million in 2015-16 for Western Power, primarily for wood pole and electrical conductor management programs, bringing total investment in the electricity network in 2015-16 to \$1 billion
 - \$53 million over four years for a new \$120 million radio system for rail services
 - \$28 million (as part of a \$40 million overall package) to alleviate traffic congestion on metropolitan roads
 - \$25 million to improve access to the new \$57 million Aubin Grove Train Station
 - \$22 million over three years for New Women's Custodial Centre