



2014-15

BUDGET

At a glance

Your State Budget 2014-15

Securing Our Economic Future

- \$2 billion of new revenue and savings measures build on last year's Fiscal Action Plan, and underpin expected general government operating surpluses of \$183 million in 2013-14 and \$175 million in 2014-15
- New measures include:
 - 15% reduction in non-essential procurement by general government agencies in 2014-15
 - 5% reduction in Asset Investment Programs of most agencies
 - abolition of \$36 private motor vehicle registration fee concession
 - reduction in transfer duty exemption threshold for first home buyers (from \$500,000 to \$430,000)
 - 10% across the board increase in land tax rates
 - \$1 billion annual expenditure cap on Royalties for Regions Fund
- Managing debt through the sale of assets that do not need to be in State Government ownership
- Review and reform of Western Australia's electricity market
- Additional support for tourism, including \$10 million for events and \$4 million for marketing

Efficient Delivery of Quality Services

- \$8 billion for the delivery of health services in 2014-15, up \$447 million on 2013-14
- \$4.6 billion for the delivery of education services in 2014-15, up \$188 million on 2013-14
 - 2014-15 Budget funds an estimated 550 additional teachers in 2015, plus a further \$10 million for transition to new Student Centred Funding Model
- \$1.3 billion for the delivery of police services in 2014-15, up \$84 million on 2013-14
 - 180 officers to be recruited over 2014-15
- \$60 million assistance package for local government boundary reform, including \$15 million in direct grant assistance to local governments and access to subsidised loans of up to \$45 million

Supporting and Protecting the Community

- Subsidising the costs of electricity and public transport by \$616 million and \$747 million respectively in 2014-15
- Additional \$180 million over four years for disability services, and a further \$58 million over two years for the Perth Hills National Disability Insurance Scheme trial
- \$154 million over five years from 2013-14 for growth in mental health hospital activity
- Additional \$90 million over next four years for child protection services
- Additional \$85 million over 2013-14 and 2014-15 to replace and reinforce 147,500 wood poles, and a further \$28 million in 2014-15 to replace conductors and overhead wires
- \$25 million over four years for WA Police to replace the existing Computer Aided Dispatch system for triple 0 calls

Investing in Infrastructure to Grow the State

- \$23.7 billion infrastructure program over next four years, including \$6.7 billion in 2014-15
- Major projects include Forrestfield Airport Link (\$2 billion), Perth Stadium (\$1.24 billion), Fiona Stanley Hospital (\$1.8 billion), Perth Children's Hospital (\$1.2 billion), Perth City Link (\$764 million), Elizabeth Quay (\$441 million) and new Western Australian Museum (\$428 million)
- \$1.2 billion over four years to deliver new school infrastructure across the State, including \$440 million in 2014-15
 - \$230 million to prepare high schools to take Year 7 students in 2015
- Additional \$40 million for ICT at Fiona Stanley Hospital
- \$29 million for a new fire station to the west of the Perth CBD (\$20 million) and a replacement fire station in Albany (\$9 million)