



2009-10

Budget at a glance

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Your State Budget 2009-10

Protecting Jobs and Supporting the Economy

- \$100 million rebate of 2009-10 payroll tax for 6,700 small to medium businesses
- Rebate of workers' compensation premiums in 2009-10 and 2010-11 to support the retention of over 15,000 first year apprentices and trainees each year
- \$5.7 million boost to tourism marketing in 2009-10
- \$2 million business resilience program
- Record \$8.3 billion infrastructure investment in 2009-10, in areas like social housing, schools, roads, hospitals and regional development

Securing the State's Economic Future

- \$300 million Pilbara Revitalisation Plan and \$220 million to double the size of the Ord irrigation area
- Significant investment in electricity and water infrastructure, including two new high efficiency gas turbines at a total cost of \$263 million
- Extension of Northern Suburbs Railway to Brighton (\$147 million over the next four years)
- Significant progress on Oakajee Port and Rail project and James Price Point LNG Precinct

Supporting Families and Our Community

- **Law and Order**
 - \$209 million for 500 additional police personnel and 200 expert civilian staff over five years
 - \$655 million over five years for increased prison capacity
 - \$49 million over four years to expand the Perth Metropolitan Radio Network

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- **Health**
 - Up \$282 million (5.9%) in 2009-10
 - Additional \$420 million over five years for increased activity and costs
 - Implementation of 'four hour rule' for hospital emergency departments
 - Bringing forward construction of a new Children's Hospital with work commencing on a \$117 million forward works program
- **Education and Training**
 - Up \$419 million (11.4%)
 - Improved wages and conditions for teachers
 - \$46 million over four years for behaviour management specialists and support for schools
 - Additional \$300 million over six years to build or upgrade 14 schools
- **Child Protection**
 - Up \$30 million (8.7%) to meet increasing demand
 - \$78 million over four years for reform and expansion of residential care for children
- **Seniors**
 - Cost of Living Rebate (\$106 million over four years)
 - Security rebates (\$10 million over three years)
 - Free off-peak public transport
 - Country Age Pension Fuel Card (\$80 million over five years)

Protecting the State's Finances

- **Budget Surpluses**
 - \$647 million surplus in 2008-09
 - \$409 million surplus in 2009-10
- **Corrective Measures**
 - 97% of 3% efficiency dividend achieved = \$1.3 billion over four years
 - Deferral or cancellation of low priority capital works = \$3.0 billion
 - Economic Audit measures = \$1.1 billion
 - Total savings of \$7.6 billion over five years, with savings redirected to record expenditure on capital works, health, education, and law and order
- **Controlling Spending**
 - Ceiling on public service staffing levels
 - New public sector wages policy in line with inflation