

# STATE BUDGET 2018-19

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### **Greater accountability in the delivery of justice**

The Marshall Liberal Government is delivering on its commitment to improve transparency and accountability in the administration of justice in the 2018-19 State Budget.

“The largest single investment in the delivery of justice in the first Marshall Budget is the provision of \$146.4 million to support South Australia’s participation in the National Redress Scheme for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse,” said Attorney-General Vickie Chapman.

“The 2018-19 State Budget delivers a \$14.5 million funding increase to support the operations of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) and to enable ICAC to conduct public hearings.

“The increased funding will also assist ICAC to discharge its statutory functions, in the delivery of education programs and its investigative activities.”

The first budget of the Marshall Government also contains a substantial increase in funding for Forensic Science SA to undertake post-mortems and pathology reviews.

This additional \$1.8 million acknowledges the critical role that Forensic Science SA plays in the Justice system.

The allocation of \$600,000 over four years will enable the re-opening of a full-time legal service in the Riverland after funding cuts forced the closure of the Riverland Community Legal Centre in 2017.

This investment will provide the people in the Riverland, Mallee and Mid Murray regions with convenient access to important legal services.

The 2018-19 State Budget provides \$750,000 to the DPP to help fund the prosecution of a number of complex criminal cases and \$450,000 for the appointment of a Special Investigator to examine Labor’s acquisition of nine aero-derivative turbine generators.

The 2018-19 State Budget includes \$5.3 million in 2018-19 (in addition to \$3.2 million provided in 2017-18) to enable the Royal Commission into the Murray-Darling Basin Plan to complete its work.

The State Government is also investing \$4.2 million to upgrade the SA Computer Aided Dispatch system that supports the state’s triple zero emergency operations centre to ensure the quickest and most effective response to emergencies.

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In order to meet the \$715 million savings task by 2021-22 left by the former Labor government and to deliver the new State Government's priorities, the 2018-19 State Budget includes the following revenue and savings measures in the Attorney-General's Department.

- \$3.2 million per annum (indexed) from 2019-20 from the introduction of revised liquor licensing fees based on recommendations in the Anderson review into liquor regulation;
- \$483,000 per annum from 2019-20 (indexed) from the consolidation of the Independent Gambling Authority (IGA) within Consumer and Business Services in line with recommendations into the Anderson review into gambling regulation;
- \$190,000 per annum (indexed) from discontinuing the concierge services for managed taxi ranks in the Adelaide CBD, Glenelg and Port Augusta;
- \$550,000 per annum by discontinuing the grant to the SA Native Title Service;
- \$113,000 per annum (indexed) from 2020-21 by discontinuing the grant for maintenance of Adelaide City Council CCTVs;
- \$332,000 in 2018-19 and \$451,000 per annum (indexed) from 2019-20 through efficiencies in the administration of public safety management, including the SA Government radio network, state rescue helicopter service and SACAD triple zero dispatch system;
- \$1.5 million in 2018-19 and \$700,000 per annum (indexed) from 2019-20 from the introduction of registration and licence fees for real estate property managers;
- \$808,000 in 2018-19, increasing to \$1.1 million per annum (indexed) from 2020-21 through discontinuing crime prevention and CCTV grants;
- \$319,000 per annum (indexed) from 2020-21 by discontinuing the communication partner grant with Uniting Communities;
- \$330,000 in 2018-19 and \$1.8 million per annum (indexed) from 2019-20 from efficiencies within the Crown Solicitor's Office;
- \$110,000 per annum (indexed) from 2019-20 through the discontinuation of specialist training in the interviewing of vulnerable witnesses;
- \$100,000 per annum (indexed) from 2018-19 by discontinuing the Sentencing Council; and
- \$1.2 million per annum (indexed) from 2018-19 through the application of an efficiency dividend to the Legal Services Commission grant.