

STATE BUDGET

2022-23

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BUDGET DELIVERS SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

The Malinauskas Government's first State Budget delivers a significant \$128.9 million additional investment in child protection, over five years.

The funding will provide a boost to meet the cost of caring for children and young people to keep them safe from abuse.

The 2022-23 State Budget also includes:

- \$7.5 million in child protection grants to non-government organisations to support children and young people in care and their carers, including \$450,000 per annum (indexed) for a Child and Young Person's Visitor Scheme in residential care)
- \$1 million to establish a northern and a southern domestic violence prevention and recovery hub to undertake work to support people experiencing domestic violence, empower women, and raise community awareness of domestic violence and related issues

First and foremost, this budget is about delivering on Labor's election commitments.

The 2022-23 Budget takes the first step in delivering the plan for a better future for all South Australians with initiatives that support our children, that focus on safety and prevention.

Quotes attributable to Stephen Mullighan

The first and most important role of government is the safety of its citizens. We made significant promises and now we begin delivering.

The budget is responsive to our community needs and is responsible. We're making important investments in child protection because we know our children deserve that.

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Quotes attributable to Katrine Hildyard

I am working relentlessly to make positive change in child protection – change that is overdue. This rigorous work will continue.

The need to ensure the voice of children and young people in care is heard is paramount.

That's why the Labour Malinauskas Government is investing significantly in supporting our most vulnerable South Australian children and young people.

Our investment includes funding for the Community Visitor for Children and Young People in Care and for services to empower young people leaving care.

My focus aims to improve the safety of children and young people, to empower children and young people to emotionally and mentally thrive and to ensure that their voices are amplified.

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