Parliamentary Committee looks to Victoria continuing to develop Gender Responsive Budgeting

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee has made recommendations for further development and adoption of Gender Responsive Budgeting practices in Victoria.

The Committee's inquiry into Gender Responsive Budgeting explored ways to ensure public financial management helps to address gender inequality in the State.

The Committee found that the Victorian Government has already established the foundations for Gender Responsive Budgeting, including through the implementation of Safe and Strong: A Victorian Gender Equality Strategy. The Committee made recommendations aimed at clarifying the Strategy through defining targets linked to outcomes achieved against gender equality performance measures and defining stakeholder roles and responsibilities and the processes to be followed.

The report, tabled in Parliament today, can be found on the Committee's website.

Gender Responsive Budgeting is being increasingly adopted worldwide as a tool to assess whether policies proposed in a budget will benefit or disadvantage individuals based on their gender and guide reform in the interest of supporting more gender equitable outcomes.

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