



# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Inquiry into the Victorian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Water, Land and Planning – COVID-19

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# COVID-19 Emergency Management – Timeline



# COVID-19 Quarantine Victoria

Ministerial responsibility for the hotel quarantine program moved to the Police and Emergency Services portfolio on 27 November 2020

Flights and the quarantining of returned travellers resumed 7 December.

**1,144** Returned travellers and support people have entered mandatory quarantine

**4** frontline workers have been supported in the Frontline Worker Accommodation program

**4** Victorians have accessed Emergency Accommodation so they could safely isolate outside their home

**7** returned travellers have tested positive for COVID-19

**0** outbreaks arising from COVID Accommodation

**0** workers in the program have tested positive for COVID-19

Data current as at 11PM Monday 14 December

# Summary of police effort over COVID response

Victoria Police have made a significant contribution to the COVID response effort:



**1,071**

Police officers to  
Operation Sentinel  
since March



**533,896**

Number of spot checks



**2,659,060**

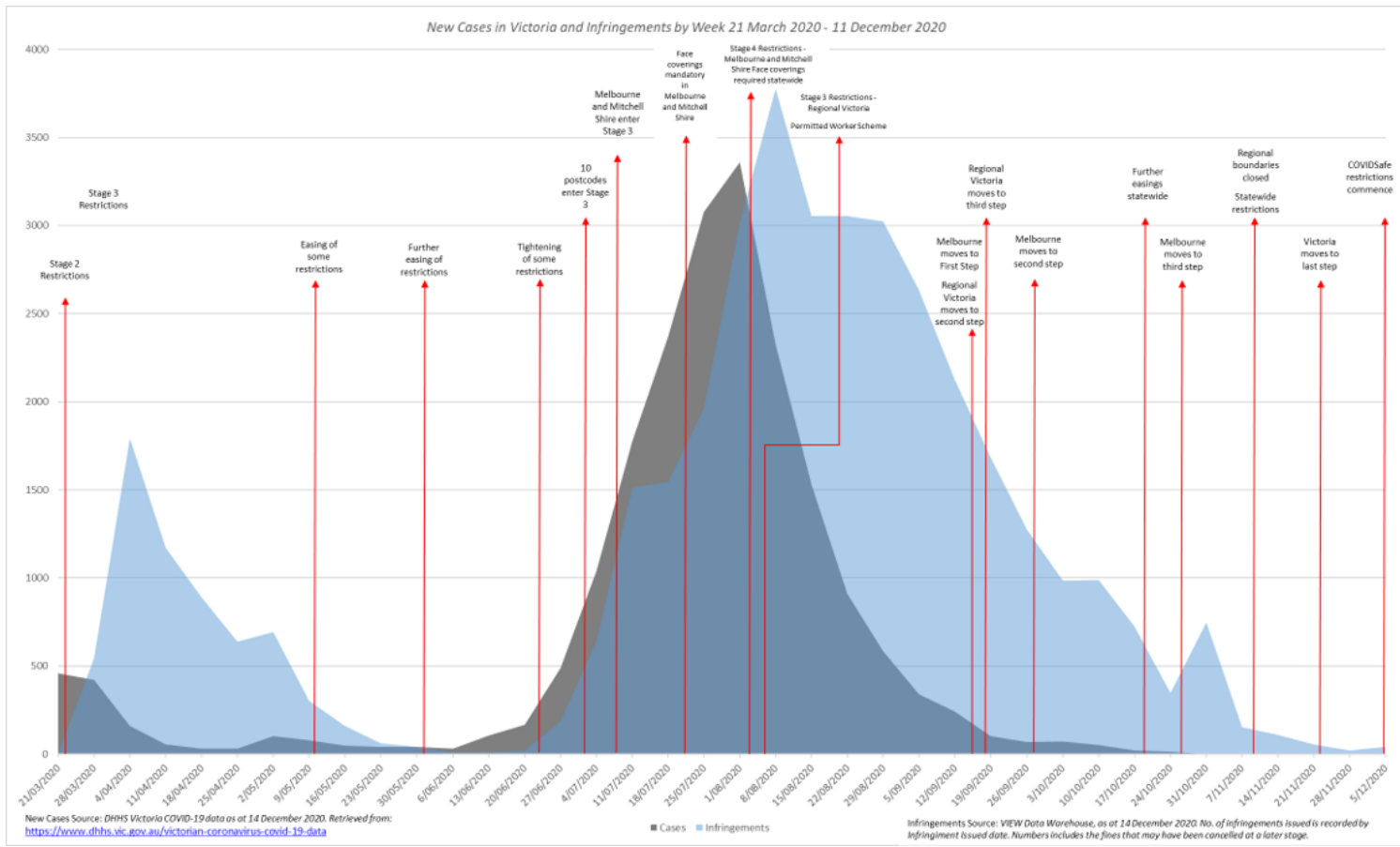
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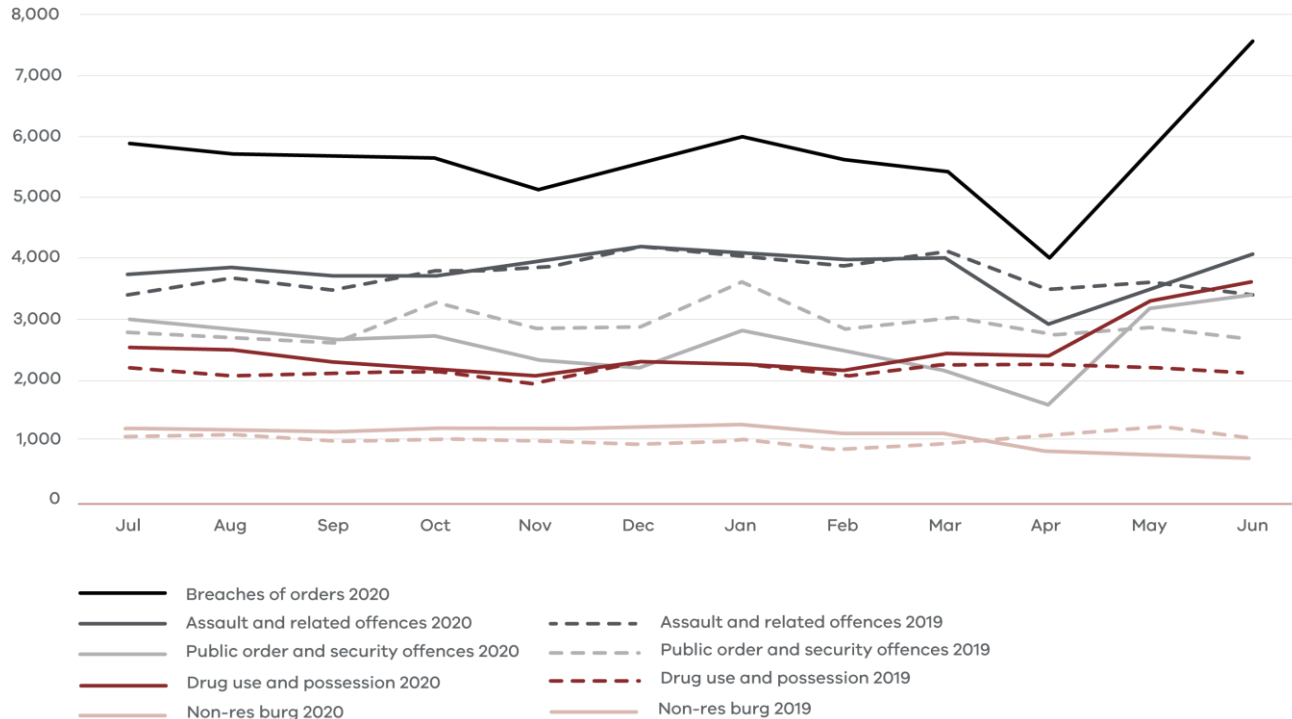
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Key Operations led  
by/involving Victoria  
Police

# Victoria Police have continued to adapt their response to public health need

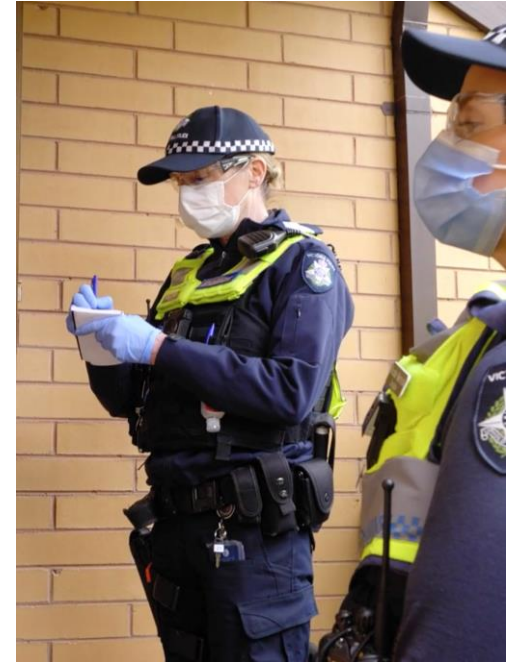


# Victoria Police have continued to respond and get ahead of crime during Covid-19



# Emergency Management Roles and Responsibilities

- 1** **Class 1** emergency major fire or any other major emergency for which FRV, CFA or VICSES is the control agency, as designated under the SEMP. Emergency Management Commissioner appoints state response controllers.
- 2** **Class 2** major emergency which is not a Class 1 emergency or a Class 3 emergency. Includes major emergencies such as a pandemic, transport disruption, animal or plant disease, major electricity outage, water disruption, and food contamination. Control agency is designated under the SEMP. Officer in charge of the control agency appoints a state controller.
- 3** **Class 3** security emergency including warlike act or act of terrorism, siege or riot. Class 3 emergency may also be referred to as security emergencies.



# Emergency Management – Key Achievements

**437** consecutive days State Control Centre activated for (as at 16 December 2020)

**\$4.72m** PPE procured and facilitated the sharing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) across non-health departments and agencies.



Established enhanced operational arrangements and revised membership of the State Control Team (SCT) and the State Coordination Team (SCOT) to oversee multiple operations.



Developed policy arrangements and shared operational protocols for operating in a COVID environment, to ensure emergency management activities are as effective as possible during the upcoming fire and flood season, with the potential for concurrent emergencies over the coming months.



Developed and implemented a Summer Plan for Public Safety on Public Land and Waterways in preparation for the summer season.

**\$19.468m** Funding to expand the SCC workforce, with **46** additional FTE base staff, and to provide a holistic review of the EM Operating Model to ensure efficient and effective management of future emergencies.



# Coordination of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Key initiatives to date include:

- Establishing a Building Victoria's Recovery Taskforce to help keep Victoria's building and development industry operational as well as revamping the planning system to boost economic recovery and jobs
- Supporting Working for Victoria and investing significantly in clean energy to generating thousands of job opportunities across the state
- Ensuring hardship provisions are aligned with national principles where relevant and are in place for those in need across water and energy
- Supporting entities and organisations that have been hardest hit by the restrictions, including support to Alpine resorts and committees of management in addition to Zoos Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Park
- Supporting Victorians to manage their energy bills with increased solar PV installations and the largest household energy efficiency package in the State's history
- Developing and supporting new ways of working with the community that keeps staff and all Victorians who rely on them, safe





*Thank you.*

