



Supporting modern public health governance and regulation reform

The 2009-10 State Budget provides \$3.95 million (\$19.2 million over four years) to support food regulation and public health and wellbeing for effective implementation of recent amendments to the *Food Act 1984*, *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, and regulatory reforms to the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003*. The funding also supports the Government's commitment to reduce the burden of food regulation on business while protecting public health.

Food Act

The Budget commits \$2 million in 2009-10 (\$8.3 million over four years) to reducing regulatory burdens on many businesses and community groups, while maintaining appropriate food standards.

Public Health and Wellbeing Act

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* replaces the *Health Act 1958* and represents the most significant reform of Victorian public health legislation in half a century. A total of \$3.2 million over four years will be invested in the implementation of this legislation. This includes management of state-wide consultation, planning, policy development and enforcement.

Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act

To implement the *Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008* the 2009-10 Budget commits \$2.039 million in 2009-10 (\$7.72 million over five years). This Act ensures Victoria's laws are consistent with federal discrimination law, reflect the make up of Victorian families and new technologies; improve efficiency in the regulation of assisted reproductive treatment (ART) in Victoria; and best protect the interests of children born through ART.

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act Amendment

The 2009-10 Budget provides \$1 million (\$7.7 million over four years) to support changes to the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* and to facilitate the restructure and reorganisation of the sector. These amendments will improve the performance of large public cemetery trusts in Victoria through the introduction of improved governance and accountability structures.