

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION
INTO FAMILY VIOLENCE**

ATTACHMENT 'CE-1' TO STATEMENT OF CHRISTOPHER BARCROFT ECCLES

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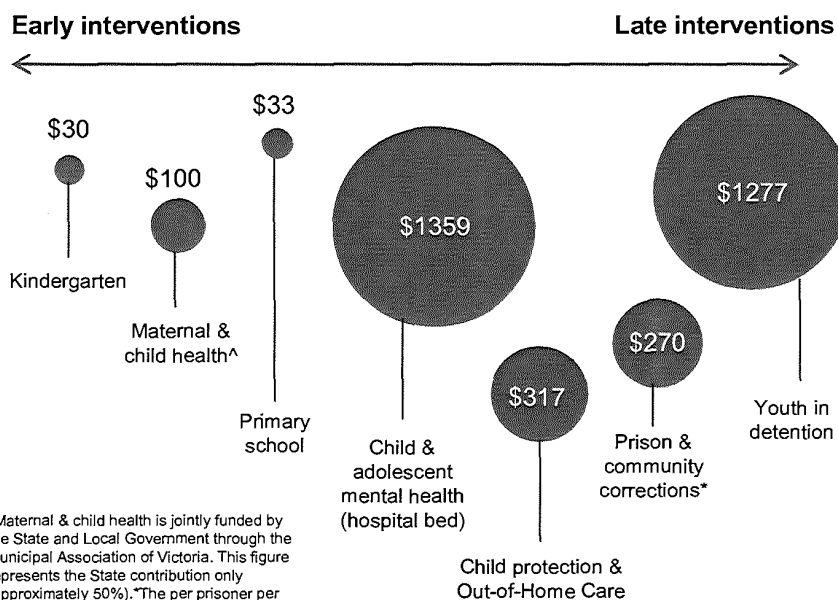
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Attachment CE-1 - The impacts are greater and the costs are lower for early childhood services



Early vs late interventions in Victoria – costs per person per day

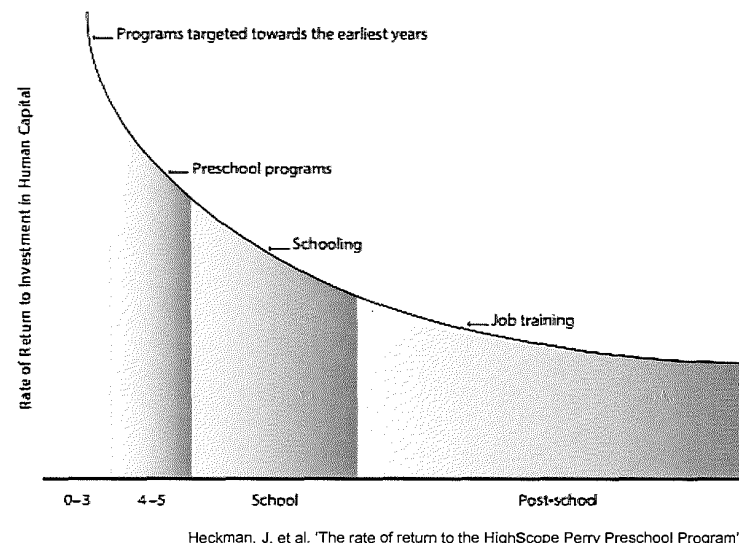


[^]Maternal & child health is jointly funded by the State and Local Government through the Municipal Association of Victoria. This figure represents the State contribution only (approximately 50%). *The per prisoner per day cost is based on operating expenditure on prisons and excludes payroll tax, transport and escort services and capital. Note: The circles of funding do not include childcare payments from the Commonwealth

Source: Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services 2015

The costs of early intervention are relatively low and help to offset much larger costs for late intervention. Effective and high quality early childhood interventions can reduce exposure to abuse and mitigate the adverse developmental impact of such environments. Effective and high quality interventions have also been shown to reduce costs associated with crime.

Rate of return on investment for highly disadvantaged children



Waiting to invest in human capital until a child reaches adolescence has been shown to be more costly. Only 38 per cent of Victorian three-year-olds participate in early childhood education (well below the OECD average of 70 per cent)

There are many examples of effective early intervention programs that have been successful, with longitudinal evidence of the benefits.

There is a compelling case for a stronger weighting of Government spending on effective early intervention services. Research shows that the earlier we intervene the better - better life outcomes and better economic return.

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