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### **Brumby should increase youth parliament funding**

Liberal Member for Evelyn Christine Fyffe has called on the Brumby Government to provide greater support for Victoria's Youth Parliament after water restrictions, breeding vicious dogs and the creation of youth care centres were put on the agenda for debate this week.

"Cost is a big barrier for young people who want to become Youth Parliamentarians," Mrs Fyffe said.

"The 96 participants this year had to raise about \$600 each to make up the shortfall in government funds," Mrs Fyffe said.

"Increased government support would help lower those costs and assist students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds," Mrs Fyffe said.

Mrs Fyffe who sat in as Speaker on Tuesday morning thoroughly enjoyed the experience and getting to hear the views of younger generations of Victorians.

"I was very impressed by the strength of the debate. It just goes to show our young people should not be discounted as they have a lot to say and know exactly how to get their point across. As a 'professional debater', it was inspirational to watch," Mrs Fyffe said.

"Nine out of the 16 Bills introduced in this year's Youth Parliament were passed. Those Bills will now be signed by the Youth Governor and passed onto the current Government for further consideration," Mrs Fyffe said.

"More than 20 Bills have gone on to become actual legislation including nightclub safety reforms and zero blood alcohol content for those accompanying learner drivers," Mrs Fyffe said.

"Young people can bring about positive and lasting changes in our society," Mrs Fyffe said.

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