

# PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA ACT BUDGET 2010-11 SUMMARY

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## ACT HEALTH BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

### **Record Health Budget**

For the first time the ACT Health Budget is over a billion dollars.

### **Additional Recurrent Funding**

Additional \$177M over 4 years in recurrent funding to health services.

### **Prevention**

Additional funding for preventive health includes:

- \$4.184M over 4 years for the Aged Care & Rehabilitation Service (enhanced ACT Equipment Subsidy Scheme & additional Rehabilitation Medical Staff Specialist);
- \$4.184M over 4 years for a range of measures aimed at preventing or reducing risk factors for chronic disease (e.g. diabetes management plans etc); and
- \$9.468M over 4 years for the Home & Community Care program to prevent hospitalisation (or admission to long term residential care) of frail aged people and younger people with disabilities. Expansion of services such as meals on wheels, domestic assistance, community transport etc

### **Acute and Cancer Care**

\$41.5M to provide for increased activity in the acute and cancer sectors.

### **Obstetric & Gynaecology Services**

\$8.6M over 4 years to enhance public obstetric & gynaecology services, including:

- Expansion of specialist services at Canberra Hospital, provision of extra registrar & midwife positions.

### **Mental Health**

\$4.184M over 4 years to meet growing demand for mental health services, with an enhanced focus on health promotion, prevention and early intervention. Funding includes:

- \$2.092M over 4 years to increase consumer participation in improving service quality; support Forensic Mental Health clinical training & supervision; enhance clinical therapies for personality disorders; and strengthen the existing clinical records system.
- \$2.092M for community sector recovery & rehabilitation (e.g. vocational, family support & advocacy services); additional out-of-hours in-home support; and improved services for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### **Additional Community Services Measures**

- \$425,000 over 4 years to employ a community-based family support coordinator for families of autistic children;
- \$2.164M over 4 years for carer support services, including the establishment of a Carers Advocacy Service & continuation of the Older Carers Respite Program;
- \$2.5M for public housing specifically for families exiting homelessness services, plus \$750,000 to expand existing community-based services for homeless people; and
- \$1.266M over 4 years to expand existing community-based domestic violence & sexual assault crisis services.

Further detail on the 2010-11 ACT Budget can be found at:

[http://www.treasury.act.gov.au/budget/budget\\_2010/index.htm](http://www.treasury.act.gov.au/budget/budget_2010/index.htm)