

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NSW BUDGET 2010-11 SUMMARY

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NSW HEALTH BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Record Health Budget

Record \$16.4 billion for health services & infrastructure – an increase of \$1.3 billion (8.6%) on last year. Includes:

- \$1.2 billion additional funding from Commonwealth over 4 years for higher standards for emergency departments & elective surgery;
- \$1.2 billion investment in state-wide mental health services;
- Continued implementation of *Caring Together* Health Action Plan – to achieve safer & better quality patient care (\$485M over 4 years); and
- Increases of \$536M for acute inpatient services, \$117M for emergency services, & \$101M for rehabilitation and extended care services.

Cancer Services, Research and Prevention

\$589.7M for cancer services, research & prevention initiatives over 4 years, includes:

- \$202.8M for breast & cervical screening;
- \$122.65M for cancer services (e.g. cancer care professionals & staff development programs, improved access to radiotherapy & patient support programs);
- \$120.2M for cancer research;
- \$58.3M for cancer prevention (e.g. anti-smoking, melanoma awareness & research to evaluate & monitor health risk factors); and
- \$52.7M to develop comprehensive data set & related reporting.

HEALTH-RELATED EXPENDITURE IN OTHER PORTFOLIOS

Science and Medical Research

\$30M in 2010-11 includes \$10M new funding for the Science Leveraging Fund and additional funding for the Medical Research Support Program (e.g. laboratories, equipment & facilities for researchers).

Alcohol and Gambling Initiatives

\$15.8M on problem gambling & reducing alcohol-related harm, includes \$3.6M on expanded liquor law compliance activities; and \$12.2M for the Responsible Gambling Fund (counselling services, research, education & awareness initiatives).

Ageing and Disability Services

Record budget of \$2.4 billion – up \$206M from 2009-10, includes \$203.4M for 401 new supported accommodation places; and \$26.2M for initiatives relating to young people in nursing homes.

Domestic Violence Measures

\$50M over 5 years for a new Domestic Violence Action Plan, including funding for support, legal & accommodation services.

Children, Families and Communities

\$1.67 billion for community services – up \$107 million (7%) in 2010-11, for enhanced community services; prevention & early intervention; statutory child protection & out-of-home care programs.

Other Areas of Interest

\$1.5M for additional *Closing the Gap* measures in 2010-11; \$2.6 billion for social housing programs; and a 13% increase in funding for court rehabilitation & diversion programs (\$26.7M in 2010-11).

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

<http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/>