

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA QLD BUDGET 2010-11 SUMMARY



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QLD HEALTH BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Record Health Budget

Record \$10 billion 2010-11 Health Budget (10.5% increase on last year), plus \$1.6 billion for health & hospital infrastructure projects. Includes:

- \$39.1M over 4 years to pilot the State-wide Persistent Pain Health Services Strategy 2010-15 – 4 sites commencing over 2 years from 2010-11;
- \$16.5M over 4 years for increasing the number of cochlear implants and access to follow-up therapy for children;
- \$31.2M over 4 years in additional funding for the QLD Institute of Medical Research;
- \$137.7M over 4 years (including funding through the National Health & Hospital Network package) for enhanced clinical services;
- An additional 720 nurses, 180 doctors & 300 allied health professionals in 2010-11; and
- \$741.9M over 4 years (funding from the Aust Govt) to address key pressure points in QLD's health system.

Regional Cancer Services

\$179.3M over 4 years (QLD & Aust Govt funds) to construct & upgrade cancer centres, plus an additional \$194.5M over 4 years (QLD Govt funds) to operate these facilities.

Health Promotion, Prevention and Protection

Spending on Health Promotion, Prevention and Protection has been reduced from \$522.477M in 2009-10 to \$511.929M for

2010-11. This is a decrease of approximately \$11M for prevention.

HEALTH-RELATED EXPENDITURE IN OTHER PORTFOLIOS

Disability Services

Funding in 2010-11 includes:

- \$3.2M (increasing to \$8.2M in 2011-12) for the Spinal Cord Injury Response initiative – helping people with spinal cord injury to transition from hospital to community;
- \$2.9M (increasing to \$3.4M from 2011-12) for support services for families caring for children with a disability at home;
- \$1M (increasing to \$1.7M from 2011-12) for the Community Living initiative – supporting people with a disability living independently in the community;
- \$4.4M (increasing to \$5.7M from 2011-12) to help young people with a disability leaving school or the child protection system; and
- \$1M for social & educational development programs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Emergency Services

6 new ambulance stations and an additional 75 ambulance officers in 2010-11.

Prevention Initiatives for Family Violence and At-Risk Children

Funding in 2010-11 includes \$10M (increasing to \$15M from 2011-12) to implement *Helping Out Families* prevention and early intervention initiative focusing on at-risk children and their families (family support & family violence services, plus an at-home health visit service for children under 4 years).

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

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