

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

HEALTH PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Ministers and Portfolio Responsibilities

The Health Portfolio works towards achieving better health and wellbeing for all Australians.

The Portfolio's services are delivered through the 29 Outcomes set by the Australian Government for the 2014-15 Budget cycle (refer to Figure 1: Portfolio Structure and Outcomes for a full listing). Each Portfolio agency has developed performance information to determine its effectiveness in achieving agency-specific Outcomes. Outcome and Programme reporting, and resource allocations for each agency, are presented in the respective Agency Resources and Planned Performance (Budget Statements) sections.

Ministerial Changes

On 18 September 2013, the Government Ministry led by the Prime Minister the Hon Tony Abbott MP was sworn in. The Ministry included the appointment of the Hon Peter Dutton MP as the Minister for Health (with responsibility also for Mental Health) and the Minister for Sport, and Senator the Hon Fiona Nash as the Assistant Minister for Health.

Portfolio Responsibilities Changes

The Administrative Arrangements Order issued on 18 September 2013 included the following changes to the Health Portfolio:

- the Department's name changed from the Department of Health and Ageing, to the Department of Health;
- responsibility for aged care, including the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd and the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner, transferred to the new Department of Social Services;
- the Department of Health assumed responsibility for sport and recreation policy from the former Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport. Three portfolio agencies also transferred to the Health Portfolio: the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Australian Sports Foundation Limited (ASF);
- the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) transferred from the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio to the Health Portfolio; and
- responsibility for a number of Indigenous specific programmes and functions were transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Department's Outcome and Programme structure has also been revised following Machinery of Government changes (refer Section 1.4 Changes to Outcome and Programme Structure).

Changes to Portfolio Agencies

In line with its commitment to reducing red tape, the Australian Government will reduce the number of agencies within the Health portfolio. This will cut the size of the health bureaucracy and free up resources to fund frontline services.

Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority, and National Blood Authority

The Government will merge the functions of the National Blood Authority (NBA) and the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority (AOTDTA) with a view to establishing a new independent authority by 1 July 2015. Further information can be found in the AOTDTA and NBA chapters of these Portfolio Budget Statements.

Australian National Preventive Health Agency

The Government will transfer essential functions of the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA) to the Department of Health by 30 June 2014 with a view to closing the agency. Further information can be found in the Population Health (Outcome 1) chapter of these Portfolio Budget Statements.

General Practice Education and Training

The Government will transfer essential functions of the General Practice Education and Training (GPET) to the Department by 1 January 2015, with a view to closing the agency. Further information can be found in the Health Workforce Capacity (Outcome 8) and GPET chapters of these Portfolio Budget Statements.

Health Workforce Australia

The Government will transfer essential functions of Health Workforce Australia (HWA) to the Department of Health as soon as possible, with a view to closing the agency. Further information can be found in the Health Workforce Capacity (Outcome 8) chapter of these Portfolio Budget Statements.

Private Health Insurance Ombudsman

The Government will transfer the responsibilities of the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (PHIO) to the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman by 1 July 2015. Further information can be found in the Private Health (Outcome 6) and PHIO chapters of these Portfolio Budget Statements.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council

The Government will transfer the functions of the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and the Department of Health by 1 July 2015, with a view to closing the agency. Further information can be found in the Private Health (Outcome 6) and PHIAC chapters of these Portfolio Budget Statements.

Figure 1: Portfolio Structure and Outcomes

<p>The Hon Peter Dutton MP Minister for Health Minister for Sport</p> <p><u>Portfolio Responsibilities</u> <i>Department of Health:</i> Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 <i>Agencies:</i> ACSQHC, AIHW, ASADA, ASC, ASF, CA, GPET, IHPA, NHFB, NHMRC, NHPA, NMHC, PHAC, PHIO and PSR</p>	<p>Senator the Hon Fiona Nash Assistant Minister for Health</p> <p><u>Portfolio Responsibilities</u> <i>Department of Health:</i> Outcomes 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 <i>Agencies:</i> AOTDTA, ARPANSA, FSANZ and NBA</p>
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Department of Health – Professor Jane Halton PSM Secretary**Outcome 1. Population Health**

A reduction in the incidence of preventable mortality and morbidity, including through national public health initiatives, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and approaches covering disease prevention, health screening and immunisation.

Outcome 2. Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Access to cost-effective medicines, including through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and related subsidies, and assistance for medication management through industry partnerships.

Outcome 3. Access to Medical and Dental Services

Access to cost-effective medical, dental, allied health and hearing services, including through implementing targeted medical assistance strategies, and providing Medicare subsidies for clinically relevant services and hearing devices to eligible people.

Outcome 4. Acute Care

Improved access to, and efficiency of, public hospitals, acute and subacute care services, including through payments to state and territory governments.

Outcome 5. Primary Health Care

Access to comprehensive primary and mental health care services, and health care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and rural and remote populations, including through first point of call services for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ill-health and ongoing services for managing chronic disease.

Outcome 6. Private Health

Improved choice in health services by supporting affordable quality private health care, including through private health insurance rebates and a regulatory framework.

Outcome 7. Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

Improved capacity, quality and safety of Australia's health care system to meet current and future health needs including through investment in health infrastructure, regulation, international health policy engagement, research into health care, and support for blood and organ donation services.

Outcome 8. Health Workforce Capacity

Improved capacity, quality and mix of the health workforce to meet the requirements of health services, including through training, registration, accreditation and distribution strategies.

Outcome 9. Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Preparedness to respond to national health emergencies and risks, including through surveillance, regulation, prevention, detection and leadership in national health coordination.

Outcome 10. Sport and Recreation

Improved opportunities for community participation in sport and recreation, and excellence in high-performance athletes, through initiatives to help protect the integrity of sport, investment in sport infrastructure, coordination of Commonwealth involvement in major sporting events, and research and international cooperation on sport issues.

Figure 1: Portfolio Structure and Outcomes (Cont.) – Portfolio Agencies

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Professor Debora Picone AM Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Improved safety and quality in health care across the health system, including through the development, support for implementation, and monitoring of national clinical safety and quality guidelines and standards.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

David Kalisch Director

Outcome 1. A robust evidence-base for the health, housing and community sectors, including through developing and disseminating comparable health and welfare information and statistics.

Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority

Yael Cass Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Improved access to organ and tissue transplants, including through a nationally coordinated and consistent approach and system.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency

Dr Carl-Magnus Larsson Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Protection of people and the environment through radiation protection and nuclear safety research, policy, advice, codes, standards, services and regulation.

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority

Ben McDevitt AM APM Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Protection of the health of athletes and the integrity of Australian sport, including through deterrence, detection and enforcement to eliminate doping.

Australian Sports Commission

Simon Hollingsworth Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Improved participation in structured physical activity, particularly organised sport, at the community level, including through leadership and targeted community-based sports activity.

Outcome 2. Excellence in sports performance and continued international sporting success, by talented athletes and coaches, including through leadership in high performance athlete development, and targeted science and research.

Australian Sports Foundation Limited

Rod Philpot General Manager

Outcome 1. Improved Australian sporting infrastructure through assisting eligible organisations to raise funds for registered sporting projects.

Cancer Australia

Professor Helen Zorbas AO Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Minimised impacts of cancer, including through national leadership in cancer control with targeted research, cancer service development, education and consumer support.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Stephen McCutcheon Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. A safe food supply and well-informed consumers in Australia and New Zealand, including through the development of food regulatory measures and the promotion of their consistent implementation, coordination of food recall activities and the monitoring of consumer and industry food practices.

General Practice Education and Training Ltd

Megan Cahill Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Improved quality and access to primary care across Australia, including through general practitioner vocational education and training for medical graduates.

Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Dr Tony Sherbon Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Promote improved efficiency in, and access to, public hospital services primarily through setting efficient national prices and levels of block funding for hospital activities.

National Blood Authority

Leigh McJames General Manager

Outcome 1. Access to a secure supply of safe and affordable blood products, including through national supply arrangements and coordination of best practice standards within agreed funding policies under the national blood arrangements.

National Health Funding Body

Lynton Norris Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Provide transparent and efficient administration of Commonwealth, state and territory funding of the Australian public hospital system, and support the obligations and responsibilities of the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool.

Figure 1: Portfolio Structure and Outcomes (Cont.) – Portfolio Agencies

National Health and Medical Research Council

Professor Warwick Anderson AM Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Improved health and medical knowledge, including through funding research, translating research findings into evidence-based clinical practice, administering legislation governing research, issuing guidelines and advice for ethics in health and the promotion of public health.

National Health Performance Authority

Dr Diane Watson Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Contribute to transparent and accountable health care services in Australia, including through the provision of independent performance monitoring and reporting; the formulation of performance indicators; and conducting and evaluating research.

National Mental Health Commission

David Butt Acting Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Provide expert advice to the Australian Government and cross-sectoral leadership on the policy, programs, services and systems that support mental health in Australia, including through administering the Annual National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, undertaking performance monitoring and reporting, and engaging consumers and carers.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council

Shaun Gath Chief Executive Officer

Outcome 1. Prudential safety and competitiveness of the private health insurance industry in the interests of consumers, including through efficient industry regulation.

Private Health Insurance Ombudsman

Samantha Gavel Ombudsman

Outcome 1. Public confidence in private health insurance, including through consumer and provider complaint and enquiry investigations, and performance monitoring and reporting.

Professional Services Review

Dr William Coote Director

Outcome 1. A reduction of the risks to patients and costs to the Australian Government of inappropriate clinical practice, including through investigating health services claimed under the Medicare and Pharmaceutical benefits schemes.

Portfolio Resources

Table 1 shows the total resources provided to the portfolio in the 2014-15 budget year by agency.

Table 1: Portfolio Resources 2014-15

	Appropriations			Receipts	Total
	Bill No.1 \$'000	Bill No.2 \$'000	Special \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Departmental					
Department of Health					
Departmental appropriations	479,703	-	-	169,237	648,940
Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care					
Departmental appropriations	-	-	-	7,282	7,282
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare²					
Departmental appropriations	15,800	-	-	33,788	49,588
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority					
Departmental appropriations	6,052	-	-	-	6,052
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency					
Departmental appropriations	15,261	-	-	10,046	25,307
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority					
Departmental appropriations	13,313	-	-	1,762	15,075
Australian Sports Commission					
Departmental appropriations	263,656	1,500	-	32,410	297,566
Cancer Australia					
Departmental appropriations	12,051	-	-	1,474	13,525
Food Standards Australia New Zealand²					
Departmental appropriations	17,495	-	-	2,169	19,664
General Practice Education and Training Limited					
Departmental appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority					
Departmental appropriations	13,449	-	-	314	13,763
National Blood Authority					
Departmental appropriations	6,638	-	-	3,468	10,106
National Health Funding Body					
Departmental appropriations	4,348	-	-	-	4,348

Table 1: Portfolio Resources 2014-15 (Cont.)

	Appropriations			Receipts	Total
	Bill No.1 \$'000	Bill No.2 \$'000	Special \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
National Health and Medical Research Council					
Departmental appropriations	42,159	-		2,000	44,159
National Health Performance Authority					
Departmental appropriations	11,112	-		-	11,112
National Mental Health Commission					
Departmental appropriations	2,866	-		-	2,866
Private Health Insurance Administration Council²					
Departmental appropriations	-	-	6,768	163	6,931
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman					
Departmental appropriations	3,079	-		10	3,089
Professional Services Review					
Departmental appropriations	5,742	-		-	5,742
Total Departmental	912,724	1,500	6,768	264,123	1,185,115

Table 1: Portfolio Resources 2014-15 (Cont.)

	Appropriations			Receipts	Total
	Bill No.1 \$'000	Bill No.2 \$'000	Special \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Administered					
Department of Health					
Administered appropriations	5,830,767	-	37,218,273	811,103	43,860,143
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority					
Administered appropriations	40,394	-	-	-	40,394
Cancer Australia					
Administered appropriations	16,744	-	-	-	16,744
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority					
Administered appropriations	12,277	-	-	150	12,427
National Blood Authority					
Administered appropriations	7,178	-	-	430,756	437,934
National Health and Medical Research Council					
Administered appropriations	905,715	-	-	10,600	916,315
National Health Performance Authority					
Administered appropriations	22,738	-	-	-	22,738
National Mental Health Commission					
Administered appropriations	3,617	-	-	-	3,617
Private Health Insurance Administration Council²					
Administered appropriations	-	-	504,376	46	504,422
Total Administered	6,839,430	-	37,722,649	1,252,655	45,814,734
Total Portfolio	7,752,154	1,500	37,729,417	1,516,778	46,999,849
				Equity injections	8,440
				Non operating administered assets and liabilities	5,682
				Total Portfolio appropriations and receipts	47,013,971

Notes:

All figures are GST exclusive.

- 1 Excludes receipts from related entities from within the Portfolio.
- 2 These agencies are not directly appropriated as they are currently CAC Act Bodies. The CAC Act is due to be repealed and replaced by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* on 1 July 2014.

