

**Health and Ageing - 2009-10 Budget at a Glance**

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<b>INVESTING IN THE HEALTH WORKFORCE – BACKING OUR DOCTORS, NURSES AND MIDWIVES</b>						
Prevocational training for doctors in general practice	-	8.9	10.4	10.5	11.4	<b>41.2</b>
Medicare Benefits Schedule - nurse practitioner workforce - expansion	-	11.5	13.2	17.4	17.6	<b>59.7</b>
Divisions of General Practice program - new funding formula	-	1.9	3.1	2.6	-	<b>7.6</b>
Nursing education and recruitment - further efficiency	-	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	<b>-2.3</b>
Practice incentive payments - quality and administrative improvements - further efficiency	-	2.1	0.6	-13.7	-14.8	<b>-25.8</b>
Support for Specialists to Re-Enter the Workforce - cessation	-	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	<b>-2.6</b>
General practice training - expanding the role of General Practice Education and Training Ltd	-	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	<b>-2.6</b>
General practice training - extension of time for rural placements	-	-	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	<b>-0.8</b>
General practice training - consolidating regional training providers - further efficiency	-	-1.5	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	<b>-10.3</b>
Workforce program - realising efficiency savings from consolidation	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>CONFRONTING THE RURAL HEALTH CHALLENGE</b>						
Rural Health Workforce Strategy	-	26.7	32.7	35.0	40.0	<b>134.4</b>
Mental health - continuation of existing services in rural and remote areas	-	2.7	1.5	1.2	1.3	<b>6.7</b>
Mental health - continuation of Mental Health Support for Drought-Affected Communities program	-	5.2	-	-	-	<b>5.2</b>
Victorian bushfire response - Commonwealth assistance to health services	0.1	4.9	-	-	-	<b>5.0</b>
Rural Health Workforce - maintaining rural multidisciplinary training	-	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	<b>10.9</b>
Woomera Hospital - continued funding	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-</b>
Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit in north-west Tasmania - redirection of funding	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	<b>-4.8</b>
e-Health - electronic clinical information and communication network for north-west Tasmania	-	0.3	0.7	0.2	-	<b>1.2</b>
<b>PROVIDING MORE CHOICE IN MATERNITY CARE – ACCESS TO MEDICARE AND PBS FOR MIDWIVES</b>						
Improving Maternity Services Package	-	14.2	25.4	30.5	50.4	<b>120.5</b>
Expanding Medicare Support for advanced midwives	-	8.1	9.3	17.5	31.8	<b>66.6</b>
Professional indemnity insurance for advanced midwives	-	4.7	8.1	4.4	7.9	<b>25.2</b>
Expansion of the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program	-	-	2.2	3.6	5.5	<b>11.3</b>
Workforce support	-	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.9	<b>8.0</b>
Improved access to information and support	-	0.1	4.1	2.9	2.2	<b>9.4</b>
<b>MODERNISING MEDICARE AND SUPPORTING HIGHER QUALITY CARE</b>						
Medicare Benefits Schedule - a quality framework for reviewing services	-	3.3	6.0	-	-	<b>9.3</b>
Medicare Benefits Schedule - ensuring the appropriate use of clinical procedures and adjusting to modern technologies	-	-24.7	-40.1	-42.9	-45.7	<b>-153.4</b>
Medicare Benefits Schedule - Better Access Initiative - improved targeting for the most in need and better quality services	-	-7.4	-17.2	-6.1	9.1	<b>-21.7</b>
Medicare Benefits Schedule - Better Access Initiative - continuing professional development	-	0.2	0.6	-20.0	-2.2	<b>-21.4</b>
Australian Better Health Initiative - promoting healthy lifestyles - further efficiency	-	-	-12.4	-12.6	-12.9	<b>-37.9</b>
Australian Better Health Initiative - further efficiency	-	-	-26.2	-27.1	-27.6	<b>-80.9</b>
Australian Better Health Initiative - cease promotional activities for 45 Year Old Health Check	-	-0.9	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9	<b>-3.5</b>
Primary care - Sharing Health Care Initiative - further efficiency	-	-2.7	-0.7	-	-	<b>-3.3</b>
Medicare Benefits Schedule - new and revised listings	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	<b>1.4</b>
Hospital Accountability and Performance Program - continuation	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-</b>
<b>A SUSTAINABLE MEDICARE SAFETY NET</b>						
Medicare Benefits Schedule - capping Extended Medicare Safety Net benefits for items with excessive fees - obstetrics services	-	0.3	-48.7	-62.9	-82.3	<b>-193.7</b>
Medicare Benefits Schedule - capping Extended Medicare Safety Net benefits for items with excessive fees	-	-19.1	-62.4	-79.2	-97.3	<b>-257.9</b>

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<b>PROVIDING BETTER ACCESS TO MEDICINES</b>						
Epidermolysis bullosa - national dressing scheme	-	2.0	4.6	4.8	5.0	16.4
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - enhancements to the National Prescribing Service	-	-10.2	-13.2	-14.8	-17.5	-55.6
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - extending the therapeutic group premium policy	-	-12.7	-29.3	-30.4	-41.5	-113.8
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - extending the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reference pricing policy to all non-exempt pharmaceutical items	-	-9.0	-18.6	-17.0	-16.6	-61.2
Stoma Appliance Scheme - implementing a new program framework	-	-0.6	-4.0	-4.3	-4.3	-13.3
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - increased uptake of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme online	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - extension to the listing of Plavix® and Iscover®	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - Interim increase in the handling fee under the section 100 Remote Aboriginal Health Service Program	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - chemotherapy drugs - delayed implementation of more efficient arrangements	-	5.9	-	-	-	5.9
National Return and Disposal of Unwanted Medicines program - additional funding	-	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	2.6
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - minor new listings	20.5	53.0	60.0	62.7	60.0	256.2
<b>CLOSING THE GAP IN INDIGENOUS HEALTH</b>						
Closing the Gap - Northern Territory - Indigenous health and related services	-	14.5	57.5	59.1	-	131.1
Closing the Gap - improving eye and ear health services for Indigenous Australians	-	6.2	15.4	18.3	18.5	58.3
Torres Strait health protection strategy	-	4.7	4.8	2.1	2.2	13.8
Closing the Gap - Indigenous dental services in rural and regional areas	-	1.3	2.9	3.4	3.4	11.0
Closing the Gap - expanding link-up services for the Stolen Generations	-	2.3	5.5	6.1	-	13.8
Closing the Gap - quality assurance for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Services pathology program - enhancement	-	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	3.8
Reduction of the business management training initiative - further efficiency	-	-1.0	-1.2	-1.3	-1.3	-4.7
Shared Responsibility and Regional Partnership Agreements - further efficiency	-	-2.0	-2.3	-2.6	-3.1	-10.0
Indigenous access to health care services - further efficiency	-	-2.8	-2.7	-2.4	-2.4	-10.3
<b>A WORLD-CLASS CANCER CARE SYSTEM</b>						
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - listing of Avastin® (bevacizumab)	-	65.4	82.4	83.7	82.6	314.1
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - listing of Sutent® (sunitinib)	6.6	36.1	31.0	29.0	28.3	131.1
Breast cancer treatment - continuation of funding for the Herceptin® program	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Class Cancer Care - Building Cancer Support Networks program - continued funding	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Class Cancer Care - Mentoring for Regional Hospitals and Cancer Professionals program - continued funding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer Australia - improved lung cancer data and treatment guidelines	-	0.9	2.4	1.7	1.7	6.8
World Class Cancer Care - cancer data to improve cancer survival	-	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	4.2
Health and Hospitals Fund - national cancer statement	40.0	42.0	415.0	336.0	342.0	1,175.0
Medicare Benefits Schedule - access to positron emission tomography services provided at Westmead and Royal North Shore Hospitals and Austin Health Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Radiation oncology - national radiotherapy single machine trial - discontinuation	-	-1.3	-1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-5.4
<b>MORE SUPPORT FOR BULK BILLING PATHOLOGY AND DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TESTS</b>						
Medicare Benefits Schedule - diagnostic imaging and pathology services - improving the quality of services and addressing workforce shortages	-	5.6	8.2	-0.3	-10.0	3.5
Medicare Benefits Schedule - diagnostic imaging and pathology services - bulk-billing incentives and rationalisation of patient episode initiation fees	-	33.2	47.1	50.8	54.3	185.3
Medicare Benefits Schedule - diagnostic imaging and pathology services - rebalancing of pathology fees	-	-0.6	-0.9	-1.2	-1.5	-4.1
Medicare Benefits Schedule - diagnostic imaging and pathology services - changes to fees for fully depreciated diagnostic imaging equipment	-	0.2	0.6	-64.7	-70.6	-134.5
Medicare Benefits Schedule - diagnostic imaging and pathology services - reviews of pathology and diagnostic imaging items	-	2.4	3.6	-	-	6.0
Magnetic Resonance Imaging - transitional funding for Gippsland and South Eastern NSW mobile unit	-	0.6	0.9	-	-	1.5
Medicare Benefits Schedule - reversal of proposal to fund magnetic resonance imaging scans of the knee or brain - further efficiency	-	-4.0	-3.9	-3.8	-3.6	-15.3
<b>INCREASING COMPETITION IN PATHOLOGY AND DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING</b>						
Medicare Benefits Schedule - diagnostic imaging and pathology services - improving competition	-	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.4
<b>REBALANCING SUPPORT FOR PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE</b>						
Private health insurance - fair and sustainable support for the future	1.0	124.6	-695.4	-650.2	-680.8	-1,901.8

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<b>AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE FUNDING - SECURING AND PLANNING FOR THE CHALLENGES OF OUR NATION'S AGEING POPULATION</b>						
Secure and sustainable pension - residential aged care	0.1	4.7	8.5	8.5	3.4	25.3
<b>MEASURES TO SUPPORT OLDER AUSTRALIANS</b>						
Aged care viability supplements - increase	-	2.6	12.2	-	-	14.8
National Palliative Care Strategy - continuation of funding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Continence Aids Payment Scheme - more choice for users	-	5.0	-7.1	-4.7	-3.9	-10.7
Assistive Technology in Community Care program - discontinuation	-	-6.6	-6.3	-6.4	-6.5	-25.8
Fairer income testing in residential aged care - ending the 28-day income test exemption	-	-4.5	-10.9	-11.8	-12.9	-40.0
Prudential regulation of aged care providers - not to proceed with cost recovery	-	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	8.6
<b>SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN SPORT AND RECREATION</b>						
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority - continued funding for Australia's anti-doping framework	-	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3	21.1
European training base for Australian athletes - continuation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sporting facilities in Mackay - contribution	-	1.3	-	-	-	1.3
Surf Life Saving Australia - contribution to upgrade information and technology systems	4.4	-	-	-	-	4.4
<b>NATION BUILDING</b>						
Health and Hospitals Fund - hospital infrastructure and other projects of national significance	100.0	383.7	273.5	307.2	287.0	1,351.4
Health and Hospitals Fund - translational research and workforce training	46.0	40.0	159.0	170.0	14.0	429.0
<b>OTHER MEASURES</b>						
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - improving access to data and analysis	-	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.9
Australian Red Cross Society - additional funding	-	5.0	5.0	-	-	10.0
e-Health programs - further efficiency	-	-9.7	-12.1	-13.0	-	-34.8
Food Standards Australia New Zealand - funding for upgrading computer systems	-	1.5	1.4	-	-	2.9
Grants for physical activity projects in the community - discontinuation	-	-0.1	..	-1.6	-1.6	-3.3
Health and hospital reform - establishment of the National Institute of Virology	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hearing services - introduction of hearing threshold	-	0.6	-9.7	-12.0	-12.8	-33.9
Investment in Preventive Health (Environmental Health) program - further efficiency	-	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9
Leadership in mental health reform - continuation and further efficiency	-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-20.0
National Illicit Drug Strategy - a more strategic approach	-	-3.3	-5.7	-6.1	-9.6	-24.7
National Joint Replacement Registry - cost recovery	-	-1.0	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-5.0
National Serology Reference Laboratory - additional funding for regulatory operation:	-	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.0	4.8
Priority Health and Medical Research program - further efficiency	-	-4.1	-4.3	-4.4	-4.5	-17.2
Private health insurance - transparent premium setting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Health Education and Research Program - discontinuation	-	-	-6.6	-11.3	-11.5	-29.5
Regulation of research involving human embryos and the prohibition of human cloning - continuation of funding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Review of the National Blood Arrangements	-	0.7	0.7	-	-	1.5
Support for diabetes - remove duplication in research effort	-	-7.7	-7.9	-8.0	-8.2	-31.9