

## Health and Ageing – 2003-04 Budget at a Glance

	Budget	Forward Estimates			Measure
	2003-04 \$m	2004-05 \$m	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	Total \$m*
<b><i>Fairer Medicare – Better Access, More Affordable</i></b>					
New GP training places	12.9	37.5	63.0	76.0	<b>189.5</b>
Additional medical school places	5.1	8.4	12.4	16.3	<b>42.1</b>
More nurses and allied health workers for urban areas of workforce shortage	15.0	15.7	16.4	17.1	<b>64.2</b>
Reducing up front costs for GP visits <sup>1</sup>	4.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	<b>11.0</b>
Encourage GP take up of HIC Online <sup>1</sup>	4.2	2.0	1.3	0.2	<b>9.0</b>
GP incentive payments to bulk bill patients with concession cards <sup>1</sup>	46.8	80.0	103.1	115.6	<b>346.2</b>
Improved information and practice management	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.0	<b>6.1</b>
New Medicare Safety Net for patients with concession cards <sup>1</sup>	12.8	17.9	17.7	18.1	<b>67.1</b>
New private health insurance safety net for out-of-hospital Medicare expenses <sup>1</sup>	16.3	24.2	23.5	24.4	<b>89.6</b>
Information for the public and medical professionals <sup>1</sup>	19.1	-	-	-	<b>21.1</b>
Access to Broadband Technology	4.1	5.1	-	-	<b>9.2</b>
<b><i>Australian Health Care Agreements</i></b>					
Australian Health Care Agreements	-108.9	-172.0	-264.6	-372.9	<b>-918.5</b>
<b><i>Focus on Prevention</i></b>					
Focus on Prevention - community awareness and infrastructure	2.1	1.5	0.7	-	<b>4.3</b>
Focus on Prevention - primary health care providers working together	2.7	4.6	4.6	4.5	<b>16.4</b>
Focus on Prevention - priority-setting mechanism	-	-	-	-	-
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome <sup>1</sup>	1.7	-	-	-	<b>2.2</b>
National Meningococcal C Campaign – additional funding	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	<b>2.6</b>
National Breast Cancer Centre <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Support services for women with breast cancer <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Hepatitis C prevention and education – maintain funding <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Preventing falls in older people <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Sharing health care initiative <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary annual health assessments for older Australians <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
GP involvement in coordinated care planning <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Multidisciplinary case conferencing <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
General Practice Education, Support and Community Linkages Programme – redirection of funding <sup>3</sup>	-1.4	-1.7	-1.8	-1.8	<b>- 6.7</b>
Enhanced Divisional Quality Use of Medicines Programme – maintain funding <sup>4</sup>	10.9	17.0	19.2	21.6	<b>68.6</b>
<b><i>A Safe and Effective Health Care System for All Australians</i></b>					
National Blood Authority – establishment and new Commonwealth funding arrangements	1.0	-6.0	-8.3	-8.6	<b>-21.8</b>
HealthConnect – a national information network	2.5	2.5	-	-	<b>5.0</b>
Trans-Tasman Therapeutic Products Agency – establishment	5.4	2.6	-	-	<b>8.1</b>
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	8.1	8.4	-	-	<b>16.5</b>
National Health and Medical Research Council – regulation of research involving embryos and prohibition of human cloning	3.3	3.3	-	-	<b>6.6</b>
Pathology – Quality and Outlays Agreements	-	-	-	-	-

\* Some totals are affected by rounding. All totals were based on raw figures to three decimal places, added and then rounded.

<sup>1</sup> Measure total includes amounts for 2002-03 which are not shown.

<sup>2</sup> Amounts contained in the forward estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Funding for this measure has been redirected to other areas.

<sup>4</sup> Continuation of existing measure. Positive amounts indicate a reduction in expected savings.

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Improved Monitoring of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Entitlements initiative	14.8	-	-	-	14.8
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – improved entitlement validation of concession cards	11.6	2.8	-14.0	-32.7	-32.4
Private Health Insurance Premiums – further measures to contain future increases	-0.1	-10.4	-14.4	-24.7	-49.6
Diagnostic imaging – new agreements	-	-	-	-	-
Food Standards Australia New Zealand – development of primary production and processing standards	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.1
Food Standards Australia New Zealand – increased funding	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8
Health Insurance Commission – additional funding	40.0	-	-	-	40.0
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency Medicare Easyclaim <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman – maintain existing funding <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Private health insurance levy – supporting the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Services Review <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Health Cover – terminate funding for implementation <sup>3</sup>	-1.5	-1.5	-1.6	-1.8	-6.4
<b><i>National Illicit Drugs Strategy</i></b>					
National Comorbidity Initiative	1.7	2.7	-	-	4.4
Psychostimulants initiative	1.0	1.0	-	-	2.0
Rural and regional initiative	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0
Research fund	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.8
Australian Drug Information Network	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0
Continuation of funding for Illicit Drug Diversion initiative <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Maintain education, counselling and referral services through the Needle and Syringe Programmes <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Needle and Syringe Programme distribution of injecting equipment <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Reprioritisation of funding for retractable needles and syringes <sup>5</sup>	-3.3	-5.4	-	-	- 8.7
Cannabis cessation strategies <sup>3</sup>	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1
Redirection of funds from the Community Partnerships Initiative <sup>3</sup>	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-4.4
<b><i>Ongoing Support for Rural Australians</i></b>					
Medical Indemnity Insurance Framework – rural obstetricians GPs in rural and remote areas – retention payments <sup>2</sup>	3.8	2.3	2.1	2.1	10.3
Rural Women’s GP Service <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Rural medical students funding to assist with their studies <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Regional Health Services programme <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Regional medical schools	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	- 10.0
<b><i>Quality of Life for Older Australians</i></b>					
Aged Care Assessment Teams	2.5	-	-	-	2.5
Dementia and challenging behaviours initiative <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
100 extra aged care beds in regional health services – maintain funding <sup>5</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth Carelink <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Pre 1 October 1997 nursing home residents – maintain funding <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth Hearing Services Programme - indexation of charges	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-2.2

<sup>5</sup>Funding for this measure has been continued at a lower level than previously estimated.

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