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**Funding Boost For Medical Training at Sunshine Hospital**

The Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon, today visited the Sunshine Hospital to inspect plans for the hospital's new teaching, training and research facility.

Work on the site is expected to commence in the coming months after the Federal Government kick started the program with \$5.6 million for works to get underway. The Federal Government has committed \$7 million in total to the project.

Construction of this new facility will enhance the hospital's capacity to deliver clinical training for local medical, nursing and allied health students, and provide new multidisciplinary facilities for Western Health's doctors, nurses and other health professionals.

Once completed the facility will:

- Provide a high fidelity simulation laboratory to conduct both clinical and surgical skills training
- Support high quality clinical research to support improvements in patient care
- Include lecture and teaching space.

The redevelopment project will attract more doctors, nurses and medical students to Melbourne's Western suburbs. Patients will also benefit from improved clinical services and increased workforce.

The project is being conducted in cooperation with Western Health, Victoria University and the University of Melbourne. A detailed project plan has been received by the Federal Government and construction is expected to commence in October.

The new facility at Sunshine Hospital will deliver a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate health courses for medical students from the University of Melbourne and Victoria University.

The Victorian Government has also committed \$28.6 million to the redevelopment project, and the Victoria University and the University of Melbourne are contributing \$8 million each.

The new centre is expected to be completed by mid-2010.

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