# Department of Health and Aged Care

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## Section 1: Entity overview and resources

### 1.1 Strategic direction statement

The 2024–25 Federal Budget continues to build on the Government’s already significant achievements in improving Australia’s health system.

Medicare is the back bone of our universal health system. Our Government will continue to strengthen Medicare, and put people at the centre of healthcare, focussing on their ability to access affordable, essential services when and where they need them. We are committed to improving health equity and prioritising prevention and early intervention, to ensure that Australia’s health system continues to deliver for all Australians.

We will achieve this by providing further Medicare Urgent Care Centres (UCCs), ensuring that essential services are available to more communities across Australia. Our Government continues to identify opportunities to deliver cheaper medicines, improve patient health outcomes and secure a strong community pharmacy sector.

We continue to ensure we are doing all we can to support health equity and people’s ability to achieve their full health potential. This includes further investing in a world’s best practice national newborn bloodspot screening program and reducing communicable disease transmission by expanding testing, treatment and prevention for First Nations, and rural and remote communities. We also remain steadfast in our commitment to eliminate HIV transmission in Australia by 2030 and minimise the social and personal impacts of HIV.

The Government is committed to achieving better health for women, children and families. This Budget includes measures to ensure women and girls have access to holistic, tailored healthcare and information that enable them to make informed choices. These measures include targeted programs on sexual and reproductive health services.

We also reaffirm our commitment to older Australians through continued investment in aged care reform to ensure people can age with dignity and choice. The quality and standard of aged care will be further supported through increases to award wages for the essential aged care workforce, in line with the Fair Work Commission decision.

The Government is investing in protection, prevention and early intervention to keep Australians as healthy as possible. We are providing funding for a range of chronic conditions and investing in our made in Australia research capabilities. Furthermore, a new and more efficient sports funding program will invest in sport participation through grants to community organisations, helping people stay healthier for longer.

Australians deserve a world leading health system that is there for them in times of need. The Government will continue to invest in those areas that matter the most, supporting equity and keeping Australians healthier for longer; ensuring care is available when and where they need it.

***Strengthening Medicare***

Medicare is the foundation of healthcare in Australia and synonymous with easy access to affordable care. The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) supported over 454 million health services in 2022–23, with 23.5 million people accessing at least one service. This Budget builds on the Government’s agenda to strengthen Medicare through long-term reform and the delivery of affordable, high-quality primary care for all Australians, whenever they need it. Investments include:

* $227.0 million to provide a further 29 Medicare UCCs to make urgent health care more accessible and reduce waiting times in emergency departments.
* $882.2 million investment to better support older people and relieve pressure on our public hospitals. States and territories will be funded to deliver hospital outreach services in the community, provide virtual care services, upskill our residential aged care workforce, and deliver complex care for older people outside of the hospital. Together with Medicare UCCs, this investment will reduce presentations to emergency departments and support older people to receive the care they need in the community.
* $127.8 million in new services on the MBS and changes to existing services will ensure that all Medicare eligible patients have access to safe and clinically relevant services with appropriate rebates. This includes $49.1 million for longer gynaecology consultations for patients who have complex needs, and $56.5 million for eligible midwives to provide longer consultations before and after the birth of a child.
* $23.1 million to extend the Continuous Review of the MBS. This is a critical part of Strengthening Medicare by ensuring that the MBS funds high quality, safe and contemporary clinical services for Australian patients.
* $69.8 million to increase the number of Medicare eligible magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines. This will reduce waiting times and help stop patients from being referred for less appropriate scans. An additional investment of $92.8 million will increase rebates and reintroduce indexation for nuclear medicine imaging items to ensure these services remain accessible and affordable for patients.
* $174.1 million for labour intensive pathology test indexation.
* $335.7 million for permanent arrangements for COVID-19/Respiratory panel tests.

***Mental Health***

This Budget is building on the Government’s previous investments to address critical gaps in mental health and suicide prevention by expanding the range of free mental health services, so that Australians get the right level of care for their needs.

This Budget will invest $163.9 million to establish a nationwide low intensity mental health service so every Australian will be able to pick up the phone and access free mental health support, whenever they need it. Some people will benefit from talking to someone who is trained to have those important conversations over the course of days, weeks or months. Others will just want a bit of coaching or advice, and to be given the tools and resources they need to work through things at their own pace and in their own time.

And importantly, ensuring those 150,000 people each year can get that free support early, without waiting for a referral or being worried about a gap fee, will make it less likely that their problem will worsen into something more structural and long-term.

For Australians with more complex mental health needs, an investment of $27.6 million will upgrade and establish a network of 61 Medicare Mental Health Centres, through a clinical upgrade to the established Head to Health network to ensure that every centre can provide free access to a psychologist and psychiatrist. 61 Medicare Mental Health Centres will be opened by the middle of 2026. They will be free, they will be walk in, and they will need no referral.

In addition, the Government is investing $71.7 million for Primary Health Networks to commission the services of mental health nurses, counsellors, social workers and others, to provide ongoing and wraparound care to people with complex needs, in between their GP and specialist appointments.

An additional $7.1 million will be provided to address workforce capacity and composition by undertaking a National Census of the lived experience (peer) workforce, providing one-off seed funding to establish a national professional association for peer workers, and exploring a new psychology assistant role.

Funding for a number of mental health and suicide prevention programs will target critical gaps in the system. This includes:

* $29.7 million to fund the headspace Early Career Program and to commission and   
  co-design fit-for-purpose models of care for mental health services for young Australians.
* $21.0 million for Primary Health Networks to continue the Targeted Regional Initiative for Suicide Prevention.
* $10.0 million to the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation to boost mental health supports for First Nations People.
* $3.0 million to the MATES suicide prevention program for Fly-in-Fly out and   
  Drive-in- Drive out workers.

***Women and Families***

The Government is committed to achieving better health outcomes through the National Women’s Health Strategy, responding to recommendations from the Senate inquiry into universal access to reproductive healthcare, and supporting the forthcoming Working for Women: A Strategy for Gender Equality. This Budget includes a $51.0 million investment to ensure women and girls have access to holistic, tailored health care and information that will enable them to make informed choices about their bodies. $47.6 million of this is targeted to sexual and reproductive health services and improved training of health professionals in this area.

The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Continuous Review Program will consider the appropriateness of a number of MBS items for long-acting reversible contraceptives and diagnostic imaging procedures to ensure that they support equitable and affordable access for Australian women. The review will also consider how high-quality, safe services can be provided by appropriately trained health practitioners, including doctors, nurse practitioners and nurses.

The Government has committed $3.5 million to enable privately practicing midwives to provide intrapartum care outside of a hospital for low risk home births and safeguard the Birthing on Country model of care. The expansion will support improved health outcomes for First Nations women and babies by enabling Birthing on Country programs to engage midwives who can provide culturally safe, continuous midwifery care.

***Making medicines cheaper***

The Government remains committed to reducing barriers to accessing health care and cutting the cost of medicines, especially at a time when cost of living pressures are high. This Budget will include $3.0 billion to strengthen pharmacy and keep medicines cheaper, including a one-year freeze on indexation for Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)   
co-payments for general patients and up to a five-year freeze for pensioners and Commonwealth concession cardholders, from 1 January 2025. This investment will also support an increase in caps for the Dose Administration Aid services. Furthermore, this Budget will provide:

* More life changing medicines have been added to the PBS; from January 2024 to May 2024, with the Government committing additional funding of $3.4 billion for   
  42 new and amended medicines listed on the PBS including:
* the new listing of mavacamten (Camzyos®), and tafamidis (Vyndamax®) on the PBS. This will provide affordable access to new life altering medication to Australians with certain types of cardiomyopathies (disorders of the heart muscle), with around 3,600 and 1,200 patients, respectively, expected to benefit each year.
* extending the listing of abemaciclib (Verzenio®) on the PBS for treatment of hormone receptor positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative, lymph node positive, invasive, resected early breast cancer at high risk of disease recurrence. This expanded listing is expected to benefit around 2,400 patients per year.
* continued access to antiviral treatments to protect those at highest risk of severe COVID-19.
* Access to the Closing the Gap PBS Co-payment Program will be broadened to support eligible First Nations patients to access more affordable PBS medicines wherever they fill their scripts.
* $142.2 million will be invested to increase access to life saving vaccines through the National Immunisation Program and to address declining rates of immunisation among First Nations people.
* $1.4 billion to the Medical Research Future Fund 10 year investment plan, to provide certainty and direction to the research sector by supporting research aligned with community priorities. More patients will benefit from access to cutting edge new treatments and intervention and access to health services that adopt and translate evidence into practice.
* $18.8 million to the National One Stop Shop for clinical trials and health–related human research. This will deliver a new centralised platform to make it easier for patients to be part of health and medical research.

***Ensuring dignity and choice in aged care***

The Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety   
(Royal Commission) was released three years ago. The Australian Government has since invested significantly to fix the aged care crisis, including establishing an Aged Care Taskforce to advise on funding arrangements. These investments have delivered an additional 3.6 million minutes of direct care to older people, implemented a requirement for a registered nurse to be on site 24/7, and provide greater transparency around the quality and provider expenditure on care through the Star Ratings and Dollars to Care initiatives.

This Budget builds on these commitments, including $1.4 billion for the sustainment of, and essential enhancements to, critical aged care digital systems to remain contemporary and better integrate health and aged care systems and $531.4 million to release additional Home Care Packages to reduce package wait times. An investment of $88.4 million will continue to attract and retain the aged care workforce, and provide better staffing solutions.   
$37.0 million will also better support the My Aged Care contact centre to address increased demand and service complexity for older Australians and their families seeking aged care systems support.

***Keeping Australians fit and well***

The Government is investing in protection, prevention and early intervention to keep Australians as healthy as possible. This Budget includes $126.5 million to reduce communicable disease transmission, particularly STIs, by expanding testing, treatment and prevention, including extending access to point of care testing for First Nations people and rural and remote communities.

An investment of $43.9 million will support the Government’s commitment to eliminate HIV transmission in Australia by 2030 and minimise the social and personal impacts of HIV. Implementing the HIV Taskforce’s evidence–based recommendations will address key priorities for Australia’s HIV response focussing on: prevention, testing, treatment, raising awareness, de-stigmatisation, decriminalisation and continued partnerships with affected communities.

$41.6 million will continue critical work support for the prevention, treatment and reduction of alcohol and other drug related harms. $11.6 million will improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing of Australian men and boys. Further, $25.0 million will be directed to delivering on election commitments to continue work on increasing the number and consistency of conditions screened through the national newborn bloodspot screening program.

This Budget continues the Government’s long–term vision to refocus the health system towards prevention and keeping people well, while also ensuring that those who need treatment are able to access it where and when they need it. Additionally, a new and more efficient capped sports funding program will invest $132.7 million in sport participation through grants to community organisations and stakeholders.

Continuing the Government’s investment to improve cancer outcomes, $10.3 million will fund the development of a National Roadmap for a new skin cancer screening service.

Eligibility for free bowel cancer screening under the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program will also expanded to include those 45 years of age to align with guidance from the National Health and Medical Research Council, and support to follow up people under the program will be increased.

Additionally, a $5.8 million investment will continue strategies to prevent preterm and early‐term birth and reduce the number of babies born too early in participating maternity services and First Nations communities. $0.9 million will continue to fund Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) diagnostic and support services.

Furthermore, this Budget will include $31.4 million to prevent, protect and control communicable disease in the Torres Strait Islands and far-north Queensland.

### 1.2 Entity resource statement

Table 1.1 shows the total resourcing from all sources available to the entity for its operations and to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Government.

The table summarises how resources will be applied by outcome (government strategic policy objectives) and by administered (on behalf of the Government or the public) and departmental (for the entity’s operations) classification.

For more detailed information on special accounts and special appropriations, please refer to the *Budget Paper No. 4 – Agency Resourcing*.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (that is, appropriations/cash available) basis, whilst the ‘Budgeted expenses by Outcome 1’ tables in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis. Amounts presented below are consistent with amounts presented in the Appropriation Bills themselves.

Table 1.1: Department of Health and Aged Care resource statement – Budget estimates for 2024–25 as at Budget May 2024

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2023–24 Estimated actual $'000** | **2024–25 Estimate  $'000** |
| **DEPARTMENTAL** |  |  |
| Prior year appropriation available | 185,729 | 109,976 |
| **Annual appropriations** |  |  |
| Ordinary annual services (a) |  |  |
| Departmental appropriation | 1,335,588 | 1,479,713 |
| s74 retained revenue receipts (b) | 28,012 | 39,597 |
| Departmental Capital Budget (c) | 19,708 | 21,449 |
| Other services (d) |  |  |
| Equity injection | 236,501 | 322,855 |
| **Total departmental annual appropriations** | **1,619,809** | **1,863,614** |
| **Special accounts (e) (f)** |  |  |
| Opening balance | 117,273 | 106,679 |
| Appropriation receipts (g) | 46,631 | 67,379 |
| Non-appropriation receipts | 216,561 | 223,585 |
| **Total special accounts** | **380,465** | **397,643** |
| Less appropriations drawn from annual or special appropriations above and credited to special accounts (h) | (46,631) | (67,379) |
| **Total departmental resourcing for Health and Aged Care** | **2,139,372** | **2,303,854** |

Table 1.1: Department of Health and Aged Care resource statement – Budget estimates for 2024–25 as at Budget May 2024 (continued)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2023–24 Estimated actual $'000** | **2024–25 Estimate  $'000** |
| **ADMINISTERED** |  |  |
| **Annual appropriations** |  |  |
| Ordinary annual services (a) |  |  |
| Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support | 8,197,650 | 7,640,661 |
| Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits | 1,834,961 | 1,748,910 |
| Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care | 6,748,392 | 5,707,233 |
| Outcome 4: Sport and Physical Activity | 98,448 | 147,358 |
| Payments to corporate entities (i) | 673,387 | 648,735 |
| Other services (d) |  |  |
| Administered assets and liabilities | 43,887 | 65,676 |
| Payments to corporate entities (i) | 39,534 | 48,028 |
| **Total administered annual appropriations** | **17,636,259** | **16,006,601** |
| **Special appropriations limited by criteria/entitlement** |  |  |
| *National Health Act 1953* - blood fractionation products and blood related products to National Blood Authority | 1,067,215 | 1,140,796 |
| *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 s77* – repayments | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| *Private Health Insurance Act 2007* - incentive payments and rebate | 7,045,553 | 7,252,067 |
| *Medical Indemnity Act 2002* | 103,764 | 114,764 |
| *Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Act 2010* | 1,294 | 1,291 |
| *Dental Benefits Act 2008* | 334,383 | 321,889 |
| *National Health Act 1953* - aids and appliances | 514,817 | 502,749 |
| *National Health Act 1953* - essential vaccines | 733,797 | 627,446 |
| *Aged Care Act 1997* - residential and home care | 27,303,164 | 30,725,114 |
| *National Health Act 1953* - continence aids payments | 116,815 | 105,880 |
| *Aged Care Act 1997* - flexible care | 809,020 | 900,093 |
| **Total administered special appropriations** | **38,031,822** | **41,694,089** |

Table 1.1: Department of Health and Aged Care resource statement – Budget estimates for 2024–25 as at Budget May 2024 (continued)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2023–24 Estimated actual $'000** | **2024–25 Estimate  $'000** |
| **Special accounts (e) (f)** |  |  |
| Opening balance | 5,364,420 | 5,427,707 |
| Appropriation receipts (g) | 76,754 | 7,133 |
| Non-appropriation receipts | 48,194,010 | 50,262,115 |
| **Total special accounts** | **53,635,184** | **55,696,955** |
| **Total administered resourcing** | **109,303,265** | **113,397,645** |
| Less appropriations drawn from annual or special appropriations above and credited to special accounts and/or payments to corporate entities through annual appropriations (h) | (789,675) | (703,896) |
| **Total administered resourcing for Health** | **108,513,590** | **112,693,749** |
| **Total resourcing for Health and Aged Care** | **110,652,962** | **114,997,603** |
|  |  |  |
|  | **2023-24** | **2024-25** |
| **Average staffing level (number)** | 6,127 | 6,320 |

All figures are GST exclusive.

Prepared on a resourcing (i.e. appropriation available) basis.

(a) Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024–25.

(b) Estimated retained revenue receipts under section 74 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act).

(c) Departmental Capital Budgets are not separately identified in Appropriation Bill (No. 1) and form part of ordinary annual services items. Please refer to Table 3.5 for further details. For accounting purposes, this amount has been designated as a 'contribution by owner'.

(d) Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2024–25.

(e) For further information on special appropriations and special accounts, please refer to *Budget Paper No. 4 - Agency Resourcing*. Please also see Table 2.1 for further information on outcome and program expenses broken down by various funding sources, e.g. annual appropriations, special appropriations and special accounts.

(f) Excludes Services for Other Entities and Trust Moneys Special Account as this account is not considered resourcing for the Department of Health and Aged Care (Health).

(g) Amounts credited to the special account(s) from Health's annual and special appropriations.

(h) Appropriation receipts from Health annual and special appropriations included above.

(i) 'Corporate entities' are corporate Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies as defined under the PGPA Act.

### 1.3 Budget measures

Budget measures in Part 1 relating to the Department of Health and Aged Care are detailed in the Budget Paper No. 2 and are summarised below.

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures

**Part 1: Measures announced since the 2023–24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | | **2023–24 $'000** | | **2024–25 $'000** | | **2025–26 $'000** | | **2026–27 $'000** | | **2027–28 $'000** | | |
| **2024 Channel Nine Brisbane Telethon (a)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| Administered payments | 1.5 | | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | | |
| **Total payments** |  | | **-** | | **-** | | **-** | | **-** | | **-** | | |
| **Ensuring Service Delivery at Hummingbird House (b)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| Departmental payments |  | | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | | |
| Department of the Treasury |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| Administered payments |  | | - | | 900 | | - | | - | | - | | |
| **Total payments** |  | | **-** | | **900** | | **-** | | **-** | | **-** | | |
| **Funding for the Alfred Hospital** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| Administered payments | 1.5 | | - | | 12,000 | | - | | - | | - | | |
|  | 2.1 | | - | | - | | 2,434 | | 2,580 | | 2,639 | | |
| **Total payments** |  | | **-** | | **12,000** | | **2,434** | | **2,580** | | **2,639** | | |
| **Health Workforce** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| Administered payments | 1.4 | | 3,180 | | 72,374 | | 991 | | 1,020 | | 1,050 | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | | 1,932 | | 4,670 | | 1,806 | | - | | - | | |
| Department of the Treasury |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| Administered payments |  | | - | | 9,400 | | - | | - | | - | | |
| **Total payments** |  | | **5,112** | | **86,444** | | **2,797** | | **1,020** | | **1,050** | | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | |
| **Improving Aged Care Support (b)(c)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.6 | - | 5,238 | 5,461 | - | - | |
|  | 3.1 | - | 76,502 | 76,381 | - | - | |
|  | 3.2 | - | 534,109 | 1,526 | - | - | |
|  | 3.3 | - | 24,362 | 31,876 | 28,681 | 975 | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 37 | 14 | - | - | |
|  | 3 | (16,000) | 353,563 | 347,321 | 8,833 | 6,310 | |
| Departmental capital payments | 3 | - | 283,528 | 134,214 | 47 | 26 | |
| Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Departmental payments |  | - | 97,527 | 3,520 | - | - | |
| Australian Digital Health Agency |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Departmental payments |  | - | 6,137 | 6,042 | - | - | |
| Departmental capital payments |  | - | 1,366 | - | - | - | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | - | - | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **(16,000)** | **1,382,369** | **606,355** | **37,561** | **7,311** | |
| **Improving Cancer Outcomes** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.5 | - | 11,387 | 12,558 | 4,278 | 3,215 | |
|  | 2.1 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 233 | 170 | 173 | 176 | |
| Department of the Treasury |  | - | - |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | 9,196 | 9,544 | 9,882 | 10,207 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **20,816** | **22,272** | **14,333** | **13,598** | |
| **Management of Torres Strait and Papua New Guinea Cross Border Health Issues (b)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | 7,669 | 7,787 | 7,906 | 7,992 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **7,669** | **7,787** | **7,906** | **7,992** | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | |
| **Medical Research (c)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.1 | - | 800 | 800 | - | - | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 17,236 | - | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **18,036** | **800** | **-** | **-** | |
| **Mental Health (b)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.2 | - | 28,854 | 79,882 | 66,629 | 74,152 | |
|  | 1.5 | - | - | - | - | - | |
|  | 2.1 |  |  | (37,878) | (57,919) | (60,347) | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 1,397 | 1,925 | 1,537 | 1,365 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **30,251** | **43,929** | **10,247** | **15,170** | |
| **National Joint Replacement Registry – additional funding** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 2.4 | 1,249 | 1,561 | - | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **1,249** | **1,561** | **-** | **-** | **-** | |
| *Related receipts* |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| *Department of Health and Aged Care* |  | - | 312 | 313 | 312 | 312 | |
| **National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections – continuation and expansion** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.8 | - | 64,947 | 59,063 | - | - | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 1,268 | 1,235 | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **66,215** | **60,298** | **-** | **-** | |
| **Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) New and Amended Listings (c)(d)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | 1,661 | 6,550 | 5,382 | 5,124 | 4,832 | |
|  | 2.3 | 322,396 | 1,016,538 | 866,800 | 529,194 | 551,643 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **324,057** | **1,023,088** | **872,182** | **534,318** | **556,475** | |
| *Related receipts* |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| *Department of Health and Aged Care* |  | *nfp* | *nfp* | *nfp* | *nfp* | *nfp* | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | |
| **Portfolio Administrative Matters** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.2 | - | 4,475 | 6,093 | 6,245 | 6,318 | |
|  | 4.1 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,003 | - | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Departmental capital payments | 1 | 7,000 | 16,713 | 13,570 | 2,333 | 2,459 | |
| National Mental Health Commission |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | (4,475) | (6,093) | (6,245) | (6,318) | |
| Departmental payments |  | - | (8,213) | (11,070) | (11,333) | (11,459) | |
| National Health and Medical Research Council |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Departmental payments |  | 9,000 | - | - | - | - | |
| National Blood Authority |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Departmental payments |  | - | 2,626 | 2,729 | 2,768 | 2,841 | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | (8,447) | 8,447 | - | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **7,553** | **22,573** | **8,229** | **(4,229)** | **(6,159)** | |
| **Preventive Health (b)(c)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.1 | - | - | - | - | - | |
|  | 1.4 | - | 135 | 138 | 142 | - | |
|  | 1.5 | - | 51,946 | 33,888 | 3,774 | 3,743 | |
|  | 1.8 | - | 79,739 | 46,132 | 5,650 | 5,774 | |
|  | 1.9 | - | (133) | (136) | (139) | - | |
|  | 2.7 | - | 1,883 | 616 | 616 | 616 | |
| Administered capital payments | 1.8 | - | 59,501 | 114,515 | - | - | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 3,499 | 6,978 | 2,273 | 2,294 | |
| Departmental capital payments | 1 | - | 8,600 | 1,100 | - | - | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | 21,242 | 21,603 | 22,061 | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **226,412** | **224,834** | **34,377** | **12,427** | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | |
| **Response to HIV Taskforce Recommendations - eliminating HIV in Australia** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.8 | - | 9,745 | 7,988 | - | - | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 97 | 17 | - | - | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | - | 12,854 | 13,149 | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **9,842** | **20,859** | **13,149** | **-** | |
| **Securing Cheaper Medicines (d)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 2.2 | 10 | 33,101 | 36,218 | 39,335 | 42,452 | |
|  | 2.3 | - | nfp | 67,114 | 104,284 | 135,397 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **10** | **nfp** | **103,332** | **143,619** | **177,849** | |
| *Related receipts* |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| *Department of Health and Aged Care* |  | - | 1,191 | 2,824 | 3,852 | 4,838 | |
| **Strengthening Medicare (b)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.1 | - | 2,050 | - | - | - | |
|  | 1.4 | (165) | 16,499 | 27,141 | 27,651 | - | |
|  | 1.6 | - | 10,197 | 13,633 | 12,437 | 14,103 | |
|  | 1.7 | - | 56,839 | 556 | - | - | |
|  | 2.1 | - | - | (6,290) | (11,989) | (15,295) | |
|  | 2.4 | - | 97 | 98 | 100 | 100 | |
|  | 3.2 | - | - | 21,835 | 76,311 | 90,724 | |
|  | 3.3 | - | 13,067 | 13,368 | 13,662 | 13,935 | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 5,048 | 939 | 611 | - | |
|  | 2 | - | 13,490 | 5,903 | 68 | 68 | |
|  | 3 | 345 | 751 | 1,342 | 1,197 | 615 | |
| Australian Digital Health Agency |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Departmental payments |  | - | 4,947 | - | - | - | |
| Departmental capital payments |  | - | 4,014 | - | - | - | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | 185,633 | 169,814 | 138,145 | 138,617 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **180** | **312,468** | **247,680** | **257,357** | **242,211** | |
| *Related receipts* |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| *Department of Health and Aged Care* |  | - | 164 | (659) | (656) | (656) | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | |
| **Strengthening Medicare - Medicare Urgent Care Clinics - additional funding** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.6 | - | 59,768 | 49,037 | - | - | |
|  | 2.1 |  | 20,319 | 21,153 |  |  | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 3,969 | 3,590 | - | - | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | 32,709 | 30,084 | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **116,765** | **103,864** | **-** | **-** | |
| **Strengthening Medicare – an effective and clinically appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) (c)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | - | 69,574 | 19,630 | 51,210 | 114,914 | |
| Departmental payments | 2 | - | 9,343 | 9,145 | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **78,917** | **28,775** | **51,210** | **114,914** | |
| **Supporting Ongoing Access to Vaccines (b)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.1 | - | 2,102 | 1,390 | - | - | |
|  | 1.6 | - | 2,569 | 5,266 | - | - | |
|  | 1.8 | - | 2,222 | 33,780 | - | - | |
|  | 1.9 | - | 31,671 | 17,614 | 4,798 | 4,770 | |
|  | 2.1 | - | 57,498 | 92,096 | 98,329 | 103,051 | |
|  | 2.3 | - | 414 | 27,060 | - | - | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 14,685 | 28,715 | - | - | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments |  | - | - | 28,162 | 27,281 | 27,091 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **111,161** | **234,083** | **130,408** | **134,912** | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | |
| **Supporting Sports Participation** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 4.1 | - | 16,792 | 18,988 | 2,676 | 838 | |
| Departmental payments | 4 | - | 451 | 434 | 9 | - | |
| Australian Sports Commission |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Departmental payments |  | - | 38,242 | 59,232 | - | - | |
| Departmental capital payments | | - | 355 | 710 | - | - | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **55,840** | **79,364** | **2,685** | **838** | |
| **Women's Health** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Administered payments | 1.5 | - | 17,625 | 14,905 | 8,630 | 4,908 | |
|  | 1.6 | - | 2,955 | 2,973 | - | - | |
|  | 1.7 | - | 250 | 109 | 127 | 168 | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 421 | 155 | 57 | 53 | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **21,251** | **18,142** | **8,814** | **5,129** | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Other Portfolio measures since the 2023**–**24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) (e)** | | | | | | | |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | | |
| **APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2024‑25 projects funded under round two (f)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 47 | - | - | - | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **47** | **-** | **-** | **-** | | |
| **Australian Universities Accord – tertiary education system reforms (g)(h)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Administered payments | 1.4 | - | 9,369 | 5,050 | 1,363 | 1,950 | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 186 | 117 | 103 | 105 | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **9,555** | **5,167** | **1,466** | **2,055** | | |
| **Carer Payment – increased flexibility (i)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | - | - | 16 | 17 | 15 | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **-** | **16** | **17** | **15** | | |
| **Commonwealth Rent Assistance – increase the maximum rates (i)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | - | 67 | 67 | 71 | 64 | | |
|  | 2.2 | - | 11 | 10 | 15 | 16 | | |
|  | 2.3 | - | 42 | 84 | 128 | 177 | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **120** | **161** | **214** | **257** | | |
| **Continuing Veterans' Access to Health and Support Programs (j)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | - | (177) | (192) | (102) | - | | |
|  | 2.3 | - | (297) | (309) | (158) | - | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **(474)** | **(501)** | **(260)** | **-** | | |
| **Further Investment to Closing the Gap (c)(f)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Department of the Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Administered payments |  | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Other Portfolio measures since the 2023**–**24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) (e)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Outcome/ Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | | | |
| **National Disability Insurance Scheme – getting the NDIS back on track (i)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | 488 | 4,745 | 349 | - | - | | | |
| Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Departmental payments |  | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **488** | **4,745** | **349** | **-** | **-** | | | |
| **Permanent Migration Program – 2024‑25 planning levels and multi‑year planning (k)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Administered payments | 1.6 | - | (36) | (87) | (85) | (63) | | | |
|  | 2.1 | - | (2,164) | (4,420) | (4,626) | (4,875) | | | |
|  | 2.2 | - | (1) | (2) | (3) | (5) | | | |
|  | 2.3 | - | (966) | (1,829) | (1,892) | (1,875) | | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **(3,167)** | **(6,338)** | **(6,606)** | **(6,818)** | | | |
| **Reform of Veterans' Compensation Legislation (j)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | - | - | - | (14) | 20 | | | |
|  | 2.3 | - | - | - | 7 | (4) | | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **-** | **-** | **(7)** | **16** | | | |
| **Reforms to Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services (k)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | - | 341 | 371 | 390 | 13 | | | |
|  | 2.3 | - | 67 | 204 | 338 | - | | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **408** | **575** | **728** | **13** | | | |
| **Savings from External Labour – extension (g)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 2,135 | 2,216 | 2,144 | 15,646 | | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **2,135** | **2,216** | **2,144** | **15,646** | | | |
| **Support to Individuals from Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas‑Israel conflict (k)** | | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Administered payments | 2.1 | 4 | 133 | 5 | - | - | | | |
|  | 2.3 | 13 | 110 | - | - | - | | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **17** | **243** | **5** | **-** | **-** | | | |

Table 1.2: Department of Health and Aged Care 2024–25 Budget measures (continued)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Other Portfolio measures since the 2023**–**24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) (e)** | | | | | | | |
| **Outcome/  Program** | | **2023–24 $'000** | **2024–25 $'000** | **2025–26 $'000** | **2026–27 $'000** | **2027–28 $'000** | | |
| **Supporting Safe and Responsible AI (l)** | | | | | | |
| Department of Health and Aged Care |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Departmental payments | 1 | - | 1,470 | - | - | - | | |
| **Total payments** |  | **-** | **1,470** | **-** | **-** | **-** | | |

(a) The cost of this measure will be met from within existing resources.

(b) Part of the costs of this measure will be met from within existing resources.

(c) Part of the funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

(d) Includes the impact of measures that are not for publication due to commercial sensitivities (nfp).

(e) The Department of Health and Aged Care (Health) is not the lead entity for these measures. Only the Health Portfolio impacts and associated Health policy flow-ons to other Portfolios are shown in this table.

(f) The lead entity for this measure is the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The full measure description and package details appear in 2024–25 Budget under the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio.

(g) This is a Cross Portfolio measure. The full measure description and package details appear in 2024–25 Budget Paper 2 under Cross Portfolio.

(h) This measure includes the Department of Health and Aged Care's contribution of $18.2 million from 2025–26 to 2027–28 to the Charles Darwin University, funding provisioned in the Contingency Reserve, subject to the completion of exploratory work

(i) The lead entity for this measure is the Department of Social Services. The full measure description and package details appear in 2024–25 Budget under the Social Services Portfolio.

(j) The lead entity for this measure is the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The full measure description and package details appear in 2024–25 Budget under the Veterans' Affairs Portfolio.

(k) The lead entity for this measure is the Department of Home Affairs. The full measure description and package details appear in 2024–25 Budget under the Home Affairs Portfolio.

(l) The lead entity for this measure is the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. The full measure description and package details appear in 2024–25 Budget under the Industry, Science and Resources Portfolio.