



## Fighting Cancer – Prostate Cancer Nurses Program – continuation and expansion

The Government will support up to 34 new prostate cancer nurses and ensure ongoing funding for existing nurses. As a result, there will be a total of 62 prostate cancer nurses funded by the Government providing specialist support for patients and their families and carers. This will improve continuity of care for prostate cancer patients, provide coordinated care following new diagnoses, and improve patient access to multidisciplinary specialists and services.

### Why is this important?

Around 20,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year. Specialist care ensures patients are receiving the highest quality care – and prostate cancer nurses are experienced registered nurses who are experts in prostate cancer care. The expansion of this program will mean greater support for men with a new diagnosis to navigate community and hospital services, and provide information on care and treatment plans to help reduce the stress and anxiety often experienced following a cancer diagnosis.

### Who will benefit?

Men with prostate cancer will receive better access to coordinated care and assistance.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$17.4 million from 2020–21 to 2022–23.