



Victorian State Budget 2013-14 Summary Briefing

The Treasurer of Victoria, The Hon. Michael O'Brien released the 2013-14 Victorian State Budget. The Government has delivered a modest \$225 million surplus from a total revenue of almost \$52 billion.

Health outputs in the budget have totalled \$14.34 billion, which is a \$661 million increase, or 4.8 per cent, on the 2012-13 budget.

Below are a selection of major capital and output initiatives announced this afternoon.

Output Initiatives

- \$100 million a year over the next four years has been dedicated to an elective surgery blitz, a portion of which is likely to be contestable
- \$176 million to enhance the capacity of health services to meet and manage growth in demand
- \$55 million for training of the future health workforce across both undergraduate and postgraduate systems
- \$33.7 million for the Home and Community Care program
- \$3 million to boost the capacity of community health services through additional hours of allied health and nursing care
- \$15 million to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal Victorians through early intervention and preventative care in primary care settings
- \$5 million for addition health and mental health services for refugees and asylum seekers through early intervention and preventative care in primary care settings

New Capital Initiatives including forward estimates

- \$18.2 million for a health and medical precinct including community-based ambulatory care centre which combines primary and secondary services that promotes an integrated service model
- Full funding of the Monash Children's Hospital¹
- Full funding to redevelop the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital²
- \$29 million to expand inpatient capacity at Northern Hospital
- \$18.3 million to reinstate acute services at Numurkah Hospital, including public dental capacity for the first time
- \$10 million to develop a radiotherapy service in Warrnambool
- \$50.2 million to build a new 32-bed community hospital in Geelong
- \$34.7 million for a new 54-bed acute mental health facility at the Werribee Mercy Hospital
- \$9.7 million for the redevelopment of Western Region Health Centre's dental facility

IHP funding cuts reversed

The VHA is also pleased to announce that the Government's decision to reduce funding from the Integrated Health Promotion program has been amended, with the second funding cut which was due to be implemented in the 2013-14 financial year being withdrawn.

The VHA are also pleased that the Victorian Government has supported the VHA's suggestion to develop a pilot for a community-based ambulatory care centre which was detailed in our pre-budget submission.

A more detailed analysis of the budget will be circulated tomorrow.

¹ The total amount for this project is included in the budget, however given the project is currently under tender the exact figures have not been specified

² See above

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