

2019 Budget measure

Improving Access to Medicines — National Medical Stockpile — improved operations

Expense (\$m)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Department of Health	-	2.3	5.1	4.7	4.9

The Government will provide \$17.1 million over four years from 2019-20 to improve the management of the National Medical Stockpile including the storage, transport, stocktake and disposal of medicines, vaccines and antidotes that are maintained to respond to public health emergencies.

This measure builds on the 2017-18 Budget measure titled *Improving Access to Medicines – National Medical Stockpile – replenishment and operations*.

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Improving Access to Medicines — National Medical Stockpile — replenishment and operations

Capital (\$m)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Department of Health	-	25.0	25.0	25.0	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	0.5	4.9	4.9	-

The Government will provide \$85.4 million over three years from 2017-18 to replenish the National Medical Stockpile's holdings of medicines, vaccines and antidotes.

The National Medical Stockpile is a strategic reserve for use in response to a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear event.

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Supply and Replenishment of the National Medical Stockpile

Capital (\$m)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Department of Health	-	6.9	25.5	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	1.1	0.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$34.2 million over two years for the replenishment of pandemic influenza medicines and antidotes and antitoxins used in response to chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear events as part of the National Medical Stockpile.

The National Medical Stockpile is a strategic reserve of medicines, vaccines, antidotes and protective equipment for use in the national response to a public health emergency.

2014 Budget measures

Reform of the Operation and Management of the National Medical Stockpile

Expense (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	1.5	5.1	4.6	4.2

The Government will provide \$15.4 million over four years to implement operational and management reforms to the National Medical Stockpile (the Stockpile) aimed at reducing waste, decreasing risk, increasing the surety of supply, and strengthening deployment capabilities.

Key reforms include renegotiating responsibilities for the Stockpile with the States and Territories to address duplication and waste, and outsourcing management of some purchasing and inventory management of the Stockpile to a Prime Vendor.

See also the related capital measure titled *Routine Replenishment of the National Medical Stockpile* in the Health Portfolio.

https://archive.budget.gov.au/2014-15/bp2/BP2_consolidated.pdf, p143

Routine Replenishment of the National Medical Stockpile

Capital (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	-	5.7	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.5 million in 2014-15 for the replenishment of antidotes and antitoxins used in response to chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear events and pandemic influenza medicines as part of the National Medical Stockpile.

The National Medical Stockpile is a strategic reserve of medicines, vaccines, antidotes and protective equipment for use in the national response to a public health emergency.

See also the related expense measure titled *Reform of the Operation and Management of the National Medical Stockpile* in the Health Portfolio.

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