



1. Cancer Australia - Opening Statement

- Cancer Australia is the Australian Government’s national cancer control agency, and a statutory agency within the Health Portfolio.
- Established in 2006, our charter is set by the *Cancer Australia Act* to benefit all Australians affected by all cancers.
- Our work aims to reduce the impact of all cancers, address disparities and improve cancer outcomes by leading and coordinating national, evidence-based interventions across the continuum of care and to advise government on cancer control policy and priorities.
- At the end of 2023, the Australian Government released its landmark Australian Cancer Plan, developed by Cancer Australia in consultation with the states and territories, First Nations communities, clinicians, researchers and people affected by cancer and support organisations.
- The Plan sets the strategic agenda for Cancer Australia to lead the work across the sector to achieve the Plan’s 10-year ambition to achieve equity in cancer outcomes for all Australians.
 - We work with Australians affected by cancer, health professionals, researchers, service providers and policy makers at all levels of government and internationally.
 - We also work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to co-design improved cancer outcomes for First Nations people, as we know that different communities have different needs and perspectives when it comes to cancer prevention, treatment and supportive care.
- We fulfil our statutory obligations to fund cancer research by building research capability and addressing emerging priorities for cancer research and data. Cancer Australia lends its expertise to inform international cancer control activity.
- Cancer Australia uses its position as a trusted collaborator to facilitate a unity of purpose across the sector in setting priorities for action for cancer control in Australia.
- Cancer Australia’s total appropriation in 2023-24 is \$38.2 million. This core appropriation is expected to remain stable of over forward years through to 2026-27.
- Cancer Australia is also working with the Department of Health and Aged Care to deliver the Australian Government’s \$725 million investment to improve cancer outcomes across Australia, including:
 - \$166 million to establish an Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program
 - \$264 million to establish a National Lung Cancer Screening Program
 - \$239 million to build the capacity and capability of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services sector and to ensure mainstream cancer care services are culturally safe and accessible to First Nations people.
- Of this, a total of \$52.8 million has been appropriated to Cancer Australia for lung cancer screening and First Nations’ cancer control.