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Senator Peris asked:

What additional funding has the Northern Territory Government received to assist hospitals that are taking on the extra burden of looking aged care patients.

Answer:

Australian Government funding of the Transition Care Programme (TCP) provided the Northern Territory with:

- \$1,045,450 in 2011-12; and
- \$1,346,271 in 2012-13.

In 2013-14, it is expected that over \$1.7 million will be provided to the Northern Territory for the TCP.

The TCP helps older people after a hospital episode to complete their restorative process and optimise their functional capacity, while assisting them and their family or carer to make long-term care arrangements.

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Financial Assistance for Long Stay Older Patients (LSOP), the Australian Government provided the Northern Territory with:

- \$1,061,450 in 2011-12;
- \$1,386,435 in 2012-13; and
- \$1,329,927 in 2013-14.

This funding has assisted states and territories provide care for long stay older patients in public hospitals who are eligible for aged care and have remained in hospital longer than necessary while they secure an aged care place.

LSOP is now within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health.