

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 6 May 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Hospitals - Activity Based Funding

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**Senator:** Seselja, Zed

**Question:**

CHAIR: This is total funding. But we can come back to your questions if you would like, Senator Gallagher. I want to do a comparison because we have heard, I think, that the current Chief Minister is still making the claim that there was \$250 million ripped out—I think that was one of the numbers he used. The Deputy Chief Minister of the ACT, I think, claimed \$600 million, so they were not getting their lines right. I have previously asked you questions on this, and I will not go back over all of that, but I still have not been able to find evidence of that. If we compare, for instance, 2016-17, \$340 million, the last year budgeted for by the former government, I just want to see if I have the correct figures. I had \$233 million in 2013-14 for hospitals funding for the ACT.

Mr Cormack: I will take that on notice. There is a particular complication for the ACT because, in moving to the current arrangements, the ACT was funded for all activity directly by the Commonwealth under the previous arrangements. In the arrangements that we would have entered into had the 2014-15 budget decision held, the ACT would have had to charge New South Wales for the cross-border activity. We will come back to you on notice to give an explanation of that. The short answer is the growth figures that I outlined to you before.

**Answer:**

As at the 2016-17 Budget, funding to the Australian Capital Territory, **including** cross border funding, is \$1.842 billion over financial years 2015-16 to 2019-20.

	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Total</b>
NHRA funding (\$M)	324.7	340.8	365.4	391.6	419.7	1,842.2

As at the 2014-15 Budget, funding to the Australian Capital Territory, was \$1.481 billion over financial years 2014-15 to 2017-18.

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Total</b>
NHRA funding (\$M)	271.9	271.1	298.4	328.2	311.1	1,480.7

Note: Funding in 2017-18 is on the basis of state population shares and is **not** adjusted for cross border activities.

The 2013-14 projected total funding to the Australian Capital Territory over the period 2012-13 to 2016-17, **including** cross border payments, was \$1.374 billion.

	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
NHRA funding (\$M)	202.5	233.0	270.5	311.6	356.8	1,374.4