

## Senate Community Affairs Committee

### ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**Topic:** Hospitals - Activity Based Funding

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**Senator:** Seselja, Zed

**Question:**

CHAIR: Okay. If I compare them, with those provisos—and you can put those provisos on it because I understand those changes, and we discussed this at some previous hearings in terms of trying to get like for like, depending on whether you included the cross-border payments or not—and you can answer this either now or on notice, if I look at the five years that are outlined for the ACT from 2015-16 to 2019-20, I get \$1.842 billion. Is that the number you have?

Mr Cormack: I will have to add that up. The overall growth rate from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is 29.3 per cent for the ACT. We will add that up for you.

CHAIR: That would be great. And then, for the last budget of the former government—as I say, you can put the provisos in terms of when those different arrangements kick in and whether you are taking into account cross-border payments or not—for that five-year total I had \$1.374 billion. Are you able to maybe on notice confirm that that is in fact right?

Mr Cormack: I am happy to take that on notice.

CHAIR: If in fact that is right, we are talking about around \$450-odd million or \$470-odd million more over those five years from what is in this budget in the five years and what was in the last Labor budget. Could you take that on notice to just confirm that I have not misunderstood any of those figures.

Mr Cormack: Sure.

CHAIR: But, if I have understood those figures correctly, that seems a pretty significant jump. Obviously you talk about six per cent and 7.2 per cent. Those percentages tell a bit of a story as well in terms of growth. That is all from me for now.

**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.

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

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

	<b>2012-13<sup>1</sup></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

Note 1: The figure in 2012-13 is an estimate, as at the 2013-14 Budget, of the expected final result in 2012-13.