

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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

**Topic:** Public Hospitals

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

Based on Commonwealth data and data provided by the states and territories please provide a breakdown of the use of Commonwealth payments to the states and territories for public hospitals by:

- a) State or territory
- b) Local Hospital Network (or similar)
- c) Hospital

Please provide this data for each year of the forward estimates.

**Answer:**

All Commonwealth payments under the National Health Reform Agreement for public hospitals are made at the Local Hospital Network (LHN) level through the National Health Funding Pool (NHFP), and are reported on a monthly basis by the Administrator of the NHFP. Monthly and year to date reports are available on the public hospital funding website (<http://www.publichospitalfunding.gov.au>). The distribution of these payments to hospitals is a matter for LHN's and state and territory governments.

The 2016-17 Budget provided the states and territories with the following Commonwealth funding over the forward estimates, noting that projections are available at the state/territory level only:

**National Health Reform funding<sup>(a)</sup>**

<b>\$million</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2015-16</b>									
Hospital services	5,438.8	4,086.3	3,454.5	1,783.3	1,198.9	367.3	318.9	195.1	16,843.2
Public health	113.1	88.3	70.8	38.4	25.1	7.6	5.8	3.6	352.8
Total <sup>(b)</sup>	5,551.8	4,174.6	3,525.3	1,821.8	1,224.0	375.0	324.7	198.7	17,195.9
<b>2016-17</b>									
Hospital services	5,597.8	4,279.4	3,555.7	1,970.9	1,241.6	357.4	334.7	202.5	17,540.0
Public health	119.0	93.2	74.6	40.7	26.3	7.9	6.1	3.8	371.6
Total	5,716.9	4,372.7	3,630.3	2,011.5	1,267.9	365.3	340.8	206.2	17,911.6
<b>2017-18</b>									
Hospital services	5,896.3	4,497.3	3,774.7	2,111.6	1,298.6	369.4	359.0	224.7	18,531.5
Public health	125.3	98.4	78.5	43.0	27.5	8.2	6.4	3.9	391.4
Total	6,021.6	4,595.7	3,853.2	2,154.6	1,326.1	377.6	365.4	228.7	18,922.8
<b>2018-19</b>									
Hospital services	6,208.4	4,725.3	4,005.9	2,261.9	1,357.7	381.7	384.9	248.6	19,574.4
Public health	132.0	103.9	82.6	45.5	28.8	8.6	6.7	4.1	412.3
Total	6,340.4	4,829.2	4,088.5	2,307.4	1,386.5	390.3	391.6	252.7	19,986.7
<b>2019-20</b>									
Hospital services	6,534.9	4,963.8	4,250.2	2,422.3	1,419.1	394.4	412.6	274.0	20,671.4
Public health	139.0	109.7	86.9	48.2	30.2	8.9	7.1	4.3	434.4
Total	6,673.9	5,073.5	4,337.1	2,470.5	1,449.3	403.3	419.7	278.4	21,105.8

(a) The efficient growth funding component of National Health Reform funding is indicative only. The distribution of efficient growth funding will be determined by the actual efficient growth in activity in each of the States

(b) National Health Reform funding in 2015-16 includes an adjustment of \$327.8 million related to services provided in 2014-15.

**Source: 2016-17 Budget Federal Financial Relations, Budget Paper 3**