

# 2024-25 Victorian State Budget

## Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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# Re-building and reforming our health system

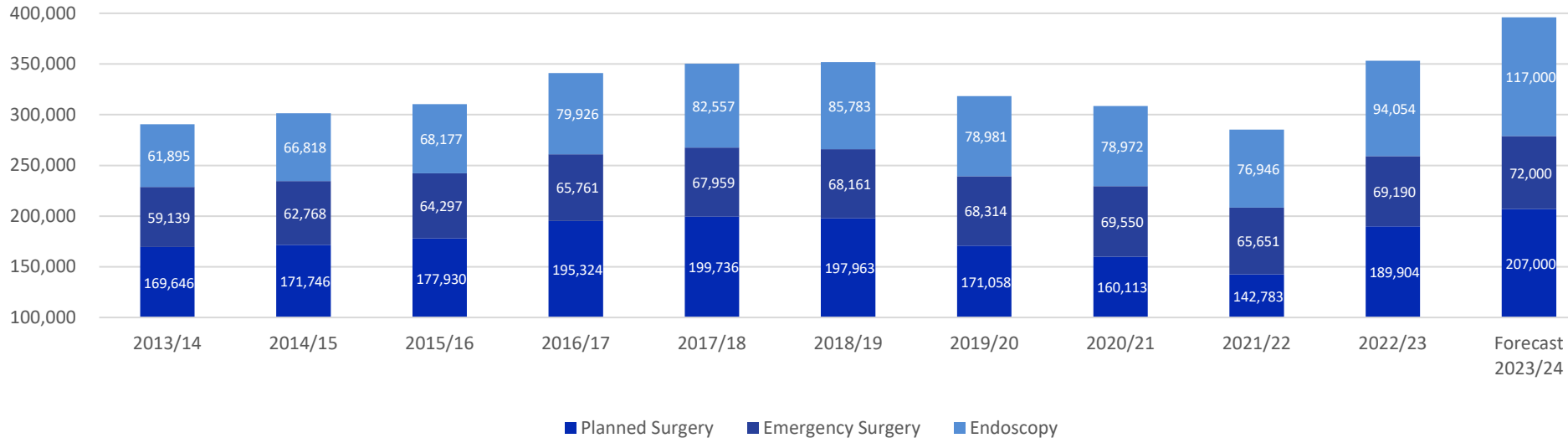
- **Priority Primary Care Centres** expanded and reached >380,000 visits
- **Victorian Virtual Emergency Department** saw 274,000 patients, with 86% avoiding a trip to hospital
- **Planned surgery** waitlist hit lowest since pre-pandemic at **62,228**
- Average ED length of stay for admitted patients reduced by **55 mins** and non-admitted patients by **14 mins**
- Signed a two-year agreement to put **Aboriginal health into Aboriginal hands**
- Launched Australia's first **inquiry into women's pain**
- More than 3000 **international healthcare workers** moved to Victoria
- **GP grants** opened for applications
- **Better at Home** freed up 147,418 hospital bed days
- More than 700 pharmacies joined our **Community Prescribing Pilot**



# Planned surgery reform

Theatre activity for 2023-24 is projected to be **12% higher** than 2018-19 (baseline), with a steady year on year improvement following COVID low in 2021-22.

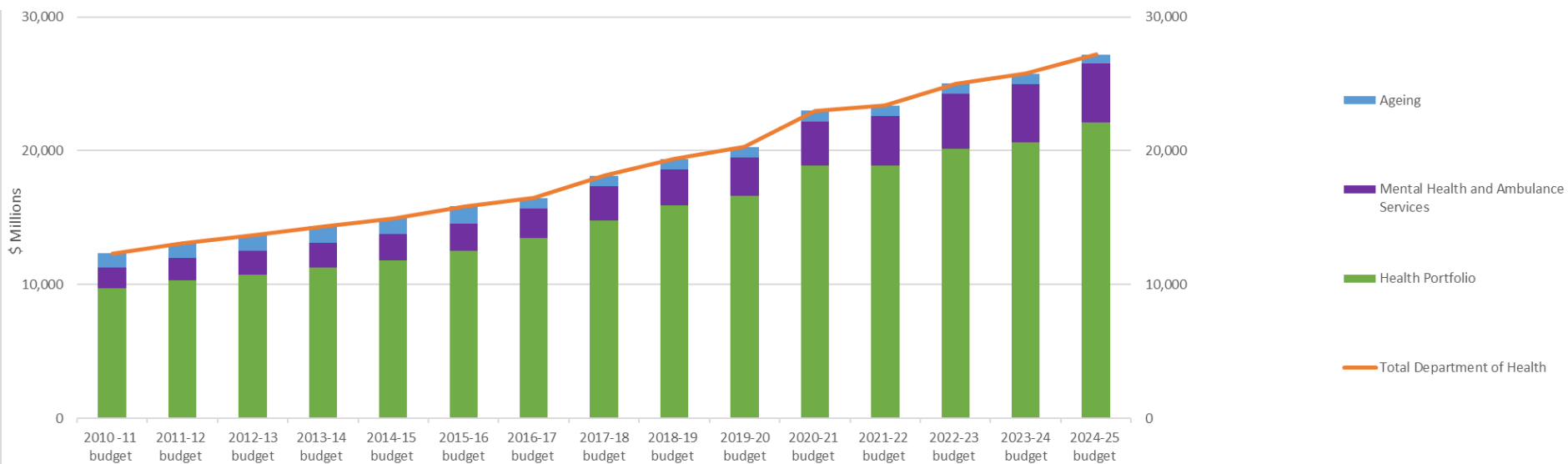
### Total theatre activity



Note: Emergency surgery may include non-surgical ventilation and transplant separations; data from ESIS reporting health services only.

# Investing in Victoria's health system

## Year on year portfolio increase



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**\$13.8 billion** to deliver world-class healthcare

Better facilities, the latest equipment and a path to reform.

Largest multi-year investment ever into hospitals – **\$8.8 billion**

- Over five years give health services the long-term financial stability they need
- An uplift in the price we pay hospitals for each occasion of care from 2024/25 onwards
- Better planning for activity, staffing and improvements.



# Timely emergency care and less pressure on hospitals



**\$146.3 million** to increase access to urgent care, including Priority Primary Care Centres



**\$3.3 million** to continue the Timely Emergency Care Collaborative





## A boost for our workforce

**\$28 million** to boost workforce capacity.

- 1,100 Registered Undergraduate Students of Nursing/Midwifery
- Professional development for 200 rural and regional nurses and midwives
- Embed new Nurse Practitioner roles

**\$15.8 million** to grow mental health and wellbeing workforce, including new graduate roles.

# Improving women's health

**\$18.3 million** to ensure Victoria remains a national leader in this space.



12 women's health organisations to deliver preventative health promotion and education



Building on last year's \$153 million investment





# Putting Aboriginal Health in Aboriginal Hands

**\$10.8 million** to deliver the Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Agreement

- Culture and Kinship program to be established in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
- Boosting cultural safety education in public hospitals

Plus **\$4 million** for more health services for Aboriginal children



A photograph of two women standing outdoors, engaged in conversation. The woman on the left has blonde hair and wears glasses and a light blue floral shirt. The woman on the right has brown hair in a ponytail and wears a green floral shirt. They are positioned in front of a blurred background of green foliage and a building. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners is overlaid on the image, containing text.

## Keeping people and communities healthy and safe

- **\$7.5 million** to improve cancer outcomes through our Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Alliance
- **\$38 million** for palliative care services in aged care facilities, hospitals and patients' homes
- **\$2.1 million** to make sure trans and gender diverse Victorians have the healthcare they deserve
- **\$4.4 million** so refugees and asylum seekers can access the care they need
- Plus **\$2 million** for our Public Fertility Care egg and sperm bank

**Thank you**



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