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Minister for Ageing

Helping our services with National changes

- The Commonwealth is the regulatory and primary funder of residential aged care.
- Major changes to the aged care system mean major impacts for our services.
- This Government has supported aged care services in the face of these changes:



- New funding in 2014-15 of \$19m, including the Boort Hospital Redevelopment and new HACC funding.
- This brings overall investment in capital support for aged care and the health services that support them to over \$90 million since coming to office

Enabling Participation and Independence

Addressing Cost of living pressures

The Victorian Government recognises the benefit of enabling senior Victorians to live in their homes longer.

This Government is helping older Victorians with cost of living pressures through:

- Increasing the 17.5% electricity concession to be all year round – helping more than 800,000 households
- Providing support and tools to manage and reduce household costs
- Range of other concessions, including Fire Services Property Levy concession, Seniors Myki that caps the cost for daily travel and provides free weekend travel on public transport

Enabling Participation and Independence

Enabling Participation

The Victorian Government appointed the first ever Commissioner for Senior Victorians in August 2013

- Chairs a Ministerial Advisory Committee for Senior Victorians – preparing a Whole of Government Seniors Participation Action Plan
- Sharing information on health matters and staying safe, e.g. during heatwave events



Other actions to support participation of older Victorians in the community includes:

- Victorian Seniors Festival, Seniors Online, University of the 3rd Age (U3A), Life activities Clubs Victoria Inc, Seniors Card
- More than 130 projects implemented across regional Victoria through the Improving Liveability for Older People (ILOP) Initiative
- *Participation for CALD Seniors Program*

Residential Aged Care

This Government is boosting support in country Victoria for Public Sector Residential Aged Care.

- \$14 million for Boort Hospital Redevelopment (25 aged care beds)
- Almost \$3 million for upgrades at aged care facilities
- More support through the Rural Capital Support fund

This adds to the substantial investment made since 2010

\$58.6 million of major capital investment (over 5 years) including:

- \$18m Swan Hill;
- \$17.9m Kerang District Health;
- \$22.7 Charlton Hospital.

Over \$18 million in minor capital and support over the last four years, including:

- \$14.3 million in minor capital and equipment
- \$4 million allocated in rounds 1-3 of the Rural Capital Support Fund



Delivering Care in the Home

The 2014-15 Budget provides \$20.8 million (over four years) for HACCC, making the total output cost \$707.9 million

- HACCC services support 300,000 Victorians to remain living at home, as well as possible, and prevent the premature use of other health and residential services
- From 1 July 2015, HACCC services will be transferred to the Commonwealth for people aged 65 years of age and over.
- From 2013-14 the subsidy paid for Meals on Wheels has been doubled from \$1.59 to \$3.18 per meal, to make the service more sustainable, at a cost of \$5.9m from HACCC growth funds.
 - The indexed subsidy in 2014-15 is \$3.23 per meal.
 - 3.8 million meals are expected to be delivered across Victoria in 2013-14 to people at risk of malnutrition.

Transition to the Commonwealth

Major reorganisation of the Australian aged care system to integrate all aged care services for people 65+

The Victorian Government has secured an explicit commitment from the Commonwealth to retain the benefits of the current Victorian HACC program.

Clause 15 of the Heads of Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Victorian Government states:

“... The Commonwealth and Victoria will work together to retain the benefits of Victoria’s current Home and Community Care service system.”

Any Questions?

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Advanced care planning

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