

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon. Jill Hennessy MP

Minister for Health

2015-16 Budget – Overview

The *2015-16 Victorian Budget* is focussed on:

- Putting Victorian families first by investing in the services they depend on
- Prioritising investments to address growth in demand for health services
- Building health infrastructure to expand service delivery, particularly in growth areas
- Delivering election commitments



2015-16 Budget – Highlights

\$20 billion total output funding for Health and Human Services in 2015-16

The 2015-16 Budget includes:

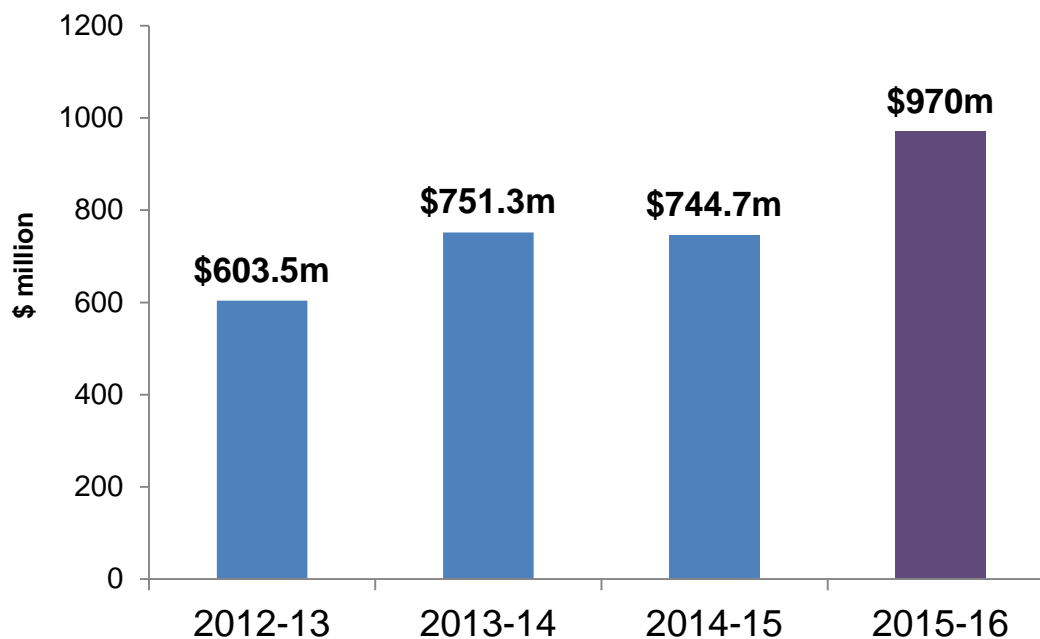
- An **additional \$1.38 billion** over four years for health and hospital programs
- **Over \$560 million** for capital projects to support health and hospitals

The Budget comprises:

- **\$10.97 billion** for acute health in 2015-16
- **\$691.8 million** more than in the 2014-15 Budget (**6.7 per cent** increase)

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- **\$970 million in additional hospital funding** to respond to growth in demand for services right across Victoria



- **\$60 million boost** for elective surgery in 2015-16 to reduce waiting lists

2015-16 Budget – Highlights

\$200 million Hospital Beds Rescue Fund

Will open beds and other points of care as recommended by Dr Doug Travis, and considered by Dr Travis to provide best value for Victoria.

- **101 new beds and points of care**
- **26 health services to benefit from additional investment**



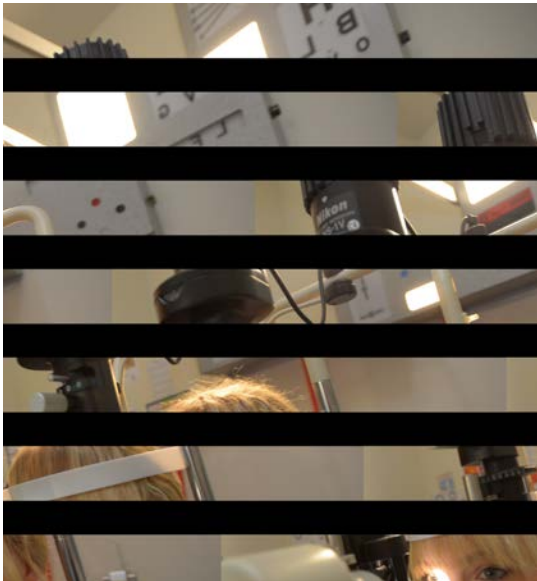
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- **\$8.4 million** to restore funding for the free whooping cough vaccine program for expectant parents and parents of newborns
- **\$28.7 million** to establish 20 Super Pharmacies across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria
- **\$300,000** to undertake planning to support the implementation of a real time prescription monitoring system in Victoria

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\$4 million to support the National Centre for Farmer Health



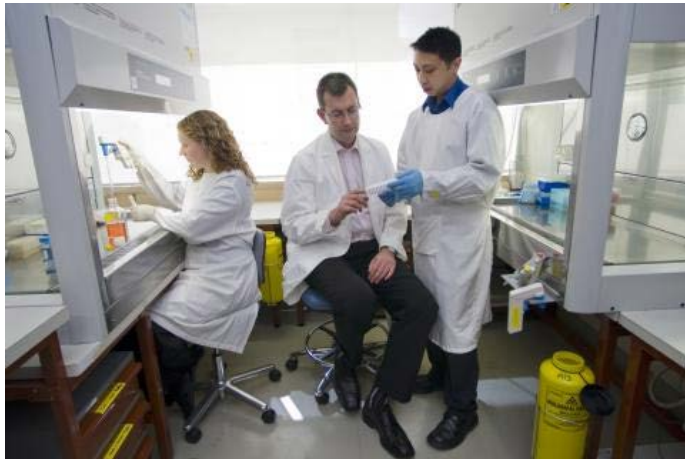
\$3.6 million to support Vision 2020, raising awareness about avoidable vision loss and blindness

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- **\$15 million** for SunSmart education programs and to roll out shading infrastructure to parks, playgrounds and beaches
- **\$1 million** in additional state funding for QuitLine
- **\$2.3 million** to support PRONTO!, rapid HIV and syphilis testing delivered through a partnership between the Victorian AIDS Council and Burnet Institute



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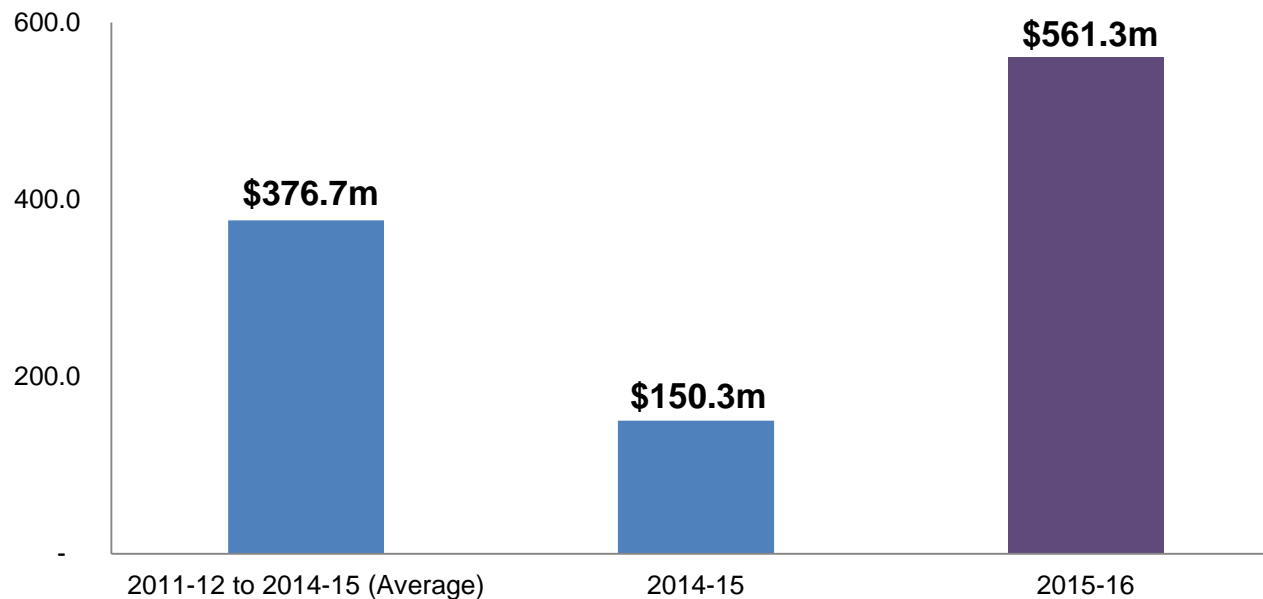


Strengthening medical research through:

- **\$25 million** to support Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance to establish a statewide clinical genomic sequencing capability
- **\$1.3 million** to support clinical trials and make Victoria an attractive place to conduct trials
- **\$2 million** to plan and support the establishment of a National Centre for Proton Beam Therapy at the VCCC

2015-16 Budget – Health Capital

- **Over \$560 million** TEI in Health Asset Funding provided for new and expanded hospital and health service buildings and equipment



- In addition, pending Commonwealth contributions and further work, **\$70 million** in funding is being held in contingency to deliver the Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery and Maroondah Breast Cancer Centre

2015-16 Budget – Health Capital

- **\$200 million** to build a new Western Women's & Children's Hospital
- **\$70 million** to replace clinical services hardware, IT, infrastructure and medical equipment
- **\$20 million** to expand Angliss Hospital
- **\$16 million** to expand Moorabbin Hospital



2015-16 Budget Highlights – Health Capital

- **\$106.3 million** to expand Casey Hospital
- **\$10 million** to expand the cardiac service at Ballarat Health
- **\$15 million** to undertake planning and early works for the Victorian Heart Hospital
- **\$1 million** for Goulburn Valley Health to plan and design a future redevelopment of the Shepparton campus



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- **\$85 million** to expand Werribee Mercy Hospital
- **\$3.8 million** to build a rooftop helipad at Monash Children's Hospital
- **\$20 million** for a Health Service Violence Prevention Fund



Challenges Ahead

- Impact of the Commonwealth Government's **more than \$13.6 billion** cuts to Victorian hospitals over the next ten years, under changes to the National Health Reform Agreement
- Impact of cuts to other National Partnership Agreements, such as **preventive health, dental health and indigenous teenage sexual health**
- Impact on Victorian hospitals as a result of Commonwealth Government policies to shift costs of healthcare onto consumers in relation to **access to GPs**

