

Questions on Notice

Question	Response
<p>Health Portfolio</p> <p>1. How many additional episodes of elective surgery have been funded in the Budget (p9 Health transcript)</p>	<p>Health Services and hospitals receive funding for a range of services, as detailed in the 2011-12 Policy and Funding guidelines. Activity targets form part of the Statement of Priority discussions post release of the guidelines, and the extent of additional elective surgery will be known as the year progresses.</p>
<p>2. Is every cent that has been allocated from the Cth for health in the health Budget (pages 14-15 of the Health transcript)</p>	<p>Health funding to Victoria, as announced in the 2011-12 Commonwealth Budget, not only represents funding which is administered by and included in the Department of Health budget, but also includes health funding paid directly to local government, other non-government agencies and other State Departments involved in the delivery of health programs in Victoria.</p> <p>Of the funds that are reported in the 2011-12 State Budget Papers, for instance, the responsibility for Medical Research resides with the Victorian Department of Business and Innovation, and early childhood health programs (for children aged 0 to 6 years) resides with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Commonwealth funding provided for these programs would be reflected in their respective departmental budgets.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Budget for certain programs contain budgeted reward funding, which is only eligible and payable upon the achievement of performance targets. This funding is not included in the health budget, as it is subject to attainment of the necessary performance.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Budget papers also contain funds that go directly to entities outside of State Budget Paper reporting responsibility. For example, the National Partnership on Preventative Health, the 'Healthy communities' component of this agreement (\$72 million nationally from 2009-10 to 2012-13) will be distributed by the Commonwealth directly to Local Governments.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Budget also includes funding that is distributed by the Commonwealth to the private health system, such as Medicare arrangements and private sector infrastructure projects.</p>
<p>3. Was a structural strength assessment of your office suite ordered to determine if the floor was strong enough to support the weight of a large man-sized safe? (p30-31 of</p>	<p>There was and is no 'man sized safe'.</p>

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<p>Health transcript) 4. Please provide details of the amounts and timings of the Cth payments for the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre and the impact on the State budget</p>	<p>The Commonwealth payments on the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre are dependent on the implementation plan.</p>
<p>Ageing Portfolio No questions on notice</p>	