

South Australian State Budget 2017-18

Summary of new initiatives in the Health Budget

Overall, the budget provides a significant commitment to new hospital builds. This includes the Adelaide Women’s Hospital to be built next to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, and completion of stage three of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. A second SA Health and Medical Research Institute building will house a Proton Therapy Unit. The Emergency Department at the Lyell McEwin will be expanded, and funding allocated for a new Older Person’s Mental Health Service to replace Oakden.

There is an estimated increase from the previous financial year of \$315 million to net costs of health services to \$3.632 billion. The Government announced that Transforming Health will be completed in 2017-18 and future clinical innovation service reforms will be integrated into the System Performance and Service Delivery program. It is important that the Government and SA Health continue to develop strategies and actions to improve the safety and quality of health services, increase efficiency and efficacy and build a sustainable, consumer-centred health system.

Item	Description	Comments
Total Health Services Budget \$3.632bn	\$3.036bn on Health Services \$596m on Policy, Clinical Services, System Transformation and Administration	An estimated increase in budget of \$315m from the previous year.
New Hospital Projects \$1.1bn	<p>\$528m for building a new Adelaide Women’s Hospital</p> <p>\$250.6m for Stage 3 of Queen Elizabeth Hospital redevelopment to deliver new clinical services</p> <p>\$195m for additional hospital services responding to ongoing growth</p> <p>\$52.5m for emergency department expansion at Lyell McEwin</p> <p>\$44m for a second SA Health and Medical Research building</p> <p>\$24m to upgrade the Women’s and Children’s Hospital</p> <p>\$13.7m for new specialist Older Person’s Mental Health Facility to replace Oakden</p> <p>\$9.2m for a specialist eight-bed Emergency Extended Care Unit at Modbury Hospital</p> <p>\$6.7m for an on-site emergency doctor 24 hours a day at Mt Barker Hospital</p> <p>\$3.5m for two new operating theatres at Flinders Medical Centre.</p>	<p>Increasing the capacity of hospital services is welcome, however concern has been expressed about the lack of investment in prevention, early intervention and primary health – services that would reduce hospital demand.</p> <p>The SAHMRI 2 building will house a Proton Therapy Centre and other research clinics.</p> <p>The extent of new hospital builds is surprising, especially Stage 3 of the Queen Elizabeth.</p> <p>Some concern has been expressed about the separation of Women’s and Children’s Hospital services.</p>

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