

ACT Health Portfolio - New Initiatives funded through the 2022-23 Budget Review

Initiative Title (a) Description	(b) Annual and Total Four Year Funding					(c) Funded from Health Central Provision					(f) Other Offsets				
	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	Total \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	Total \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	Total \$'000
Developing the ACT Mental Health Workforce Strategy The Government will fund the continuation of the community-based peer-led Safe Haven in Belconnen for three years from 2023-24. This initiative will also provide additional mental health lived experience staff resources to support the development of the lived experience components of the ACT Mental Health Workforce Strategy and for outreach into community organisations to support community-based peer workers in mental health.	77	712	716	525	2,030	77	712	716	525	2,030	0	0	0	0	0
Supporting early intervention services for eating disorders and perinatal mental health The Government will establish an Early Intervention Service for Eating Disorders (EISED). The EISED will focus on promoting help seeking behaviour and early intervention treatment for people in the early stages of developing an eating disorder and those with an eating disorder of low to moderate severity. The cost of this initiative will be jointly funded by the ACT and Commonwealth Government as part of the Bilateral Schedule on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention; ACT. The Government will also engage in the National Perinatal Mental Health Check Initiative that will support enhanced digital capture of perinatal mental health screening data collected from public antenatal and postnatal care settings through universal screening, data collection and the establishment of a national dataset.	330	1,036	1,092	249	2,707	0	0	0	0	0	1,980	236	242	249	2,707
COVID-19 response – Continuing the COVID-19 public health support package The Government will provide additional funding to continue the COVID-19 response for the remainder of the 2022-23 financial year. This funding supports continuation of healthcare staff providing treatment and services for COVID-19 positive cases through ACT public health facilities, including the Post-COVID Recovery Clinic. This funding also increases community education and awareness campaigns as well as ongoing monitoring and surveillance.	55,970	0	0	0	55,970	0	0	0	0	0	11,316	0	0	0	11,316
Establishing a Wellbeing Fund across ACT Public Health Services The Government will establish a Wellbeing and Recovery Fund to support the wellbeing and recovery of the ACT public health services workforce. This fund will support initiatives that enhance wellbeing, healthy workplace environments and recovery for the ACT public health services workforce, as well as building the capacity of the health workforce by attracting and retaining staff in a highly competitive labour market.	2,000	2,250	2,250	2,250	8,750	1,750	1,875	1,875	1,875	7,375	250	375	375	375	1,375
New location for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service The Government will move the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Southside to a location better suited for the delivery of outpatient mental health services. The new CAMHS Southside location will offer increased client amenities, better accessibility and improved safety for clients and staff.	613	5,134	525	541	6,813	211	324	197	203	935	0	186	328	338	852
Upgrading ACT Pathology's laboratory The Government will expand ACT Pathology's Anatomical Pathology laboratory space in Building 10 at the Canberra Hospital, including the upgrade and relocation of critical building services.	231	3,160	0	0	3,391	0	0	0	0	0	231	3,160	0	0	3,391
Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) and Monkeypox vaccine program The Government will provide funding for the purchase of 10,000 doses of the Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) vaccine for the 2023-24 summer season and for a mosquito surveillance program over two years from 2022-23. The Government will also provide funding for the purchase of additional doses of Monkeypox vaccines and associated storage and handling costs.	4,592	141	0	0	4,733	91	141	0	0	232	0	0	0	0	0
Modernising the ACT Government Analytical Laboratory The Government will continue to modernise the ACT Government Analytical Laboratory by providing funding for the purchase of an Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatograph to enable Emerging Drugs and Novel Psychoactive Substance detection capability in the ACT. This builds on the 2022-23 Budget Initiative Investing in public health care – ACT Government Analytical Laboratory modernisation project.	0	470	45	45	560	0	20	45	45	110	0	0	0	0	0
More specialist cancer nurses The Government will expand the specialist nursing workforce for those people undergoing treatment for colorectal or gynaecological cancers. The additional resourcing will reduce the number of women who need to access gynaecological oncology care interstate and support better patient experience and clinician satisfaction.	111	400	406	415	1,332	111	400	406	415	1,332	0	0	0	0	0
Legal resourcing for legislative reform The Government will provide funding for increased legal policy staff to support the Government's ongoing reform agenda, including the development of a Bill to regulate Assisted Reproductive Technology in the ACT.	154	478	335	341	1,308	154	478	335	341	1,308	0	0	0	0	0
Extension to pilot pill testing The Government will continue to reduce the harm caused by illicit drugs by extending the ACT fixed-site pill testing pilot to ensure continuity of the service, pending finalisation of a review of the first six months of the pilot. This initiative builds on the 2021-22 Budget initiative More alcohol and other drug services – Fixed-site pill testing pilot.	350	0	0	0	350	350	0	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0