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SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by VICKI DUNNE MLA on 3 July 2020: ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

> **Mr Barr**: The national partnership is to some extent open-ended in terms of what costs would be, but the principles were that the cost-sharing would be fifty-fifty. Rather than barrelling out a hundred figures at you at a hundred miles an hour, it might be easier to provide some more detail. Is it specifically on health and the commonwealth payments —
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> **MRS DUNNE**: Also, it would be useful to have not just a reconciliation of the amount but the sorts of payments that are part of the package. Thanks.

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Under the *National Partnership on COVID-19 Response* agreement, the states and territories submit monthly estimates to the National Health Funding Body on the 15th of each month for the following month.

Payments are received under three categories. The estimates submitted to 30 June 2020 are as follows:

	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Total
	$000's	$000's	$000's	$000's	$000's	$000's	$000's
Hospital Services Payments	0	5	531	5,577	2,313	1,453	**9,878**
State Public Health Payments	0	185	5,864	13,025	16,780	8,445	**44,299**
Private Hospital Financial Viability Payment	0	0	0	0	19,528	-4,949	**14,580**
	0	**190**	**6,395**	**18,601**	**38,622**	**4,949**	**68,756**
Commonwealth 50 or 100 per cent Share	0	95	3,197	9,301	29,075	0	**41,668**

Total funding received from the Commonwealth to 30 June 2020 is $41.668 million.

This total includes the Private Hospital Viability Payment, which is 100 per cent funded by the Commonwealth. Funding for hospital services payments and state public health payments are funded 50:50 with the ACT.

In addition to the Health costs listed above, the Territory will claim $1.775 million in respect of public school cleaning costs and $0.868 million for public transport in respect of the 2019-20 period.

Reconciliations of expenditure are scheduled to occur 90 days after the end of each quarter. A reconciliation of the January to March 2020 period is currently underway.

The National Partnership Agreement details the types of costs that can be claimed. A copy of the National Partnership Agreement can be found here:

https://www.coag.gov.au/sites/default/files/communique/COVID-19%20National%20Partnership%20Agreement%20Updated%20April%202020.pdf

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the COVID-19 pandemic response

Signature: Andrew Barr Date: 17.8.20

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA