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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Redirection: Treasurer

Reference: Health Budget

Hearing Date: 25/07/2024

In relation to: Treasury and Health Budget

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Answer Due date: 06/08/2024

**Health Budget**

Page 54 of the 2024-25 Budget Outlook, under the heading of Health and Community Wellbeing, talks about investing \$700m in public health care and the 2024-25 Budget including new healthcare initiatives worth \$920 million.

(1) Could I have a dissection of each amount showing the amount being spent on each item in excess of \$20m?

**Andrew Barr MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Health portfolio agencies budget funding for initiatives are detailed in the 2024-25 Budget Outlook pages 139 to 152. Total funding of \$920 million for *new healthcare initiatives* is inclusive of the \$700 million identified as *investing in public health care*. New healthcare initiatives worth \$920 million referenced in chapter 3.2 of the Budget Outlook relates to gross funding allocated under these initiatives, rather than net financial impact, to provide information on the total value of the Government's investment provided for these purposes.

(1) Initiatives in excess of \$20 million across the forward estimates that are allocated towards *new healthcare initiatives* are listed in the table below:

| <b>Initiative Title</b>   | <b>2024-25<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025-26<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2026-27<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2027-28<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Total<br/>\$'000</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Enabling works for the new northside hospital and enhancing health infrastructure at North Canberra Hospital | 9,230                     | 4,800                     | 7,000                     | 6,500                     | <b>27,530</b>           |
| Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – New Health Centres across the ACT  | 4,006                     | 8,618                     | 14,905                    | 25,282                    | <b>52,811</b>           |
| Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Planning the next stages of the Canberra Hospital Expansion  | 20,845                    | 275                       | 0                         | 0                         | <b>21,120</b>           |
| Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Upgrading and enhancing health infrastructure at Canberra Hospital   | 4,635                     | 8,402                     | 11,716                    | 23,131                    | <b>47,884</b>           |
| Investing in public health care – Boosting emergency and elective surgery   | 18,950                    | 10,959                    | 11,249                    | 11,547                    | <b>52,705</b>           |
| Investing in public health care – Boosting health service funding for a growing population  | 32,062                    | 32,568                    | 36,298                    | 39,227                    | <b>140,155</b>          |
| Investing in public health care – Expanding paediatric services at Canberra Hospital and in the community   | 13,278                    | 14,226                    | 14,528                    | 14,798                    | <b>56,830</b>           |
| Investing in public health care – Improving patient flow across public hospital services  | 7,596                     | 7,797                     | 8,004                     | 8,216                     | <b>31,613</b>           |
| Investing in public health care – Supporting inpatient rehabilitation at University of Canberra Hospital  | 12,858                    | 13,317                    | 13,694                    | 14,057                    | <b>53,926</b>           |
| Investing in public health care – Supporting safe care in maternity services  | 6,262                     | 6,428                     | 6,598                     | 6,773                     | <b>26,061</b>           |
| Ongoing delivery of the Digital Health Strategy   | 53,109                    | 50,000                    | 47,500                    | 45,000                    | <b>195,609</b>          |
| Supporting our health workforce – Phase Two of Mandated Minimum Nurse/Midwife-to-Patient Ratios   | 9,644                     | 22,567                    | 26,716                    | 27,111                    | <b>86,038</b>           |

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

Date: **6.8.24**

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA