

Department of Health Estimated Mental Health Expenditure (as at January 2019)

Department of Health Estimated Direct and Indirect Spending on Mental Health Services	2016-17 Estimated Actual (\$m)	2017-18 Estimated Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Expenditure (\$m)
Department of Health mental health programs (1)*	712.8	759.7	885.8
MBS mental health related services (2)	1,183.0	1,238.9	1,332.7
PBS prescriptions for mental-health related illnesses (3)	513.2	542.0	513.3
Australian Government's share of public hospital funding for mental health services (4)	1,485.4	1,485.4	1,723.8
Mental Health share of Private Health Insurance Premium rebates (5)	146.9	151.9	154.9
Estimated Total	4,041.3	4,177.9	4,610.5
Portfolio Agencies Estimated Direct and Indirect Spending on Mental Health Services	2016-17 Estimated Actual (\$m)	2017-18 Estimated Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Expenditure (\$m)
NHMRC mental health research (6)	70.2	69.4	72.6
National Mental Health Commission (7)	5.7	7.4	11.6
Estimated Total	75.9	76.8	84.2
Total Health Portfolio Estimated Direct and Indirect Spending on Mental Health Services	2016-17 Estimated Actual (\$m)	2017-18 Estimated Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Expenditure (\$m)
Estimated Total	4,117.2	4,254.7	4,694.7

* - The 2018-19 figure for The Department of Health mental health programs does not include \$85 million for the Community Health and Hospitals Program that has been provisionally allocated to Program 2.1 – Mental Health, subject to formal Government decision

Sources for Table 1: Department of Health Estimated Mental Health Expenditure

- 2016-17: [Department of Health Annual Report](#) (p 96),
2017-18: [Department of Health 2018-19 Portfolio Budget Statements - Program 2.1 Mental Health](#) (p 63)
2018-19: Figures are as at Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement)
- 2016-17 [AIHW: Expenditure on Mental Health Services](#). Table EXP.17
2017-18: Department of Health internal estimates - Based on Projections from RoGS reporting.
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- 2016-17 – 2018-19: Department of Health internal estimates - Based on MBS projection.
- 2015-16 to 2018-19: Department of Health internal estimate projections – from the Report on Government Services 2016 (Australian Government mental health services table) and APRA Private Health Insurers Annual Reports).
- 2016-17: [National Health and Medical Research Council Annual Report](#) (p32)
2017-18: [National Health and Medical Research Council Annual Report](#) (p6)
2018-19: Department of Health internal estimates based on 2018-19 Budget.
- 2016-17: [National Mental Health Commission Annual Report](#) (p32)
2017-18: [National Mental Health Commission Annual Report](#) (p36)
2018-19: [Portfolio Budget Statements 2018-19, Table 2.1.1 Budget expenses for National Mental Health Commission](#) (p 410)

NOTES:

- All figures are based on a mix of actual and Department modelled projection estimates or budgets. Therefore, should be considered estimates unless otherwise stated.
- PBS prescriptions for mental-health related illnesses (3) have been adjusted to remove the RPBS component which is managed through the Veterans Affairs portfolio.
- Australian Government's share of public hospital funding for mental health services (4) is not reported in the public domain.
- Mental Health share of Private Health Insurance Premium rebates (5) is a combination of RoGS and APRA reporting.