

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question: E13-039**

**OUTCOME 13:** Acute Care

**Topic:** Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Senator Bushby

**Question:**

What does Tasmania stand to lose over the forward estimates because of changes in the national specific purpose payments for health care?

**Answer:**

The National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) recognises states and territories as system managers with responsibility for funding public hospitals over and above funding provided by the Commonwealth.

At the October 2012 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO), NHRA funding for 2012-13 was recalculated for each state and territory, using a method agreed by all state and territory treasurers, and based on the latest parameters from the independent Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Commonwealth funding for Tasmanian public hospitals under the NHRA, including the MYEFO adjustments are set out in the following table. Also included in the table is the funding associated with the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services, the Health and Hospitals Fund, and the Tasmanian Health Assistance Package.

	<b>2012-13</b> \$ million	<b>2013-14</b> \$ million	<b>2014-15</b> \$ million	<b>2015-16</b> \$ million
2012-13 Budget	298.4	318.6	349.1	382.1
Post 2012-13 MYEFO <sup>(1)</sup>	294.2	311.7	338.2	366.7
Difference	-4.2	-6.8	-10.9	-15.4
<b>NHRA % growth on previous year (post MYEFO)</b>		<b>6.0%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
Improving Public Hospital Services (IPHS)	14.7	31.2	2.0	2.0
Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF)	7.6	6.2	7.7	51.0
Tasmanian Health Assistance Package	38.8	88.6	103.7	94.0
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>355.3</b>	<b>437.7</b>	<b>451.6</b>	<b>513.7</b>
<b>Total Growth (All Commonwealth Funding)</b>		<b>23%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>14%</b>

(1) Refer to MYEFO 2012-13, Table 3.25, Line Item 1 - National Health Reform Funding, Page 78