

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Acute Care

Topic: Hospital funding indexation arrangement

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Question:

What financial modelling has been done to support the new public hospital funding indexation arrangement, which will be based on population growth and inflation? How will it impact on a state such as South Australia with a lower than average population growth, compared to states such as WA or Queensland?

Answer:

The 2014-15 Budget presented state splits of total funding in 2017-18 on an equal per capita basis. Funding of South Australian public hospitals (including a public health component) is currently projected to increase from \$1.0 billion in 2013-14 to over \$1.3 billion in 2017-18. While state splits of total funding are yet to be finalised, public hospital funding for South Australia in 2017-18 (which includes a public health component) is projected to increase by 6.4 per cent over 2016-17 public hospital funding.