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Dear Mr Pearson

RESPONSE TO PAEC INQUIRY INTO THE 2018-19 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Thank you for your letter dated 24 July 2018.

I have enclosed further information (Attachment 1) to address the Committee's queries on the payments under the National Health Reform Agreement over the forward estimates in the 2018-19 Budget.

Should your staff have any queries in relation to this matter, they can contact Ms Emma McCue, Director, Portfolio Analysis, Department of Treasury and Finance on 9651 1365.

Yours sincerely

TIM/PALLAS MP

Treasurer

27 JUL 2018



Attachment 1

Question 11a

In relation to the payments received from the National Health Reform Agreement: Provide the exact amounts, within 'Other grants for specific purposes', for the 2018-19 and across the forward estimates period.

Answer

Payments received under the NHRA are forecast to be \$5 323 million for 2018-19. This amount is included within 'Other grants for specific purposes' in Table 4.3 in the 2018-19 Budget.

Payments received under the NHRA over the forward estimates are broadly consistent with the most recent Commonwealth Budget publication, as published in the *Budget 2018-19*, Federal Financial Relations Budget paper No.3 and provided in the table below.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
	(\$ m)	(\$ m)	(\$ m)
National Health Reform funding	5,583	5,852	6,134