



# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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# Health overview

The 2017-18 Budget is investing **\$2 billion in health services, programs and agencies** – across metropolitan Melbourne and rural communities, including:

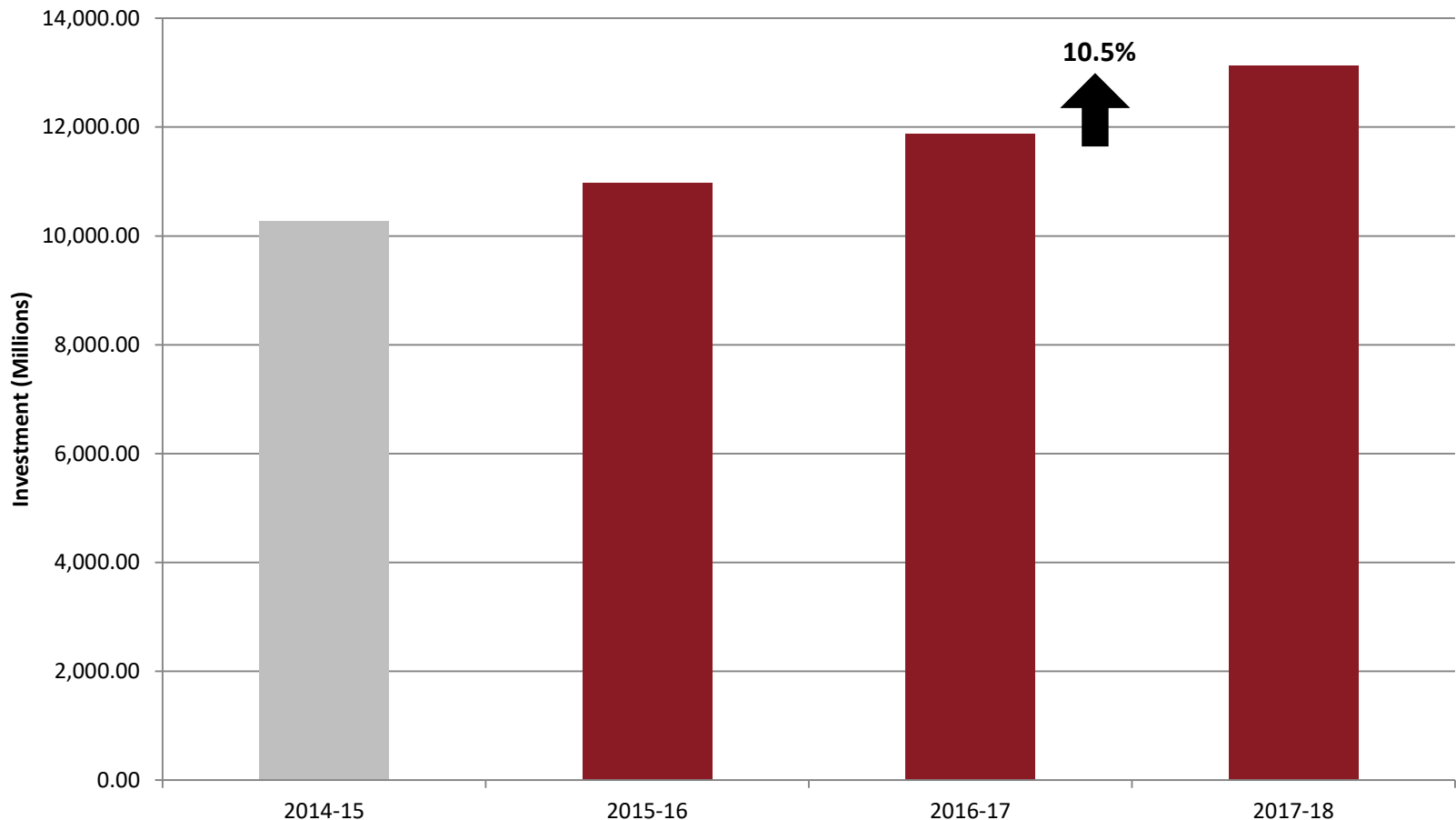
- **\$1.67 billion** to deliver **more care** to Victorian patients
- **\$64 million** to provide **better care** for Victorians
- **\$280 million** to offer **safer care** for Victorian patients and safer workplaces for our health workers

To support this investment, the Andrews Labor Government is funding capital projects worth **\$428.5 million** across Victoria

- This investment will support the implementation of **Health 2040: advancing health, access and care** - which presents a clear vision for the health and wellbeing of Victorians and for the Victorian healthcare system.

## Acute Health Budget Output Growth

- In 2017-18, **\$13.13 billion will be invested** in acute health services – an increase of 10.5% on 2016-17.



# More care for Victorian patients

- **\$1.67 billion** package to support hospitals to meet demand and deliver more surgeries. This represents the biggest one-off boost to elective surgery in Victoria's history – supporting more than 200,000 operations
- **\$14.1 million** cancer screening package will deliver 45,000 more breast, bowel and oral cancer screens
- **\$2 million** to support more rural and regional Victorians' access to health services through the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Program
- **\$1.2 million** to expand the hepatitis B vaccination program, delivering 10,000 more vaccinations

A photograph of the Mater Children's Hospital building, featuring a modern design with large windows and colorful horizontal bands of yellow, green, and blue. The text "Mater Children's Hospital" is visible on the upper part of the building.

Mater  
Children's  
Hospital

## Better care for Victorians

- **\$34.2 million** to deliver the biggest boost to the Operational Infrastructure Support Program in its history, backing Victoria's world-leading medical researchers, scientists and institutions to develop treatments and find cures
- **\$11.6 million** to partner with the Commonwealth to improve care for patients with multiple, complex and chronic conditions
- **\$10 million** for another round of Better Care Victoria's Innovation Fund, delivering more and improved hospital and health services right across the state
- **\$8.4 million** to provide more Victorians with rare diseases access to genomic sequencing to get diagnoses and treatments sooner



# Safer care for Victorian patients and safer workplaces for our health workers



- **\$215 million** package to overhaul quality and safety across the health system and drive down avoidable harm
- **\$38.4 million** for health workers to be trained in how to identify the signs of family violence and support people experiencing harm to get the help they need
- **\$15.6 million** to better prepare for thunderstorm asthma
- **\$7.9 million** to give the Health Complaints Commissioner greater capacity to crack down on rogue and dodgy practitioners
- **\$3 million** to address violence against health care workers and workplace bullying



## **Building Better Hospitals - \$428.5 million in new hospital upgrades and equipment**

- **\$162.7 million** expansion of the Northern Hospital
- **\$50 million** to begin work on a new Footscray Hospital
- **\$63.2 million** expansion of the Monash Medical Centre emergency department and improved access for ambulances
- **\$40 million** Royal Melbourne Hospital key infrastructure upgrade
- **\$29.8 million** Austin Health critical infrastructure works
- **\$60 million** for new medical equipment and upgrade infrastructure across the state
- **\$11.9 million** for cybersecurity controls and tools
- **\$7.5 million** Warrnambool Hospital planning and design works
- **\$2.2 million** boost to open 11 new intensive care and neonatal intensive care beds in health services across Victoria.

# Rural and Regional Health and Ambulance Capital Projects

