

Mental Health and Drugs Budget, 2007-08



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Committed to mental health

- Committed \$472 million over 5 years towards the COAG National Mental Health Action Plan
- Increased client contacts, numbers and access to beds
- Improved service access and effectiveness

Chart 1: Number of Registered Clients

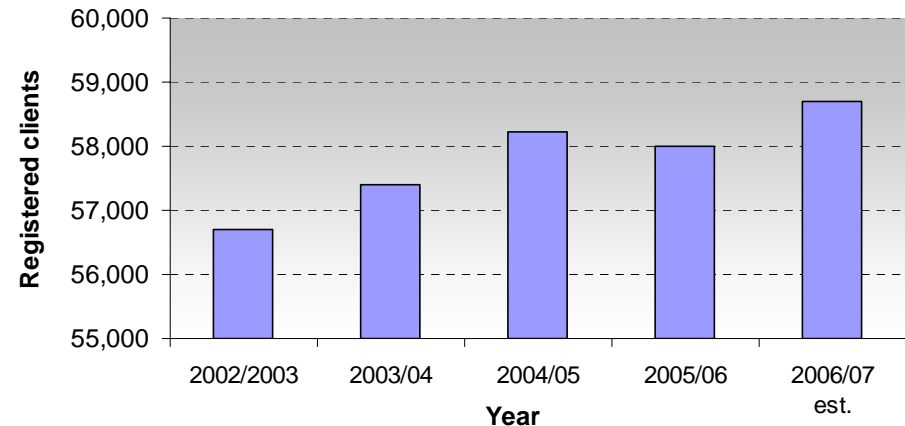
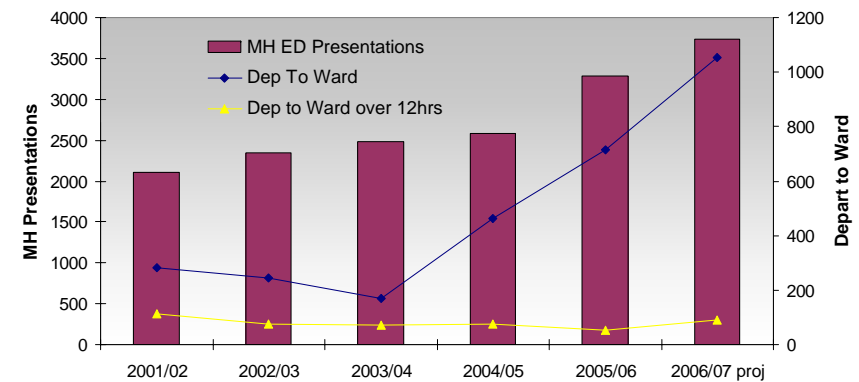


Chart 2: Mental Health ED Presentations by Outcome - Southern



Priorities and Challenges

- Intervening earlier to minimise disability
- Increasing access to appropriate service type
- A sustainable and capable mental health workforce
- Community safety and protection
- Improved Commonwealth and State coordination

Continuing the commitment in 2007-08

\$68.8m boost for mental health

- **\$26.6m** in capital works to build new and improved mental health facilities
 - 25 beds at Northern Hospital
 - 40 new PARC places
- **\$42.2m** to expand and improve services
 - Completing statewide roll out of the Youth Early Psychosis Program
 - Increasing mental health support to EDs
 - 15 new aged residential mental health beds

Drugs Services Priorities and Challenges

- Tackling emerging threats such as:
 - Amphetamines
 - Poly-drug use
 - Alcohol and drug ‘hotspots’
- Stronger investment in prevention
 - \$1m ‘ice’ and cannabis campaign
 - Four year prevention strategy
 - Victorian Alcohol Action Plan
- Building a new integrated drug treatment services
Blueprint and new policy responses

Drugs Budget 2007-08

- The drugs budget of **\$116.8m** comprises **\$19m** for Prevention and **\$97.8m** for Treatment.
- This budget provides certainty for the drug treatment sector by:
 - Extending all components of the Victorian Drug Strategy
 - Anticipating emerging threats such as the risks posed by 'Ice'
 - Providing recurrent indexed funding for programs previously funded from drug fines

Victorian Drug Strategy Funding

- The budget announcement extends the Victorian Drug Strategy (VDS) for another four years. For DHS this adds a further \$148m to the drugs funding base.
 - \$112m to enhance treatment, rehabilitation and support
 - \$19.8m to extend local drug hotspots
 - \$5.5m for family support
 - \$10.7m to boost prevention
- The whole of government investment in the Victorian Drug Strategy is \$201.3m over the next four years.

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