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Member briefing note:

2026-27 South Australian Budget summary

Key points

- The South Australian State Budget was handed down on 4 June 2026, with a key focus on cost-of-living relief, building a stronger, more productive and resilient economy.
 - The Government will introduce a 12-month partial freeze on all non-frontline recruitment to increase productivity at government agencies. Under this measure, only one in every two vacancies can be recruited, still enabling key positions to be filled.
 - Ensuring Net debt Figures remain manageable over the medium term, the government focuses on the North-South Corridor, the Rover Torrens to Darlington project and the new Women's and Children's Hospital.
 - The budget does not introduce any new taxes or tax increases
- The State budget has a total surplus of \$1.4 billion.
- The South Australian Health System received an additional \$1.7 billion over five years to address the increasing levels of demand, with the entire system funding of \$45.4 billion over four years.
 - Publicly Funded IVF rebate scheme, aiming to make treatment more affordable. This investment will help eligible patients pay for critical tests and procedures involving IVF
- The [budget website](#) has additional information for other Departments/services.

Budget highlights

Health

The South Australian government has committed \$45.4 billion to health in the budget forward estimates over the next four years.

- \$1.7 billion to address increased demand in the public health system and higher cost of service delivery across local health networks
- \$22 million to deliver a new emergency department at Clare Hospital

- \$16 million to increase the nightly accommodation subsidy for eligible individuals from \$44 to \$110 and for those travelling with an approved support person from \$88 to \$154, and introduce a cumulative travel subsidy for eligible individuals travelling 300 km or more per week for renal or oncology care
- \$15 million towards the Murray Bridge Soldiers Memorial Hospital, including redevelopment of the maternity ward and birthing unit
- \$13.9 million provided for a stronger regional ambulance service, expanding the community paramedics crews in Ceduna and Yorketown. A new paramedic station in Millicent and upgrades to Yorketown and Barmera stations.
- \$13.2 million for three more 24hr pharmacies in the west, north-east and Adelaide Hills to help reduce pressure on hospitals and GP clinics
- \$13 million for a new multi-purpose training facility at Flinders University, adjacent to Mount Gambier Hospital. Increasing the number of medical students in SA.
- \$10 million to support five GP clinics to establish specialised women's health. With clinics located in northern, southern, and central Adelaide, as well as two regional clinics
- \$4.6 million to establish South Australia's first Virtual Pelvic Pain Clinic
- \$3 million to undertake a business case to complete planning for the new Greater Northern Adelaide Hospital
- \$3 million to undertake a business case for the redevelopment of the Women's and Children's site into a new aged care facility
- \$2.6 million continued funding for dedicated specialist lung cancer nurses across the hospital system
- \$1.8 million to establish Australia's only dedicated MND Biomarker Research Centre of Excellence in collaboration with FlightMND and Flinders University
- \$1.6 million to support people living with MND through improved access to equipment and relevant health professionals
- \$1 million for 10 additional pharmacists, doubling the number of pharmacists with graduate training
- \$350,000 for 100 GPs to diagnose and prescribe medication for ADHD.
- \$55 000 support improved options for pain management of intrauterine device (IUD) procedures in public outpatient clinics and across primary care.

Of interest to ACRRM members

- The Commonwealth Government is providing an additional \$2 billion over the next five years to support South Australia's health system. This is projected to bring the Commonwealth's contribution to 37.5 per cent of hospital funding by 2030-31. This is below its commitment of 42.5 per cent made at National Cabinet.
- \$174 million over four years will be spent to make public school free, to ease cost-of-living pressures for parents, caregivers and independent students, saving an average of \$8 000 per child across 13 years of schooling

- The ACRRM Policy Team will continue to work with South Australian members, monitor developments and consider these issues in public policy processes and representations to government.

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