

STATE BUDGET

2022-23

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BUDGET STARTS FIXING THE RAMPING CRISIS

The Malinauskas Labor Government's first budget begins the process of fixing the ramping crisis, with an additional \$2.4 billion invested in health in the biggest investment in health in South Australia's history.

The 2022-23 State Budget delivers and builds upon Labor's election commitments, including:

- **350 more** paramedics and ambulance officers
- **101 more** doctors
- **300 more** nurses
- **326 more** hospital and mental health beds, including
 - 48 more beds at Lyell McEwin Hospital
 - 48 more beds at Modbury Hospital
 - 24 more beds at Flinders Medical Centre
 - 50 more beds at the new WCH
 - 72 more metropolitan mental health beds at the QEH, Modbury and Noarlunga

A further 228 beds will be available when the upgrade and expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre and construction of the new Mount Barker Hospital are completed.

The additional \$2.4 billion invested in health includes:

- \$837 million invested in hospitals and infrastructure, including
 - \$127 million over the forward estimates towards the \$220 million new Mount Barker Hospital – an increase on the election commitment of \$32 million to support more work on the project to be undertaken earlier.
 - \$161 million over the forward estimates towards the \$400 million Flinders Medical Centre upgrade
 - \$120 million for new Ambulance Headquarters
 - \$67.2 million for 4 new ambulance stations, 4 rebuilds and 10 upgrades
 - \$30.3 million for the existing WCH
 - \$28 million for the new Modbury Hospital Cancer Centre
- \$648 million for the state's COVID-19 response across 2021-22 and 2022-23

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The government continues its commitment to the new Women's and Children's Hospital with \$1.5 billion allocated over the next four years.

There is also a significant investment in regional health, including:

- \$12 million for Port Pirie emergency department upgrade
- \$10 million for Kangaroo Island Hospital
- \$8 million for Port Augusta Hospital upgrade
- \$8 million for Mount Gambier Hospital emergency department upgrade
- \$5.3 million for Keith and District Hospital
- \$2.5 million for the Yadu Health Clinic

The Malinauskas Labor Government is also reversing some of the Marshall Liberal Government's health cuts, totalling \$400 million over five years. This means an additional \$400 million that would have otherwise been cut to meet the former government's savings targets.

The investments are being funded in part because the Malinauskas Labor Government has scrapped the former Government's \$662 million Basketball Stadium.

Quotes attributable to Stephen Mullighan

The Malinauskas Government came to Government with a clear agenda to make health the priority of our budget – and now we're delivering.

Record investment is being made across the system to start addressing the ramping crisis and fix significant problems that the former Government ignored for four years.

This budget will deliver more beds and employ more ambos, doctors and nurses to boost capacity across the health network and relieve pressure on hospitals and emergency departments.

Quotes attributable to Chris Picton

All these measures will combine to help fix the ramping crisis, properly resource our hospitals and restore confidence in the health system left badly damaged by the failures of the Liberals.

We are providing frontline health workers with what they need to do their job properly and safely through a historic investment into services, staffing and infrastructure.

Our commitment to reduce ambulance response times, provide more capacity to treat more patients and take pressure off hospitals and EDs will deliver a health service the South Australian public expects and deserves.

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