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This report is issued by the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool under section 240 of the *National Health Reform Act 2011*.

This report is prepared on a cash basis. It shows monthly and year-to-date (YTD) National Health Reform (NHR) funding and payments for Victoria for May 2014 as part of the *National Health Reform Agreement*.

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A local hospital network (LHN) is an organisation that provides public hospital services in accordance with the Agreement. An LHN can contain one or more hospitals, and is usually defined as a business group, geographical area or community. Every Australian public hospital is part of an LHN.

Note: The term 'local hospital network' is a national term. Some states and territories use their own terminology to describe these networks, such as local health districts, health organisations, and hospital and health services.

Under the Agreement, LHNs receive funding for the following public hospital services:

- All admitted and non-admitted services
- All emergency department services provided by a recognised emergency department
- Other outpatient, mental health, sub-acute services and other services that could reasonably be considered a public hospital service.

Note: LHNs also receive funding from other sources, including the Commonwealth, states and territories, and third parties for the provision of other specific functions and services outside the scope of the Agreement, for example dental services, primary care, home and community care, residential aged care and pharmaceuticals. For further information on total funding to a particular LHN, contact the Victorian Department of Health to view the service agreement for that LHN.

Note: Amounts shown in the monthly reports do not include the New South Wales contributions to Victoria for Albury Wodonga Health.

Basis for National Health Reform payments – Victoria, May 2014

For the basis of the Commonwealth contribution to NHR funding, see [Basis of Commonwealth NHR funding, 2013-14](#).

The basis used to determine NHR payments to LHNs in Victoria for May 2014 was advised by the Victorian Department of Health to be as follows:

Payments in Victoria are based upon 'Statement of priorities' agreements between Victorian public health services (LHNs) and the Minister for Health (or Secretary). These annual agreements detail the service profile, strategic priorities and deliverables the local hospital network will achieve in the year ahead; list the key financial, access and service performance priorities and agreed targets; and list funding estimates and associated service activity. Once agreed, Statements of priorities are published at www.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals/sops.htm.

Funding details are aggregated into ABF funded services (including NWAU equivalent service volume), Block funded services and Other funding for the purpose of determining payments to and from the state pool account and the state managed fund.

Payments are made twice monthly on the basis of one-twelfth of the agreed funding budget, adjusted for cash flow requirements of individual Victorian public health services.

While the basis of NHR payments are reported on a cash basis by the Administrator, LHNs generally report revenue and expenditure on an accrual basis.

Victorian LHNs receive activity-based funding, block funding and other payments for different services and purposes. Adjustments are made for cash flow needs and costs administered by the Victorian Department of Health on behalf of LHNs. Due to the timing and processing of these adjustments, The Royal Women's Hospital shows a negative amount for the block payment in May 2014.

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited was registered as an LHN in the Victorian Funding Pool in July 2013. For this reporting period, only the state funding contribution was paid through the Funding Pool. Victoria is yet to advise the Administrator of estimated NWAU services to attract a Commonwealth contribution for the services provided by this LHN.

In March 2014, the Commonwealth provided Victoria with additional public hospital funding of \$22,139,573.59 under the 2013-14 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) funding measure: Public Hospital System - additional funding. This funding was provided to offset the downward adjustment to 2013-14 NHR funding applied at the MYEFO due to the application of updated NHR funding indexation parameters. A requirement of the provision of this funding was that the funding be provided to LHNs through the National Health Funding Pool and / or State Managed Fund.

The Administrator has been advised by Victoria that the allocation of additional funding from the Commonwealth is being paid in accordance with original LHN cash-flows, and will be paid during the 2013-14 financial year.

Reference information

The financial information outlined in the following report is categorised as:

- *NHR funding* – when the Commonwealth or state or territory government pays NHR funding into a state pool account or state managed fund.
- *NHR payments* – when NHR funding that has been deposited into a state pool account or state managed fund is paid out of the state pool account by the Administrator, or is paid out of the state managed fund by the state or territory.

State pool account transactions

Table 1a – State pool account transactions – Victoria, May 2014

This table shows funding paid into the Victorian state pool account by the Commonwealth, Victoria or other states/territories, and payments out of the state pool account to LHNs, the state managed fund, the Victorian Department of Health or the state pool accounts of other states/territories for May 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid Into state pool account (\$)	Paid Out of state pool account				Total paid out (\$)
		To Local hospital networks (\$)	To State Managed Fund (\$)	To state health department (\$)	To state pool (other State) (\$)	
Commonwealth ABF funding	212,157,379	212,157,379				212,157,379
Commonwealth Block funding	76,201,363		76,201,363			76,201,363
Commonwealth Other funding	6,666,679			6,666,679		6,666,679
Total C'wealth funding	295,025,421	212,157,379	76,201,363	6,666,679		295,025,421
VIC funding	231,516,986	231,472,492		44,494	0	231,516,986
Other state/territory funding	0		0	0		0
Total	526,542,406	443,629,871	76,201,363	6,711,173	0	526,542,406

See definitions and explanatory notes following table 1b.

Table 1b – State pool account transactions YTD – Victoria, May 2014

Following on from table 1a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) funding paid into the Victorian state pool account by the Commonwealth, Victoria or other states/territories, and payments out of the state pool account to LHNs, the state managed fund, the Victorian Department of Health or the state pool accounts of other states/territories as at May 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid Into state pool account (\$)	Paid Out of state pool account				Total paid out YTD (\$)
		To Local hospital networks YTD (\$)	To State Managed Fund YTD (\$)	To state health department YTD (\$)	To state pool (other State) YTD (\$)	
Commonwealth ABF funding	2,765,656,062	2,765,656,062				2,765,656,062
Commonwealth Block funding	377,759,673		377,759,673			377,759,673
Commonwealth Other funding	73,884,064			73,884,064		73,884,064
Total C'wealth funding	3,217,299,799	2,765,656,062	377,759,673	73,884,064		3,217,299,799
VIC funding	3,703,452,689	3,702,284,107		1,168,583	0	3,703,452,689
Other state/territory funding	0		0	0		0
Total	6,920,752,488	6,467,940,168	377,759,673	75,052,647	0	6,920,752,488

Commonwealth ABF funding represents Acute admitted public, Acute admitted private, Non-admitted, Emergency department, Sub-acute, and Admitted mental health service categories, which are funded by the Commonwealth through the state pool account and subsequently paid to LHNs.

Commonwealth Block funding represents Non-admitted mental health, Small rural hospitals, Teaching, training & research, and Other non-admitted categories, which are funded by the Commonwealth and paid to the state managed fund.

Commonwealth Other funding represents other amounts funded by the Commonwealth, transacted through the state pool account and subsequently paid to state or territory health departments. This currently represents the Commonwealth contribution to public health.

VIC funding represents funding contributions paid by Victoria into its own state pool account, and subsequently paid to LHNs within the state, to the Victorian health department and/or to other state pool accounts.

Other state/territory funding represents contributions paid to Victoria by other states and territories for cross-border activity.

Note: The grey shaded areas in these tables reflect that these amounts are not applicable for a particular 'paid out' column. For example, Commonwealth block funding is only paid to state managed funds and is not applicable for local hospital networks or state health departments.

NHR funding and payments shown in these tables include GST where applicable.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

State managed fund transactions

Table 2a – State managed fund transactions – Victoria, May 2014

This table shows funding paid into the Victorian state managed fund by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations for May 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid into state managed fund (\$)	Paid out of state managed fund		
		To local hospital networks (\$)	To Other (\$)	Total paid out (\$)
Commonwealth Block funding	76,201,363			76,201,363
State/territory Block funding	-4,084,157			-4,084,157
Total	72,117,206	71,148,835	968,370	72,117,206

See explanatory notes below table 2b.

Table 2b – State managed fund transactions YTD – Victoria, May 2014

Following on from table 2a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) funding paid into the Victorian state managed fund by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and YTD payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations as at May 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid into state managed fund YTD (\$)	Paid out of state managed fund YTD		
		To local hospital networks YTD (\$)	To Other YTD (\$)	Total paid out YTD (\$)
Commonwealth Block funding	377,759,673			377,759,673
State/territory Block funding	618,935,981			614,851,823
Total	996,695,654	977,179,732	15,431,764	992,611,496

Block funding represents Non-admitted mental health, Small rural hospitals, Teaching, training & research, and Other non-admitted categories.

Commonwealth Block funding represents Commonwealth block funding contributions paid into the state managed fund from the state pool account, and block payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations.

State/territory Block funding represents Victorian block funding contributions into the state managed fund, and block payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations.

Note: The grey shaded areas in these tables reflect that these block payments cannot at this stage be identified by funding source (state, territory or Commonwealth contribution).

NHR funding and payments shown in these tables include GST where applicable.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

NHR funding and payments by service category

Table 3 – NHR funding and payments by service category – Victoria, May 2014

This table shows NHR funding and payments by service category on both a monthly and year-to-date (YTD) basis for Victoria for May 2014. NHR funding and payments are separated into the following service categories – activity-based funding (ABF), block funding, and other funding.

Service category	NHR funding (\$)	NHR payments (\$)	YTD NHR funding (\$)	YTD NHR payments (\$)
ABF				
Acute admitted - public	*	*	*	*
Acute admitted - private	*	*	*	*
Non-admitted	*	*	*	*
Emergency department	*	*	*	*
Admitted mental health	*	*	*	*
Sub-acute	*	*	*	*
Total ABF (Pool)	443,629,871	443,629,871	6,467,940,168	6,467,940,168
Block				
Non-admitted mental health	*	*	*	*
Small rural hospitals	*	*	*	*
Teaching, training & research	*	*	*	*
Other non-admitted services	*	*	*	*
Total Block (SMF)	72,117,206	72,117,206	996,695,654	992,611,496
Other				
Public health funding	6,666,679	6,666,679	73,884,064	73,884,064
Overdeposit	0	0	0	0
Cross border	0	0	0	0
Interest	44,494	44,494	1,168,583	1,168,583
Total Other (Pool)	6,711,173	6,711,173	75,052,647	75,052,647
Grand Total	522,458,249	522,458,249	7,539,688,469	7,535,604,311

**Victoria has advised it is unable to provide payment information by service category as its 2013-14 service agreements with LHNs do not set separate budgets at that level.*

Total ABF (Pool) is an aggregate of both Commonwealth and state or territory NHR funding and payments for activity-based funding (ABF) which is transacted through the state pool account.

Total Block (SMF) is an aggregate of both Commonwealth and state or territory NHR funding and payments for block funding which is transacted through the state managed fund (SMF).

Total Other (Pool) represents other funding and payments, which are transacted through the state pool account, including public health funding, overdeposits, cross-border funding and payments, and interest.

State and territory cross-border payments can either be:

- Paid to the relevant state or territory's LHNs – included within ABF and/or block payments in the above table, or
- Reimbursed to the relevant state or territory where the state or territory's LHNs are already being funded for the cost of treating cross-border patients – shown in the Cross-border row under Other in the above table.

NHR funding and payments shown in these tables include GST where applicable.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

NHR contributions by local hospital network

Table 4a – NHR contributions by local hospital network – Victoria, May 2014

This table shows NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria during May 2014.

NHR contributions to local hospital networks (LHNs) are separated into an activity-based funding (ABF) component and a block component.

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST) (\$)	Block component (ex GST) (\$)	Total NHR payments (ex GST) (\$)
Albury Wodonga Health	5,233,000	1,195,365	6,428,365
Alexandra District Hospital	0	341,000	341,000
Alfred Health	26,880,908	3,428,512	30,309,420
Alpine Health	0	687,000	687,000
Austin Health	32,075,000	2,667,633	34,742,633
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	2,832,000	148,445	2,980,445
Ballarat Health Services	11,829,500	1,970,370	13,799,870
Barwon Health	21,884,000	2,569,368	24,453,368
Bass Coast Regional Health	1,131,000	28,418	1,159,418
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	254,000	254,000
Beechworth Health Service	0	244,000	244,000
Benalla Health	1,037,000	64,605	1,101,605
Bendigo Health Care Group	11,490,738	2,909,593	14,400,331
Boort District Health	0	138,000	138,000
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	1,449,000	51,000	1,500,000
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	249,210	249,210
Castlemaine Health	1,145,000	12,000	1,157,000
Central Gippsland Health Service	3,119,000	43,836	3,162,836
Cobram District Health	0	350,000	350,000
Cohuna District Hospital	0	306,000	306,000
Colac Area Health	1,337,000	14,462	1,351,462
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	3,676,736	0	3,676,736
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0
Djerriwarrh Health Services	2,312,000	48,445	2,360,445
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	65,000	65,000
East Grampians Health Service	956,000	40,445	996,445
East Wimmera Health Service	0	622,000	622,000
Eastern Health	36,237,000	5,409,185	41,646,185
Echuca Regional Health	2,079,508	64,400	2,143,908
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	227,000	227,000
Gippsland Southern Health Service	1,057,000	13,766	1,070,766
Goulburn Valley Health	7,685,000	1,313,345	8,998,345
Heathcote Health	0	126,000	126,000
Hepburn Health Service	0	502,000	502,000
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	112,000	112,000

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
Heywood Rural Health	0	104,000	104,000
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	124,605	124,605
Kerang District Health	0	369,000	369,000
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	615,000	615,000
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	316,000	316,000
Kyabram & District Health Services	767,000	9,000	776,000
Kyneton District Health Service	0	247,000	247,000
Latrobe Regional Hospital	8,517,000	2,465,153	10,982,153
Lorne Community Hospital	0	144,000	144,000
Maldon Hospital	0	65,000	65,000
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	237,000	237,000
Mansfield District Hospital	0	402,605	402,605
Maryborough District Health Service	947,000	12,872	959,872
Melbourne Health	18,935,468	7,884,585	26,820,053
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	10,496,000	1,483,807	11,979,807
Monash Health	61,543,428	7,559,721	69,103,149
Moyne Health Services	0	219,000	219,000
Nathalia District Hospital	0	117,000	117,000
Northeast Health Wangaratta	4,740,000	192,715	4,932,715
Northern Health	19,452,000	804,000	20,256,000
Numurkah District Health Service	0	438,000	438,000
Omeo District Health	0	111,000	111,000
Orbost Regional Health	0	351,689	351,689
Otway Health & Community Services	0	160,000	160,000
Peninsula Health	21,318,000	2,528,072	23,846,072
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	5,342,000	392,661	5,734,661
Portland District Health	1,313,448	129,300	1,442,748
Ramsay Healthcare Australia (Mildura Base Hospital)	4,850,000	677,890	5,527,890
Robinvale District Health Services	0	336,000	336,000
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	324,605	324,605
Rural Northwest Health	0	514,000	514,000
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	682,067	682,067
South Gippsland Hospital	0	404,983	404,983
South West Healthcare	5,930,595	909,977	6,840,572
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	22,389,000	3,607,334	25,996,334
Stawell Regional Health	770,000	32,000	802,000
Swan Hill District Health	1,809,400	39,927	1,849,327
Tallangatta Health Service	0	207,000	207,000
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	320,000	320,000
The Royal Children's Hospital	21,722,568	1,904,000	23,626,568
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	4,581,000	200,000	4,781,000
The Royal Women's Hospital	9,005,500	-65,265	8,940,235
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	223,563	223,563
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	233,000	233,000
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	2,929,000	2,929,000
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	3,332,000	131,000	3,463,000

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
West Wimmera Health Service	0	781,000	781,000
Western District Health Service	1,996,000	248,000	2,244,000
Western Health	31,401,000	1,187,000	32,588,000
Wimmera Health Care Group	2,739,000	87,000	2,826,000
Yarram & District Health Service	0	309,000	309,000
Yarrawonga Health	0	502,563	502,563
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	142,000	142,000
Total	439,343,797	70,566,832	509,910,629

See explanatory notes below table 4b.

Table 4b – NHR contributions by local hospital network YTD – Victoria, May 2014

This table shows YTD NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria as at May 2014.

NHR contributions to LHNs are separated into an activity-based funding (ABF) component and a block component.

Local hospital network	ABF component YTD (ex GST) (\$)	Block component YTD (ex GST) (\$)	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST) (\$)
Albury Wodonga Health	73,444,950	16,220,538	89,665,488
Alexandra District Hospital	0	4,709,276	4,709,276
Alfred Health	499,125,266	49,622,170	548,747,436
Alpine Health	0	9,455,525	9,455,525
Austin Health	437,314,971	41,835,025	479,149,996
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	38,525,000	1,103,843	39,628,843
Ballarat Health Services	162,125,976	24,888,480	187,014,456
Barwon Health	299,096,922	36,743,622	335,840,544
Bass Coast Regional Health	22,512,000	962,960	23,474,960
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	3,505,380	3,505,380
Beechworth Health Service	0	3,148,686	3,148,686
Benalla Health	14,064,000	256,420	14,320,420
Bendigo Health Care Group	154,072,171	35,467,676	189,539,847
Boort District Health	0	1,883,246	1,883,246
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	19,892,000	928,900	20,820,900
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	2,984,224	2,984,224
Castlemaine Health	15,536,000	333,380	15,869,380
Central Gippsland Health Service	42,408,755	1,441,445	43,850,200
Cobram District Health	0	4,826,054	4,826,054
Cohuna District Hospital	0	4,164,956	4,164,956
Colac Area Health	18,162,000	654,660	18,816,660
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	37,333,660	0	37,333,660
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	15,000	15,000
Djerriwarrh Health Services	32,039,382	590,304	32,629,686
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	906,934	906,934
East Grampians Health Service	12,998,000	359,720	13,357,720
East Wimmera Health Service	0	8,455,090	8,455,090
Eastern Health	497,035,461	71,920,116	568,955,577
Echuca Regional Health	27,958,333	1,746,446	29,704,779
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	2,971,503	2,971,503
Gippsland Southern Health Service	14,354,000	365,468	14,719,468
Goulburn Valley Health	104,534,187	19,047,074	123,581,261
Heathcote Health	0	1,683,423	1,683,423
Hepburn Health Service	0	6,860,106	6,860,106
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	1,575,880	1,575,880
Heywood Rural Health	0	1,990,254	1,990,254

Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	1,533,792	1,533,792
Kerang District Health	0	5,222,826	5,222,826
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	8,879,102	8,879,102
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	4,312,844	4,312,844
Kyabram & District Health Services	10,416,000	148,608	10,564,608
Kyneton District Health Service	0	7,551,035	7,551,035
Latrobe Regional Hospital	115,142,275	30,864,639	146,006,914
Lorne Community Hospital	0	1,962,453	1,962,453
Maldon Hospital	0	912,148	912,148
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	3,258,537	3,258,537
Mansfield District Hospital	0	5,356,241	5,356,241
Maryborough District Health Service	12,894,000	606,547	13,500,547
Melbourne Health	467,459,223	109,865,615	577,324,838
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	195,018,692	21,709,930	216,728,622
Monash Health	834,424,176	98,193,014	932,617,190
Moyne Health Services	0	3,021,486	3,021,486
Nathalia District Hospital	0	1,580,737	1,580,737
Northeast Health Wangaratta	65,294,604	2,517,221	67,811,825
Northern Health	264,399,750	10,276,875	274,676,625
Numurkah District Health Service	0	6,634,743	6,634,743
Omeo District Health	0	1,438,831	1,438,831
Orbost Regional Health	0	5,179,661	5,179,661
Otway Health & Community Services	0	2,208,556	2,208,556
Peninsula Health	289,741,588	32,498,473	322,240,061
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	71,596,000	8,283,753	79,879,753
Portland District Health	17,801,448	745,866	18,547,314
Ramsay Healthcare Australia (Mildura Base Hospital)	67,327,526	8,638,911	75,966,437
Robinvale District Health Services	0	4,617,904	4,617,904
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	4,132,533	4,132,533
Rural Northwest Health	0	6,972,276	6,972,276
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	9,841,032	9,841,032
South Gippsland Hospital	0	4,581,787	4,581,787
South West Healthcare	78,844,426	13,774,803	92,619,229
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	303,420,308	47,708,537	351,128,845
Stawell Regional Health	10,469,000	404,335	10,873,335
Swan Hill District Health	24,292,400	936,144	25,228,544
Tallangatta Health Service	0	2,800,963	2,800,963
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	4,444,641	4,444,641
The Royal Children's Hospital	296,764,600	24,976,355	321,740,955
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	62,344,000	2,419,100	64,763,100
The Royal Women's Hospital	158,005,925	-859,132	157,146,793
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	3,202,261	3,202,261
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	3,120,670	3,120,670
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	40,286,851	40,286,851
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	46,350,506	2,033,974	48,384,480
West Wimmera Health Service	0	10,628,259	10,628,259

Western District Health Service	27,195,000	3,821,719	31,016,719
Western Health	426,597,496	18,597,005	445,194,501
Wimmera Health Care Group	37,309,000	1,060,868	38,369,868
Yarram & District Health Service	0	4,213,385	4,213,385
Yarrawonga Health	0	6,587,298	6,587,298
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	1,951,308	1,951,308
Total	6,405,640,977	969,281,104	7,374,922,081

NHR payments in this table are GST exclusive to enable comparability of NHR payments in each LHN report.

Note: This table excludes GST. The majority of government funding to LHNs is not subject to GST. However in some cases hospital funding to non-government entities does attract GST, for example, denominational hospitals, privately and commercially owned health facilities, or any other non-government third party provider of health services or related supplies.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

Estimated monthly, YTD and annual activity

States and territories provide service volume *estimates* at the start of each financial year, and if required, can continue to refine these estimates during the course of the year. These *estimates* form the basis of monthly reporting of service volumes until *actual* service numbers become available. These estimates are expressed as National Weighted Activity Units (NWAU).

States and territories provide estimated annual NWAU to the Administrator as a basis for determining the Commonwealth activity-based funding. Current month NWAU estimates accumulate through the year-to-date (YTD) NWAU, to be equal to the annual NWAU at the end of the financial year.

States and territories may also provide activity information relating to the delivery of other public hospital functions funded.

Table 5 – Estimated monthly, YTD and annual NWAU by local hospital network – Victoria, May 2014

This table shows estimated state or territory hospital activity for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for May 2014, the associated cumulative year-to-date (YTD), and total estimated annual NWAU for each LHN in Victoria.

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU funded in current month	Estimated NWAU funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2013-14
Albury Wodonga Health	1,372	15,092	17,453
Alfred Health	10,485	115,335	124,649
Austin Health	9,122	100,342	107,652
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	919	10,109	11,169
Ballarat Health Services	3,583	39,413	43,175
Barwon Health	6,836	75,196	83,575
Bass Coast Regional Health	524	5,764	6,179
Benalla Health	254	2,794	3,013
Bendigo Health Care Group	3,745	41,195	44,878
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	0	0	0
Castlemaine Health	303	3,333	3,606
Central Gippsland Health Service	898	9,878	10,859
Colac Area Health	333	3,663	3,916
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	756	8,316	9,006
Djerriwarrh Health Services	562	6,182	7,026
East Grampians Health Service	263	2,893	3,064
Eastern Health	11,190	123,090	134,539
Echuca Regional Health	543	5,973	6,465
Gippsland Southern Health Service	274	3,014	3,248
Goulburn Valley Health	2,319	25,509	27,716
Kyabram & District Health Services	220	2,420	2,574
Latrobe Regional Hospital	2,590	28,490	31,537
Maryborough District Health Service	254	2,794	2,976
Melbourne Health	9,674	106,414	112,356
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	4,149	45,639	53,048
Monash Health	18,652	205,172	227,712
Northeast Health Wangaratta	1,457	16,027	17,509

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU funded in current month	Estimated NWAU funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2013-14
Northern Health	6,370	70,070	78,367
Peninsula Health	6,637	73,007	80,086
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	1,736	19,096	20,273
Portland District Health	344	3,784	4,042
Ramsay Healthcare Australia (Mildura Base Hospital)	1,526	14,242	18,239
South West Healthcare	1,599	17,589	20,002
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	6,503	71,533	77,323
Stawell Regional Health	226	2,486	2,624
Swan Hill District Health	539	5,929	6,394
The Royal Children's Hospital	5,387	59,257	63,868
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	1,546	17,006	18,392
The Royal Women's Hospital	3,232	35,552	42,152
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	1,021	11,231	12,478
Western District Health Service	611	6,721	7,245
Western Health	9,846	108,306	120,637
Wimmera Health Care Group	791	8,701	9,385
Total	139,191	1,528,557	1,680,407

An NWAU is a measure of health service activity expressed as a common unit. It provides a way of comparing and valuing each public hospital service, whether they are admissions, emergency department presentations or outpatient episodes, by weighting them for their clinical complexity. The average hospital service is worth one NWAU – the most intensive and expensive activities are worth multiple NWAU, the simplest and least expensive are worth fractions of an NWAU.

Monthly NHR payments relate to the cash needs of public hospitals and do not necessarily reflect the volume of services to be delivered in the month.

For more information on the NWAU calculation, see [Calculation of NWAU](#).