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# National Health Reform public hospital funding National report – April 2015

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 at an aggregated national level for April 2015.

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## Local hospital networks and National Health Reform

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 local terminology to describe these networks, such as local health districts, health organisations, and hospital and health services.

Under the Agreement, LHNs receive funding in 2014-15 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 Department of Health in the relevant state or territory to view the service agreement for that LHN.

**Note:** Amounts shown in the monthly reports do not include funding received by Victoria from New South Wales as contributions for Albury Wodonga Health.

## 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.

For the basis of state and territory NHR payments, see *Basis for National Health Reform payments* explanation in the relevant state or territory report for April 2015, see [State or territory reports](#).

For the basis of the Commonwealth contribution to NHR funding, see [Basis of Commonwealth NHR funding, 2014-15](#).

# NHR funding and payments

**Table 1 – NHR funding and payments for each state and territory – April 2015**

This table shows NHR funding and payments for each state and territory for April 2015.

State/territory	NHR funding (\$)	NHR payments (\$)	NHR funding YTD (\$)	NHR payments YTD (\$)
NSW	858,836,606	858,836,606	9,421,775,864	9,421,775,864
VIC	645,177,660	645,177,660	7,365,534,994	7,365,534,995
QLD	694,793,018	694,745,316	7,638,448,444	7,637,997,272
WA	235,035,955	235,338,022	3,489,020,297	3,489,017,114
SA	246,344,919	242,179,392	2,876,100,305	2,623,058,984
TAS	102,895,354	102,895,354	782,503,785	782,503,784
ACT	78,575,250	78,575,250	806,820,335	806,820,335
NT	73,291,590	73,290,134	726,354,123	726,338,431
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,934,950,351</b>	<b>2,931,037,733</b>	<b>33,106,558,146</b>	<b>32,853,046,779</b>

Differences between NHR funding and NHR payments for a state or territory can occur for several reasons, such as having funds remaining in its state pool account at the end of the month, drawing down on available funds from previous months, or having an overdraft in its state pool account at the end of the month.

NHR funding and payments shown in this table include GST where applicable.

Commonwealth and state or territory NHR funding components are detailed in the following tables.

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

## NHR funding by funding source

**Table 2a – NHR funding by funding source for each state and territory – April 2015**

This table shows NHR funding by the source of funds for each state and territory for April 2015.

Sources of NHR funding are separated into Commonwealth funding, Own state or territory funding (where a state or territory provides its own funding) and Funding from other state or territory (where other states or territories contribute cross-border funding towards the cost of their residents being treated in the provider state or territory).

State/territory	NHR funding by source			
	Commonwealth NHR funding (\$)	Own state/territory NHR funding (\$)	NHR funding from other state/territory (\$)	Total NHR funding (\$)
NSW	398,806,509	458,691,547	1,338,551	858,836,606
VIC	332,276,032	312,901,628	0	645,177,660
QLD	259,696,233	435,096,785	0	694,793,018
WA	96,379,108	138,656,847	0	235,035,955
SA	93,488,199	152,856,720	0	246,344,919
TAS	30,779,515	72,115,839	0	102,895,354
ACT	31,301,971	39,984,000	7,289,279	78,575,250
NT	13,882,670	59,408,920	0	73,291,590
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,256,610,237</b>	<b>1,669,712,285</b>	<b>8,627,829</b>	<b>2,934,950,351</b>

See explanatory notes following table 2b.

## Table 2b – NHR funding by funding source for each state and territory YTD – April 2015

Following on from table 2a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) NHR funding by the source of funds for each state and territory as at April 2015.

State/territory	NHR funding by source			
	Commonwealth NHR funding YTD (\$)	Own state/territory NHR funding YTD (\$)	NHR funding from other state/territory YTD (\$)	Total NHR funding YTD (\$)
NSW	4,047,726,989	5,360,663,369	13,385,506	9,421,775,864
VIC	3,200,120,149	4,165,414,845	0	7,365,534,994
QLD	2,535,473,490	5,102,974,953	0	7,638,448,444
WA	1,411,124,344	2,077,895,953	0	3,489,020,297
SA	905,158,771	1,970,941,534	0	2,876,100,305
TAS	271,773,295	510,730,490	0	782,503,785
ACT	250,517,547	483,410,000	72,892,788	806,820,335
NT	132,142,790	594,211,333	0	726,354,123
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,754,037,375</b>	<b>20,266,242,477</b>	<b>86,278,293</b>	<b>33,106,558,146</b>

NHR funding shown in these tables includes GST where applicable.

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

# NHR funding by funding type

**Table 3a – NHR funding by funding type for each state and territory – April 2015**

This table shows NHR funding for each state and territory by funding type and source for April 2015. NHR funding can be activity-based funding (ABF), block funding or other funding, such as public health funding, cross-border, interest or overdeposits.

Sources of NHR funding are separated into Commonwealth funding, Own state or territory funding (where a state or territory provides its own funding) and Funding from other state or territory (where other states or territories contribute cross-border funding towards the cost of their residents being treated in the provider state or territory).

State/ territory	NHR funding type	Commonwealth NHR funding (\$)	Own state/territory NHR funding (\$)	NHR funding from other state/territory (\$)	Total NHR funding (\$)
NSW	ABF	327,408,027	397,709,797	0	725,117,824
	Block	62,339,230	60,858,030	0	123,197,260
	Other	9,059,252	123,720	1,338,551	10,521,522
	<b>Total</b>	<b>398,806,509</b>	<b>458,691,547</b>	<b>1,338,551</b>	<b>858,836,606</b>
VIC	ABF	284,368,688	278,126,889	0	562,495,577
	Block	40,875,180	34,774,723	0	75,649,903
	Other	7,032,165	16	0	7,032,181
	<b>Total</b>	<b>332,276,032</b>	<b>312,901,628</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>645,177,660</b>
QLD	ABF	221,353,251	361,464,043	0	582,817,295
	Block	32,680,425	73,585,039	0	106,265,464
	Other	5,662,557	47,702	0	5,710,259
	<b>Total</b>	<b>259,696,233</b>	<b>435,096,785</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>694,793,018</b>
WA	ABF	67,958,893	107,009,483	0	174,968,375
	Block	25,306,379	31,646,747	0	56,953,126
	Other	3,113,837	616	0	3,114,453
	<b>Total</b>	<b>96,379,108</b>	<b>138,656,847</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>235,035,955</b>
SA	ABF	77,023,373	150,000,000	0	227,023,373
	Block	14,445,530	2,500,000	0	16,945,530
	Other	2,019,295	356,720	0	2,376,015
	<b>Total</b>	<b>93,488,199</b>	<b>152,856,720</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>246,344,919</b>
TAS	ABF	25,384,689	23,889,246	0	49,273,935
	Block	4,777,110	48,226,593	0	53,003,703
	Other	617,716	0	0	617,716
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30,779,515</b>	<b>72,115,839</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,895,354</b>
ACT	ABF	28,862,594	37,526,000	0	66,388,594
	Block	1,974,443	2,458,000	0	4,432,443
	Other	464,934	0	7,289,279	7,754,213
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31,301,971</b>	<b>39,984,000</b>	<b>7,289,279</b>	<b>78,575,250</b>
NT	ABF	12,177,200	23,742,083	0	35,919,283
	Block	1,405,255	35,665,380	0	37,070,635
	Other	300,215	1,456	0	301,671
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,882,670</b>	<b>59,408,920</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73,291,590</b>



<b>State/ territory</b>	<b>NHR funding type</b>	<b>Commonwealth NHR funding</b>	<b>Own state/territory NHR funding</b>	<b>NHR funding from other state/territory</b>	<b>Total NHR funding</b>
		<b>(\$)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
<b>Total ABF funding</b>		<b>1,044,536,715</b>	<b>1,379,467,541</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,424,004,256</b>
<b>Total Block funding</b>		<b>183,803,551</b>	<b>289,714,513</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>473,518,065</b>
<b>Total Other funding</b>		<b>28,269,971</b>	<b>530,230</b>	<b>8,627,829</b>	<b>37,428,031</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,256,610,237</b>	<b>1,669,712,285</b>	<b>8,627,829</b>	<b>2,934,950,351</b>

See explanatory notes following table 3b.

**Table 3b – NHR funding by funding type for each state and territory YTD – April 2015**

Following on from table 3a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) NHR funding for each state and territory by funding type and source for April 2015. NHR funding can be activity-based funding (ABF), block funding or other, such as public health funding, cross-border, interest or overdeposits.

State/ territory	NHR funding type	Commonwealth NHR funding YTD  (\$)	Own state/territory NHR funding YTD  (\$)	NHR funding from other state/territory YTD  (\$)	Total NHR funding YTD  (\$)
NSW	ABF	3,344,566,009	4,489,324,997	0	7,833,891,006
	Block	612,791,341	869,680,349	0	1,482,471,690
	Other	90,369,639	1,658,023	13,385,506	105,413,168
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,047,726,989</b>	<b>5,360,663,369</b>	<b>13,385,506</b>	<b>9,421,775,864</b>
VIC	ABF	2,753,333,197	3,642,252,971	0	6,395,586,167
	Block	376,427,852	522,265,796	0	898,693,648
	Other	70,359,101	896,078	0	71,255,179
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200,120,149</b>	<b>4,165,414,845</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,365,534,994</b>
QLD	ABF	2,150,398,282	4,313,272,718	0	6,463,671,000
	Block	328,103,044	789,251,064	0	1,117,354,108
	Other	56,972,165	451,172	0	57,423,336
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,535,473,490</b>	<b>5,102,974,953</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,638,448,444</b>
WA	ABF	1,142,745,800	1,716,671,203	0	2,859,417,003
	Block	237,006,112	361,221,567	0	598,227,679
	Other	31,372,432	3,183	0	31,375,615
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,411,124,344</b>	<b>2,077,895,953</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,489,020,297</b>
SA	ABF	744,304,866	1,815,000,000	0	2,559,304,866
	Block	140,650,422	152,799,852	0	293,450,274
	Other	20,203,483	3,141,682	0	23,345,165
	<b>Total</b>	<b>905,158,771</b>	<b>1,970,941,534</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,876,100,305</b>
TAS	ABF	217,976,272	254,242,388	0	472,218,660
	Block	47,645,529	256,488,101	0	304,133,631
	Other	6,151,493	1	0	6,151,495
	<b>Total</b>	<b>271,773,295</b>	<b>510,730,490</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>782,503,785</b>
ACT	ABF	226,071,655	453,516,000	0	679,587,655
	Block	19,783,766	29,894,000	0	49,677,766
	Other	4,662,126	0	72,892,788	77,554,914
	<b>Total</b>	<b>250,517,547</b>	<b>483,410,000</b>	<b>72,892,788</b>	<b>806,820,335</b>
NT	ABF	115,232,815	237,420,833	0	352,653,648
	Block	13,950,760	356,774,808	0	370,725,568
	Other	2,959,215	15,692	0	2,974,907
	<b>Total</b>	<b>132,142,790</b>	<b>594,211,333</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>726,354,123</b>
<b>Total ABF funding</b>		<b>10,694,628,894</b>	<b>16,921,701,111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,616,330,004</b>
<b>Total Block funding</b>		<b>1,776,358,827</b>	<b>3,338,375,537</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,114,734,363</b>
<b>Total Other funding</b>		<b>283,049,655</b>	<b>6,165,830</b>	<b>86,278,293</b>	<b>375,493,778</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>12,754,037,375</b>	<b>20,266,242,477</b>	<b>86,278,293</b>	<b>33,106,558,146</b>

**ABF funding** represents Acute admitted, Non-admitted, Emergency department, Sub-acute, and Admitted mental health service categories, which are funded through the National Health Funding Pool and subsequently paid to local hospital networks.

**Block funding** represents Non-admitted mental health, Small rural hospitals, Teaching, training and research, and Other non-admitted categories, which are funded through state managed funds and subsequently paid to local hospital networks.

**Other funding** represents other funding sources which are transacted through the National Health Funding Pool, such as public health funding, cross-border, interest or overdeposits, and subsequently paid to state or territory health departments (with the exception of cross-border funding which can be paid to state or territory health departments or to local hospital networks).

NHR funding shown in these tables includes GST where applicable.

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 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 4 – Estimated monthly, YTD and annual NWAU by each state and territory – April 2015

This table shows estimated hospital activity for each state and territory for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for the current month, year-to-date (YTD) and total estimated annual NWAU.

State/territory	Estimated NWAU delivered/funded in current month	Estimated NWAU delivered/funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2014-15
NSW	192,343	1,923,428	2,337,895
VIC	148,267	1,482,667	1,839,081
QLD	113,484	1,134,792	1,375,734
WA	64,010	613,799	749,831
SA	43,326	448,254	543,731
TAS	11,087	104,035	128,841
ACT	12,413	108,972	133,800
NT	9,983	97,677	114,661
<b>Total</b>	<b>594,912</b>	<b>5,913,623</b>	<b>7,223,573</b>

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, weighted for 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 delivered in the month.

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