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# National Health Reform public hospital funding Victoria report – September 2014

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 September 2014 as part of the *National Health Reform Agreement*.

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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 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, September 2014

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

The basis used to determine NHR payments to LHNs in Victoria for September 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](http://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.*

*Victoria makes 13 payments per annum to funded agencies. Adjustments to the payments are made for cash flow needs and costs administered by the Victorian Department of Health on behalf of LHNs.*

*Victorian LHNs receive activity-based funding, block funding and other payments. 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 July 2014.*

## 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, September 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 September 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	273,912,040	273,912,040				273,912,040
Commonwealth Block funding	35,477,396		35,477,396			35,477,396
Commonwealth Other funding	7,036,547			7,036,547		7,036,547
<b>Total C'wealth funding</b>	<b>316,425,983</b>	<b>273,912,040</b>	<b>35,477,396</b>	<b>7,036,547</b>		<b>316,425,983</b>
<b>VIC funding</b>	<b>406,222,481</b>	<b>406,102,141</b>		<b>120,341</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>406,222,481</b>
<b>Other state/territory funding</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>722,648,464</b>	<b>680,014,181</b>	<b>35,477,396</b>	<b>7,156,887</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>722,648,464</b>

See definitions and explanatory notes following table 1b.

**Table 1b – State pool account transactions YTD – Victoria, September 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 September 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	821,736,119	821,736,119				821,736,119
Commonwealth Block funding	106,432,189		106,432,189			106,432,189
Commonwealth Other funding	21,109,640			21,109,640		21,109,640
<b>Total C'wealth funding</b>	<b>949,277,949</b>	<b>821,736,119</b>	<b>106,432,189</b>	<b>21,109,640</b>		<b>949,277,949</b>
<b>VIC funding</b>	<b>1,490,332,206</b>	<b>1,489,975,141</b>		<b>357,065</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,490,332,206</b>
<b>Other state/territory funding</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,439,610,155</b>	<b>2,311,711,261</b>	<b>106,432,189</b>	<b>21,466,705</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,439,610,155</b>

**Commonwealth ABF funding** represents Acute admitted, 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 cells that are not applicable for a particular 'paid out' column. For example, Commonwealth block funding is only paid to state managed funds and not to 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, September 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 September 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	35,477,396			35,477,396
State/territory Block funding	53,638,955			53,638,955
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,116,351</b>	<b>88,665,684</b>	<b>450,668</b>	<b>89,116,351</b>

See explanatory notes below table 2b.

**Table 2b – State managed fund transactions YTD – Victoria, September 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 September 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	106,432,189			106,432,189
State/territory Block funding	209,343,956			209,343,956
<b>Total</b>	<b>315,776,145</b>	<b>313,649,836</b>	<b>2,126,310</b>	<b>315,776,145</b>

**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, September 2014**

This table shows NHR funding and payments by service category on both a monthly and year-to-date (YTD) basis for Victoria for September 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 (\$)	NHR funding YTD (\$)	NHR payments YTD (\$)
<b>ABF</b>				
Acute admitted	*	*	*	*
Admitted mental health	*	*	*	*
Sub-acute	*	*	*	*
Emergency department	*	*	*	*
Non-admitted	*	*	*	*
<b>Total ABF (Pool)</b>	<b>680,014,181</b>	<b>680,014,181</b>	<b>2,311,711,261</b>	<b>2,311,711,261</b>
<b>Block</b>				
Small rural hospitals	*	*	*	*
Teaching, training & research	*	*	*	*
Non-admitted mental health	*	*	*	*
Other non-admitted services	*	*	*	*
<b>Total Block (SMF)</b>	<b>89,116,351</b>	<b>89,116,351</b>	<b>315,776,145</b>	<b>315,776,145</b>
<b>Other</b>				
Public health funding	7,036,547	7,036,547	21,109,640	21,109,640
Overdeposit	0	0	15,070	15,070
Cross border	0	0	0	0
Interest	120,341	120,341	341,995	341,995
<b>Total Other (Pool)</b>	<b>7,156,887</b>	<b>7,156,887</b>	<b>21,466,705</b>	<b>21,466,705</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>776,287,419</b>	<b>776,287,419</b>	<b>2,648,954,111</b>	<b>2,648,954,111</b>

*\*Victoria has advised it is unable to provide payment information by service category as its 2014-15 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 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, September 2014**

This table shows NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria during September 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	7,564,000	1,633,000	9,197,000
Alexandra District Hospital	0	435,000	435,000
Alfred Health	55,341,000	4,292,000	59,633,000
Alpine Health	0	887,000	887,000
Austin Health	44,882,000	3,653,500	48,535,500
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	4,017,000	89,000	4,106,000
Ballarat Health Services	17,323,000	2,401,563	19,724,563
Barwon Health	31,767,000	3,180,500	34,947,500
Bass Coast Regional Health	2,553,000	86,000	2,639,000
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	340,000	340,000
Beechworth Health Service	0	315,000	315,000
Benalla Health	1,435,000	24,000	1,459,000
Bendigo Health Care Group	16,862,000	3,474,500	20,336,500
Boort District Health	0	178,000	178,000
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	2,334,000	65,000	2,399,000
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	282,000	282,000
Castlemaine Health	1,597,000	21,000	1,618,000
Central Gippsland Health Service	4,602,480	156,500	4,758,980
Cobram District Health	0	597,000	597,000
Cohuna District Hospital	0	379,000	379,000
Colac Area Health	1,785,000	22,000	1,807,000
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	3,356,000	0	3,356,000
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0
Djerriwarrh Health Services	3,185,000	34,000	3,219,000
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	91,000	91,000
East Grampians Health Service	1,275,000	22,000	1,297,000
East Wimmera Health Service	0	786,000	786,000
Eastern Health	51,103,000	6,589,000	57,692,000
Echuca Regional Health	3,710,000	60,000	3,770,000
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	268,000	268,000
Gippsland Southern Health Service	1,408,000	15,000	1,423,000
Goulburn Valley Health	11,026,000	1,683,500	12,709,500
Heathcote Health	0	206,000	206,000
Hepburn Health Service	0	664,000	664,000
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	151,000	151,000

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
Heywood Rural Health	0	193,000	193,000
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	146,000	146,000
Kerang District Health	0	471,000	471,000
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	839,000	839,000
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	423,000	423,000
Kyabram & District Health Services	1,004,000	13,000	1,017,000
Kyneton District Health Service	0	684,000	684,000
Latrobe Regional Hospital	12,201,000	2,815,000	15,016,000
Lorne Community Hospital	0	192,000	192,000
Maldon Hospital	0	89,000	89,000
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	319,000	319,000
Mansfield District Hospital	0	492,000	492,000
Maryborough District Health Service	1,250,000	22,000	1,272,000
Melbourne Health	45,560,000	10,073,268	55,633,268
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	21,947,000	2,070,000	24,017,000
Monash Health	88,589,000	9,157,000	97,746,000
Moyne Health Services	0	293,000	293,000
Nathalia District Hospital	0	151,000	151,000
Northeast Health Wangaratta	6,538,000	140,000	6,678,000
Northern Health	28,410,000	884,090	29,294,090
Numurkah District Health Service	0	541,000	541,000
Omeo District Health	0	140,000	140,000
Orbost Regional Health	0	471,000	471,000
Otway Health & Community Services	0	214,000	214,000
Peninsula Health	31,888,000	3,292,000	35,180,000
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	7,667,000	264,000	7,931,000
Portland District Health	1,804,000	21,000	1,825,000
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	6,746,000	840,000	7,586,000
Robinvale District Health Services	0	432,000	432,000
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	391,000	391,000
Rural Northwest Health	0	665,000	665,000
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	1,002,000	1,002,000
South Gippsland Hospital	0	426,000	426,000
South West Healthcare	8,832,000	1,160,000	9,992,000
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	31,318,546	4,303,875	35,622,421
Stawell Regional Health	1,069,000	33,000	1,102,000
Swan Hill District Health	2,618,000	47,000	2,665,000
Tallangatta Health Service	0	271,000	271,000
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	428,000	428,000
The Royal Children's Hospital	30,478,000	2,117,000	32,595,000
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	6,336,000	154,000	6,490,000
The Royal Women's Hospital	14,372,000	-616,500	13,755,500
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	302,000	302,000
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	300,000	300,000
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	3,907,000	3,907,000
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	4,750,000	183,500	4,933,500

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
West Wimmera Health Service	0	1,002,000	1,002,000
Western District Health Service	3,086,000	322,000	3,408,000
Western Health	45,465,000	1,463,500	46,928,500
Wimmera Health Care Group	4,390,000	101,000	4,491,000
Yarram & District Health Service	0	425,000	425,000
Yarrawonga Health	0	606,000	606,000
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	182,000	182,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>673,444,026</b>	<b>87,937,796</b>	<b>761,381,822</b>

See explanatory notes below table 4b.

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

This table shows YTD NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria as at September 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	25,817,696	6,174,500	31,992,196
Alexandra District Hospital	0	1,571,000	1,571,000
Alfred Health	180,904,916	14,871,875	195,776,791
Alpine Health	0	3,178,000	3,178,000
Austin Health	153,114,000	12,763,500	165,877,500
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	13,853,000	322,000	14,175,000
Ballarat Health Services	57,640,054	8,451,964	66,092,018
Barwon Health	107,047,884	11,196,135	118,244,019
Bass Coast Regional Health	8,370,000	356,351	8,726,351
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	1,194,000	1,194,000
Beechworth Health Service	0	1,071,000	1,071,000
Benalla Health	5,001,000	83,000	5,084,000
Bendigo Health Care Group	55,493,000	11,714,831	67,207,831
Boort District Health	0	632,000	632,000
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	6,995,000	230,000	7,225,000
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	997,000	997,000
Castlemaine Health	5,559,000	72,000	5,631,000
Central Gippsland Health Service	15,089,480	436,500	15,525,980
Cobram District Health	0	1,755,000	1,755,000
Cohuna District Hospital	0	1,368,000	1,368,000
Colac Area Health	6,346,000	113,692	6,459,692
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	12,106,992	0	12,106,992
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0

Djerriwarrh Health Services	11,158,904	123,577	11,282,481
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	309,000	309,000
East Grampians Health Service	4,555,000	77,000	4,632,000
East Wimmera Health Service	0	2,830,000	2,830,000
Eastern Health	174,662,214	23,515,896	198,178,110
Echuca Regional Health	10,919,552	285,677	11,205,229
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	990,000	990,000
Gippsland Southern Health Service	5,053,000	63,974	5,116,974
Goulburn Valley Health	36,848,000	6,104,500	42,952,500
Heathcote Health	0	605,000	605,000
Hepburn Health Service	0	2,331,000	2,331,000
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	529,000	529,000
Heywood Rural Health	0	677,000	677,000
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	513,000	513,000
Kerang District Health	0	1,701,000	1,701,000
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	3,115,584	3,115,584
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	1,476,000	1,476,000
Kyabram & District Health Services	3,640,000	45,000	3,685,000
Kyneton District Health Service	0	2,455,000	2,455,000
Latrobe Regional Hospital	40,816,000	9,979,875	50,795,875
Lorne Community Hospital	0	671,000	671,000
Maldon Hospital	0	307,000	307,000
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	1,114,000	1,114,000
Mansfield District Hospital	0	1,767,000	1,767,000
Maryborough District Health Service	4,513,000	93,525	4,606,525
Melbourne Health	164,665,000	37,560,768	202,225,768
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	70,834,000	7,053,000	77,887,000
Monash Health	300,240,730	31,105,839	331,346,569
Moyne Health Services	0	1,028,000	1,028,000
Nathalia District Hospital	0	533,000	533,000
Northeast Health Wangaratta	22,723,937	776,000	23,499,937
Northern Health	95,039,000	3,127,364	98,166,364
Numurkah District Health Service	0	1,889,000	1,889,000
Omeo District Health	0	491,000	491,000
Orbost Regional Health	0	1,697,000	1,697,000
Otway Health & Community Services	0	752,000	752,000
Peninsula Health	103,279,000	10,733,116	114,012,116
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	25,831,000	931,000	26,762,000
Portland District Health	6,254,000	117,734	6,371,734
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	23,377,000	3,335,000	26,712,000
Robinvale District Health Services	0	1,554,000	1,554,000
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	1,381,000	1,381,000
Rural Northwest Health	0	2,355,000	2,355,000
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	3,348,000	3,348,000
South Gippsland Hospital	0	1,503,000	1,503,000
South West Healthcare	28,638,000	4,345,000	32,983,000

St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	105,273,546	14,689,875	119,963,421
Stawell Regional Health	3,641,000	118,000	3,759,000
Swan Hill District Health	8,706,000	254,185	8,960,185
Tallangatta Health Service	0	952,000	952,000
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	1,498,000	1,498,000
The Royal Children's Hospital	106,171,230	7,211,000	113,382,230
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	21,975,000	535,000	22,510,000
The Royal Women's Hospital	64,035,000	-1,072,500	62,962,500
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	1,069,000	1,069,000
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	1,062,000	1,062,000
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	13,627,000	13,627,000
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	16,299,000	635,500	16,934,500
West Wimmera Health Service	0	3,587,000	3,587,000
Western District Health Service	9,870,000	1,271,000	11,141,000
Western Health	153,854,472	5,200,211	159,054,683
Wimmera Health Care Group	13,642,000	358,000	14,000,000
Yarram & District Health Service	0	1,445,000	1,445,000
Yarrawonga Health	0	2,180,000	2,180,000
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	651,000	651,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,289,852,607</b>	<b>311,119,048</b>	<b>2,600,971,655</b>

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, September 2014**

This table shows estimated state or territory hospital activity for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for September 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 2014-15
Albury Wodonga Health	1,561	4,684	18,734
Alfred Health	11,040	33,121	132,486
Austin Health	9,519	28,557	114,228
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	1,000	2,999	11,996
Ballarat Health Services	3,822	11,466	45,866
Barwon Health	7,322	21,965	87,861
Bass Coast Regional Health	555	1,666	6,663
Benalla Health	265	796	3,182
Bendigo Health Care Group	3,956	11,868	47,474
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	448	1,345	5,381
Castlemaine Health	317	951	3,803
Central Gippsland Health Service	972	2,916	11,663
Colac Area Health	344	1,031	4,123
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	309	928	3,713
Djerriwarrh Health Services	597	1,790	7,159
East Grampians Health Service	270	810	3,242
Eastern Health	11,945	35,835	143,342
Echuca Regional Health	583	1,748	6,990
Gippsland Southern Health Service	284	851	3,405
Goulburn Valley Health	2,459	7,378	29,513
Kyabram & District Health Services	226	677	2,708
Latrobe Regional Hospital	2,800	8,401	33,603
Maryborough District Health Service	259	777	3,108
Melbourne Health	9,809	29,428	117,713
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	4,645	13,936	55,745
Monash Health	20,127	60,381	241,524
Northeast Health Wangaratta	1,557	4,672	18,690
Northern Health	6,943	20,829	83,316

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU funded in current month	Estimated NWAU funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2014-15
Peninsula Health	7,145	21,435	85,741
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	1,721	5,162	20,648
Portland District Health	355	1,064	4,255
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	1,630	4,891	19,564
South West Healthcare	1,779	5,336	21,345
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	6,822	20,466	81,865
Stawell Regional Health	225	674	2,696
Swan Hill District Health	574	1,723	6,891
The Royal Children's Hospital	5,631	16,894	67,576
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	1,571	4,714	18,857
The Royal Women's Hospital	3,638	10,913	43,653
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	1,106	3,318	13,273
Western District Health Service	630	1,889	7,556
Western Health	10,668	32,005	128,020
Wimmera Health Care Group	836	2,508	10,033
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,267</b>	<b>444,800</b>	<b>1,779,200</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, 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](#).