



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

# ESTIMATES 2017

Committee 'A'

**ESTIMATES OF THE  
HON MICHAEL FERGUSON MP**

**Minister for Health  
Minister for Information Technology &  
Innovation**



## REPORT

### MINISTER FOR HEALTH

#### DIVISION 3 Department of Health and Human Services

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of Health and Human Services, Hon Michael Ferguson, MP on Thursday 8 June 2017.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

<b>Output Group 1 – Health Services System Management</b>	
<b>1.1</b> Health Services System Management	<b>FURTHER DEBATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A breakdown of community mental health programs</li><li>• A list of Australian Government Funded Programs and Services that have expired agreements</li><li>• Referring to Table 25.4, the Statement of Comprehensive Income for THS on page 115 of Budget Paper No 2 Vol 2: Could the Minister kindly provide the estimated outcomes for 2016/17 for each of the five line items listed under Expenses from transactions?</li></ul>
<b>Output Group 2 – Tasmanian Health Service</b>	
<b>2.1</b> Tasmanian Health Service	<b>FURTHER DEBATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Department is to provide detail of the cost of locums in the North and North West of the State for the last two years.</li><li>• With the addition of 4.5 medical officers to the North how many more are required to take the model to a sustainable level in the North of the State.</li><li>• Provide the Committee with more detail of areas of expertise with unfilled positions –</li></ul>

	<p>areas of need where traditionally there has been a reliance on locums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demographic profile of nurses at the Mersey Hospital</li> <li>• Cost of agency nurse vs a casual vs a permanent employee</li> <li>• To provide the number of nurses/midwives FTE by region.</li> <li>• Advice regarding born before arrival numbers</li> <li>• Figures detailing workers compensation and accrued annual leave costs</li> <li>• John L Grove – to provide detail of admissions and length of stay</li> <li>• The number of out-patient appointments deferred or where the patient is a 'non-arrival</li> <li>• Stepdown services (supported accommodation) for mental health services on the North West Coast</li> <li>• The number of forensic versus civil patients in Wilfred Lopez Centre</li> <li>• Regarding the 2017-18 Budget related to expenditure related to the Tasmanian Health Service (THS):</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Referring to Table 25.5, Sources of Revenue for the THS on page 117 of Budget Paper No 2 Vol 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Could the Minister kindly provide the estimates outcomes for 2016/17 for each of the nine line items in the table?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Referring to Table 25.3, Output Group Expense Summary for THS on page 109 of Budget Paper No 2 Vol 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Could the Minister kindly provide the estimated outcomes for 2016/17 for each of the six line items in the table?</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Referring to Table 25.4, the Statement of Comprehensive Income for THS on page 115 of Budget Paper No 2 Vol 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Could the Minister kindly provide the estimated outcomes for 2016/17 for each of the five line items listed under Expenses from transactions?</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Regarding the 2017-18 Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ With regard to the Police and Parameter Statement in Table 4.5 of Budget Paper No. 1, could the Minister provide a break-up of the parameter adjustments for DHHS on page 67?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Output Group 3 – Statewide Services</b>	
<b>3.1 Ambulance Services</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FURTHER DEBATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What first response services are provided through Longford and Port Sorell stations</li> <li>• Referring to Table 25.4, the Statement of Comprehensive Income for THS on page 115 of Budget Paper No 2 Vol 2: Could the Minister kindly provide the estimated outcomes for 2016/17 for each of the five line items listed under Expenses from transactions?</li> </ul>

<b>3.2</b> Public Health Services	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FURTHER DEBATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referring to Table 25.4, the Statement of Comprehensive Income for THS on page 115 of Budet Paper No 2 Vol 2: Could the Minister kindly provide the estimated outcomes for 2016/17 for each of the five line items listed under Expenses from transactions?</li> </ul>
<b>Capital Investment Program</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDED</b></p>

The Committee further recommends that the Report, together with the minutes and the additional information requested by the Committee, and the transcripts be tabled.



**HON GREG HALL MLC**  
Chair



## REPORT

### MINISTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

#### DIVISION 7 Department of Premier and Cabinet

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Hon Michael Ferguson, MP on Thursday 8 June 2017.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

<b>Output Group 3 – Electronic Services for Government Agencies and the Community</b>	
<b>3.1</b> Information, Technology and Digital Services Strategy and Policy Development	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>

The Committee further recommends that the Report, together with the minutes and the additional information requested by the Committee, and the transcripts be tabled.

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