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Investing nation's most advanced, modern health services

South Australians will have the most advanced and modern health services in the nation following a \$1.1 billion investment in health in the 2017-18 State Budget.

This includes a record investment in health infrastructure, following the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

As the new Royal Adelaide Hospital prepares to open, the State Government will continue to modernise the state's major suburban hospitals by investing more than \$250 million to redevelop the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) and \$52.5 million to expand the emergency department at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

The new \$528 million Adelaide's Women's Hospital will provide world-class, acute care to women and newborns, elevating the state's largest maternity and neonatal service to the highest national standard.

A further \$24 million over two years will be invested as part of an overall \$64.4 million upgrade of the existing Women's and Children's Hospital.

A specialised Emergency Extended Care Unit for emergency patients requiring longer care, observation and treatment will be built at Modbury Hospital, while two extra operating theatres will be built at the Flinders Medical Centre.

These significant investments will also support South Australian jobs, with about 3200 direct and indirect positions supported across multiple sites over the life of the projects.

Background

The 2017-18 State Budget includes:

- \$528 million to build the new Adelaide Women's Hospital, to be co-located with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital by 2024.
- \$250.6 million for the third stage of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Redevelopment.
- An additional \$195 million over three years to fund health services in South Australia.
- \$52.5 million over four years to expand the Lyell McEwin Hospital emergency department.
- \$44 million towards SAHMRI II, a new state-of-the-art medical research hub to house the Southern Hemisphere's first proton-therapy research centre.
- \$24 million over two years to upgrade the existing Women's and Children's site (as part of a total \$64.4 million upgrade).

- \$9.2 million over three years to create an eight-bed emergency extended care unit at Modbury Hospital.
- \$4.7 million over two years to contribute to the Australian Digital Health Agency, delivering the national digital healthcare program.
- \$3.5 million to boost the number of operating theatres at Flinders Medical Centre from 10 to 12.
- \$859,000 in 2017-18, and \$1.9 million indexed from 2018-19, for the provision of 24-hour emergency care at the Mt Barker District and Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

The 2017-18 Budget is the most significant investment for the health sector in South Australia's history, following the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

The State Government is committed to providing improved care and better clinical outcomes for South Australians through our program of modernising our hospitals.

Today's \$1.1 billion investment ensures we deliver a modern health system for all South Australians that complements our world-class new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Quotes attributable to Health Minister Jack Snelling

With the new Royal Adelaide Hospital opening soon, our further \$1.1 billion investment in our health system ensures all South Australians will benefit from the most modern and advanced health facilities in the nation.

The new Adelaide's Women's Hospital represents a new chapter in our health system, where South Australian mothers and their newborns can access the highest national standard of dedicated maternal and neonatal services.

The existing Women's and Children's site will be upgraded to enhance facilities.

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