



SA-specific Health and Community Services Initiatives in the 2021-22 Federal Budget

The 2021-22 Federal Budget contained a range of expenditure initiatives relevant to the concerns of the social services sector. The national initiatives are detailed in the [ACOSS budget analysis](#), and many of these will flow through to Commonwealth-funded services in South Australia. Beyond these expenditures, this Briefing highlights extra, South Australian specific initiatives in the budget which may have not been noted in most budget analysis.

GST

The state's share of the national GST revenue is important because GST is the largest source of revenue in the SA State Budget and impacts the ability to fund state services. SA's share of GST revenue (the largest source of revenue in the SA State Budget) for 2020-21 was \$926m higher than anticipated in the last state budget, and will be \$668m higher next year (2021-22) than the amount in last year's budget - although the revised estimates are still not as high as revenue estimated for those years in the pre-COVID 2019-20 State Budget.

Health

- \$1.1m this year to extend age range for breast cancer screening
- \$1.4m this year for trachoma control activities for Indigenous Australians
- \$0.4m this year for programs to control rheumatic fever in Aboriginal communities
- \$18.8m over 2 years for public dental services
- Share of \$3.9m extension of Take Home Naloxone Program trial for people at risk of opioid overdose or reaction in WA, NSW, SA.

Education and Training

- \$48.5m to support preschool participation (subject to negotiation with state govt)
- \$34.5m extra in JobTrainer funding over two years to December 2023 (with state government matching funds)

Legal Services

In addition to a range of new funding to legal services nationally:

- \$26.9m over 4 years (plus some ongoing) to increase capacity of legal assistance services in family law matters

Other Services

As part of the broader package of women's safety measures:

- \$7m this year for domestic violence responses

Infrastructure

There is a range of infrastructure spending, including in South Australia, but mostly the investment is in roads (and some rail), not in social infrastructure.