

**Estimates Committee 2003**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 01/10/2002 to 01/10/2004 )

Date: 06/27/2003

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Subject: Patient health care - Interstate

**From:**Ms CARTER to Honourable Jane AAGAARD  
Minister for Health and Community Services

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**Question:** 7-3  
PREAMBLE

Ms CARTER: According to last year's annual report on page 182 there has been a massive increase in the cost of Territorians being sent interstate for health-care, an increase of \$12.6m. From \$9.1m in 2000-01 to a whopping \$21.8m in 2001-02. Could you explain what is going on, given that we are meant to be encouraging specialists to the Territory to avoid this cost and can the department sustain the increase in sending people interstate for care?

QUESTION

Could the Minister provide expenditure details for the financial year 2001-02, by clinical category of patient care interstate.

**Answer:**

Answered On: 06/27/2003

Answer: Response received electronically.

**Estimates Committee**  
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(24/06/03 to 27/06/03)

Date: 26/06/03

Number: 7.3

Question: **For the year 2001-02, detail expenditure by clinical category of patient care interstate.**

Answer:

**2001/02 Cross Border Expenditure Summary**

| <b>MDC Number</b> | <b>MDC Description</b>   | <b>TOTAL COST</b>   |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| PRE-MDC           | Liver & bone marrow transplantations   | \$2,352,311         |
| 01                | Diseases & disorders of the nervous system   | \$1,039,471         |
| 02                | Diseases & disorders of the eye  | \$180,032           |
| 03                | Diseases & disorders of the ear, nose, mouth & throat                              | \$463,170           |
| 04                | Diseases & disorders of the respiratory system                                     | \$444,374           |
| 05                | Diseases & disorders of the circulatory system                                     | \$5,004,996         |
| 06                | Diseases & disorders of the digestive system                                       | \$381,314           |
| 07                | Diseases & disorders of the hepatobiliary system & pancreas                        | \$138,592           |
| 08                | Diseases & disorders of the musculoskeletal system & connective tissue             | \$724,369           |
| 09                | Diseases & disorders of the skin, subcutaneous tissue & breast                     | \$338,351           |
| 10                | Endocrine, nutritional & metabolic diseases & disorders                            | \$144,837           |
| 11                | Diseases & disorders of the kidney & urinary tract                                 | \$629,026           |
| 12                | Diseases & disorders of the male reproductive system                               | \$39,130            |
| 13                | Diseases & disorders of the female reproductive system                             | \$217,964           |
| 14                | Pregnancy, childbirth & the puerperium   | \$172,461           |
| 15                | Newborns & other neonates  | \$738,004           |
| 16                | Diseases & disorders of the blood & blood forming organs & immunological disorders | \$122,927           |
| 17                | Neoplastic disorders (haematological & solid)                                      | \$544,137           |
| 18                | Infectious & parasitic diseases  | \$175,218           |
| 19                | Mental diseases & disorders  | \$155,971           |
| 20                | Alcohol/drug use & alcohol/drug induced organic mental disorders                   | \$20,485            |
| 21                | Injuries, poisonings & toxic effects of drugs                                      | \$177,577           |
| 22                | Burns  | \$657,243           |
| 23                | Factors influencing health status & other contacts with health services            | \$283,246           |
|                   | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$15,145,205</b> |

N.B. The above groupings represent aggregations of 800 DRG's into major diagnostic categories