

Ongoing Reforms to Aged Care since September 2018 calling of the Royal Commission

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Home Care		
	<p>Since the 2018-19 Budget, the Government has now invested a record total of \$5.5 billion in new funding to deliver 83,105 HCPs. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional 10,000 packages at a cost of more than \$850 million announced on 16 December 2020, which commenced roll out in January 2021. An additional 23,000 packages at a cost of \$1.6 billion that commenced roll out from November 2020 announced in the 2020-21 Budget; and it includes the 6,105 packages at a cost of \$325.7 million announced on 8 July 2020, which have been rolling out since July 2020. 	
Budget 2020-21	Investment in developing a Single In-home Care Program, to replace the Commonwealth Home Support Programme and the Home Care Packages Program, and deliver timely and flexible care services that are tailored to the needs of care recipients and their informal carers.	\$4.6 million over two years
July 2020	Investing in existing Commonwealth Home Support Programme service providers to ensure continuity of in-home support services for over 840,000 clients across Australia.	\$5.3 billion over two years
November 2019	An additional 10,000 home care packages in response to the Royal Commission interim report call for urgent action	\$496.3 million
2019	Funding to implement phase one of a home care compliance framework.	\$5.6 million
Residential Care		
Budget 2020-21	Ensure ongoing face-to-face, video and telephone interventions for psycho-social support services through the Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service and Severe Behaviour Response Teams.	\$11.3 million in 2020-21
Budget 2020-21	Establish a national network of system coordinators to help younger people find age-appropriate accommodation and supports to allow them to live independently in the community.	\$10.6 million over 3 years from 2020-21
Budget 2020-21	Ongoing investment in the development of the Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) funding model in residential aged care. This funding builds on previous investments of \$166.9 million announced in the July Economic and Fiscal Update to continue to improve the aged care funding model, bringing the total investment to date to \$258.5 million.	\$91.6 million over 2 years from 2020-21

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Budget 2020-21	Business Improvement Fund, which provides targeted grant based assistance to residential aged care providers experiencing viability concerns.	\$35.6 million over two years from 2020-21
August 2020	Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19 (SACWIC) grant. SACWIC supports residential aged care providers in designated areas to reduce the risk of COVID-19 by limiting movement of staff across facilities.	\$92.4 million
May 2020	Extension of the BIF for an additional year.	
May 2020	One-off payment provided to Residential Aged Care Providers in June 2020 to assist providers meet with the additional costs associated with responding to COVID-19.	\$205 million
March 2020	Additional funding for a temporary 30 per cent increase to the residential and home care viability supplements and the homeless supplement.	\$26.9 million
March 2020	Temporary additional funding provided to residential age care providers to support additional costs and workforce supply pressures resulting from COVID-19.	\$78.3 million
January 2020	Business Improvement Fund (BIF) to assist residential aged care providers in financial difficulty, including prioritisation for those in regional, rural and remote areas and affected by the bushfires.	\$50 million (Approx)
January 2020	Additional funding under the Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) Program to approved providers to expand existing services or increase the rate of subsidy to deliver residential care in rural and remote locations.	\$4.8 million
December 2019	Provided an ongoing 30 per cent increase to the Viability Supplement - to support services in rural and remote Australia.	
December 2019	Provided an ongoing 30 per cent increase to the Homelessness Supplement.	
November 2019	Invested to help younger people (under 65 years) to move from residential aged care to more age-appropriate support in response to the Royal Commission's call for urgent action.	\$4.7 million
2019	Engage an organisation to assist aged care providers delivering services under the NATSIFACP to transition to the new Aged Care Quality Standards.	\$3.1 million
July 2019	Build a new aged care service at Nhulunbuy in East Arnhem Land for First Nations people.	\$20 million

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March 2019	Released 14,275 new Residential Care places (ACAR 2018-19) including 13,500 Residential Places and 775 Short-Term Restorative Care Places.	
March 2019	Capital grants for infrastructure works in rural and remote areas.	\$60 million
February 2019	Boost to residential care subsidies.	\$320 million
February 2019	Gave providers operating residential and home care access to independent business advisory services.	
2018-19	Expand the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (NATSIFACP) in remote Australia.	\$105.7 million over 4 years
Aged Care Quality and Access		
November 2020	Response to the Royal Commissions COVID-19 Special Report : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fund jurisdictions to support Infection Prevention and Control training and outbreak management preparedness in residential aged care facilities. • Further funding toward a Serious Incident Response Scheme; • extend the operations of the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre until 30 June 2021. • Bringing forward the introduction of the Serious Incident Response Scheme (SIRS) and providing additional funding in the SIRS for residential aged care. 	\$57.8 million \$11.1 million over five years \$8.2 million \$29.8 million
From July 2020	Published key aged care quality information on My Aged Care including performance differentiation ratings and easy to read audit reports.	
January 2020	Transition of aged care compliance functions to the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.	
November 2019	Implemented new provider requirements to minimise physical and chemical restraint in residential aged care.	
November 2019	Improved medication management; noting this may also assist to reduce the use of chemical and physical restraints in response to the Royal Commission's call for urgent action.	\$25.5 million
From July 2019	Implemented new consumer-focused Aged Care Quality Standards.	
From July 2019	Introduced a new Mandatory National Quality Indicator Program.	

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From July 2019	Put in place a new single Charter of Aged Care Rights – covering 14 fundamental protections for all aged care programs from safe, quality care, to independence, information, personal privacy, control, fairness and choice.	
June 2019	<p>The new My Aged Care website was released as part of the \$61.7 million system improvements to My Aged Care. Key features introduced included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simplified navigation and clear steps to access aged care services; • an updated 'Find a Provider' tool with more filters and compare options, and improved information; • transparent cost and service availability to help people compare and select service providers based on their unique needs and preferences; and • a new 'apply for an assessment online' tool for consumers. 	
January 2019	Established a new Independent Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.	
Workforce		
Budget 2020-21	Support the recently established Aged Care Workforce Industry Council (Council) to take a major role in implementing the 14 strategic actions outlined in A Matter of Care – Australia's Aged Care Workforce Strategy.	\$10.3 million over 3 years
November 2020	<p>Response to the Royal Commissions COVID-19 Special Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further funding to enhance the skills and leadership qualities of aged care nurses. • expand the Australian College of Nursing scholarship program, • establish an Aged Care Transition to Practice Program, and create a skills development program for nurses and personal care workers in aged care. 	\$10.8 million
November 2020	Increase support for dementia behaviour-management through advisory services and training for care workers in response to the Royal Commission's call for urgent action.	\$10 million
May 2019	Support to the Aged Care Workforce Industry Council.	\$2.3 million
December 2018	Medical Research Futures Fund focused mission on Ageing, Aged Care and Dementia to support older Australians to maintain their health and quality of life as they age, live independently for longer, and access quality care when they need it.	\$185 million from 2018-19 to 2028-29