

|  | 2014-15<br>Estimated<br>Actual<br>\$'000 | 2015-16<br>Budget<br>Estimate<br>\$'000 | 2016-17<br>Forward<br>Estimate<br>\$'000 | 2017-18<br>Forward<br>Estimate<br>\$'000 | 2018-19<br>Forward<br>Estimate<br>\$'000 |
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| National Partnership Agreement on Pay Equity for the Social and<br>Community Services Sector ..... | 19                                       | 372                                     | -  | -  | -  |
| National Perinatal Depression Initiative .....   | 1,394                                    | 504                                     | -  | -  | -  |
| Non-Government Human Services Sector Adjustment.....   | (968)                                    | -                                       | -  | -  | -  |
| Recognition of Additional Grant Revenue and Expense.....   | 2,894                                    | -                                       | -  | -  | -  |
| Royalties for Regions  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Northwest Drug and Alcohol Support Program.....  | 39                                       | -                                       | -  | -  | -  |
| Sub-acute Services in Bunbury and Karratha.....  | -  | -                                       | 4,000                                    | 6,500                                    | 6,700                                    |
| Suicide Prevention Strategy .....  | -  | 4,132                                   | 6,848                                    | 7,234                                    | 7,636                                    |
| Transitional Housing and Support Program.....  | -  | 588                                     | 608                                      | 628                                      | 649                                      |
| Workforce Renewal Policy   |  |   |  |  |  |
| Hospital Services .....  | (463)                                    | (3,878)                                 | (7,988)                                  | (12,684)                                 | (15,433)                                 |
| Mental Health Commission.....  | (88)                                     | (713)                                   | (1,462)                                  | (2,252)                                  | (3,083)                                  |
| Youth Community Treatment.....   | -  | 2,453                                   | -  | -  | -  |

## Significant Issues Impacting the Agency

### Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan

- The Commission, in partnership with WA Health, has progressed the implementation of recommendations from the Stokes Review of Admission and Discharge Practices, overseen by an Implementation Partnership Group chaired by the Hon. Barry MacKinnon AM.
- The principal recommendation of the Stokes Review was the need for a comprehensive Mental Health Services Plan. The Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025 (the Plan) was developed in partnership by the Commission, WA Health, the Drug and Alcohol Office and the Department of Corrective Services, with over 1,400 stakeholders contributing.
- The Plan provides a blueprint for the optimal mix and optimal level of services in Western Australia by 2025 to adequately meet the needs of the population and provides guidance and direction for future reform and investment in mental health, alcohol and other drug services. The Plan was launched for public consultation on 3 December 2014 and will be amended based on the outcomes of the consultation process. It is anticipated that the Plan will be provided to the Government for final endorsement in mid-2015.

### Suicide Prevention

- Suicide remains the leading cause of death for Australians aged between 15 and 44. The most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data indicates 332 people took their own lives in Western Australia in 2013 (more than double the road toll of 161 for that period).
- A new suicide prevention strategy, Suicide Prevention 2020: together we can save lives, has been developed for the period 2015 to 2020, informed by international best practice and the reports and evaluations regarding the previous strategy. Initial sector consultation has commenced about how the strategy should be implemented. A total of \$25.9 million is provided in the 2015-16 Budget Estimate to commence the implementation of the new strategy over the forward estimates. Further consultation will occur during 2015 with a view to finalising the implementation plans by the end of 2015.

### Mental Health Activity in the Public Hospital System

- To ensure Western Australians continue to have access to safe, quality and cost effective services, \$612 million will be invested into public hospital mental health activity in 2015-16.
- WA Health is the provider of mental health public hospital services in Western Australia and operates within an Activity Based Funding (ABF) environment that closely aligns with the national framework. This is necessary to meet Commonwealth requirements under the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA).
- In 2015-16, the Commission will be purchasing 54,538 inpatient weighted activity units from WA Health, an increase of 1,101 units, or 2.1% on the 2014-15 Estimated Actual.