



Health budget delivers additional beds for Westmead Children's Hospital

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The Children's Hospital at Westmead will receive funding for a total of 16 additional beds as part of this year's \$10.9 billion health budget, Health Minister Morris Iemma said today.

Mr Iemma said the NSW Government was responding to the growing demand for medical care by increasing the Children's Hospital budget by 6.3% this year to \$163 million, an increase of \$10 million.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is one of three specialist paediatric facilities in NSW along with the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick and John Hunter Hospital.

"The NSW Government has already announced a significant expansion of critical care facilities at the Children's Hospital at Westmead including an additional paediatric intensive care bed, an additional four ventilated beds, four additional special care cots and three additional surgical cots," Mr Iemma said

"On top of this, the NSW Government will provide funding for four additional permanent beds as part of the second allocation of the \$227 million hospital bed program.

"The Children's Hospital at Westmead is at the forefront of providing world class care to sick and injured children from across New South Wales.

"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that it continues to grow and build on its success in delivering these services," Mr Iemma said.

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