
Errata — Report on Government Services 2011

The following amendment was made to the 2011 Report since it was released in January 2011.

Part E — Health preface

Total expenditure on health care services in Australia as a percentage of GDP for the years 1998-99 and 2007-08 has been revised due to a change in the methodology used to calculate GDP. Data reported for 2008-09 are already based on this methodology and have not changed. For 2007-08, the percentage has changed from 9.1 per cent to 8.8 per cent and for 1998-99 has changed from 8.0 per cent to 7.8 per cent. This change will mean that for health expenditure as a percentage of GDP, there will have been a slight increase from 2007-08 to 2008-09 rather than a slight decrease and, the increase from 1998-99 to 2008-09 will be 1.2 percentage points rather than 1.0 percentage point.

The revisions affect the chapter text on page E.8. The revised chapter text is reproduced below.

Amended page E.8 chapter text

Total expenditure (recurrent and capital) on health care services in Australia was estimated to be \$112.8 billion in 2008-09 (table EA.1). This total was estimated to account for 9.0 per cent of gross domestic product in 2008-09, a slight increase from the previous year (8.8 per cent) and an increase of 1.2 per cent from the 7.8 per cent of GDP in 1998-99 (AIHW 2010d). This indicates that health expenditure grew faster than the economy as a whole over the decade to 2008-09.