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### PUBLIC HOSPITALS (CHAPTER 10)

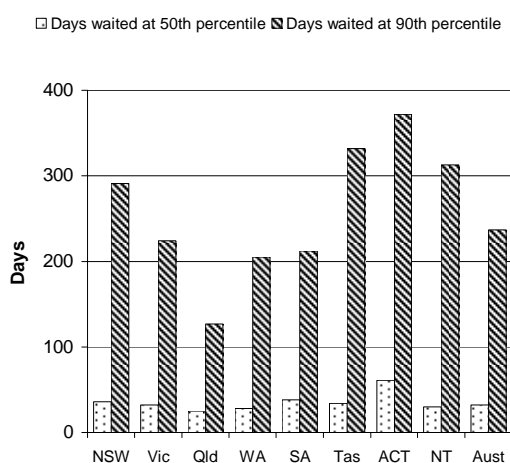
- This chapter reports on the performance of states' and territories' public hospitals, with a focus on acute care services.
- Total recurrent expenditure on public hospitals (excluding depreciation) was \$24.0 billion in 2005-06, a real increase of 5.6 per cent in expenditure from 2004-05 (p. 10.4). The Australian, State and Territory governments financed 92.4 per cent of expenditure on public (non-psychiatric) hospitals in 2005-06 (p. 10.4).
- Australian public (non-psychiatric) hospitals provided 4.5 million separations in 2005-06, equal to 212.8 separations per 1000 people, compared to 4.3 million separations in 2004-05 equal to 207.3 separations per 1000 people (p. 10.9).

### Objectives of public hospitals

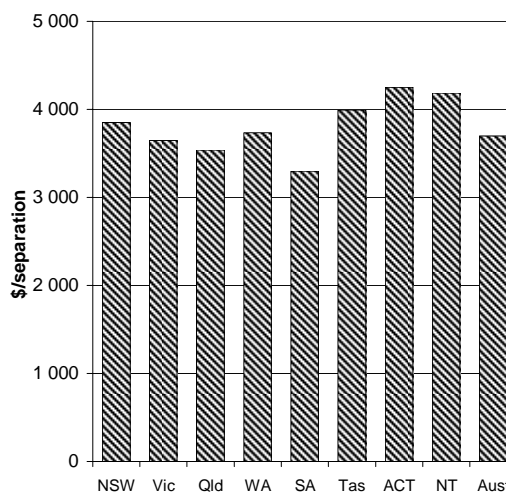
- A key objective of government is to provide public hospital services to ensure the population has access to cost-effective health services, based on clinical need and within clinically appropriate times, regardless of geographic location.

### Selection of results

Elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, 2005-06  
(p. 10.27)

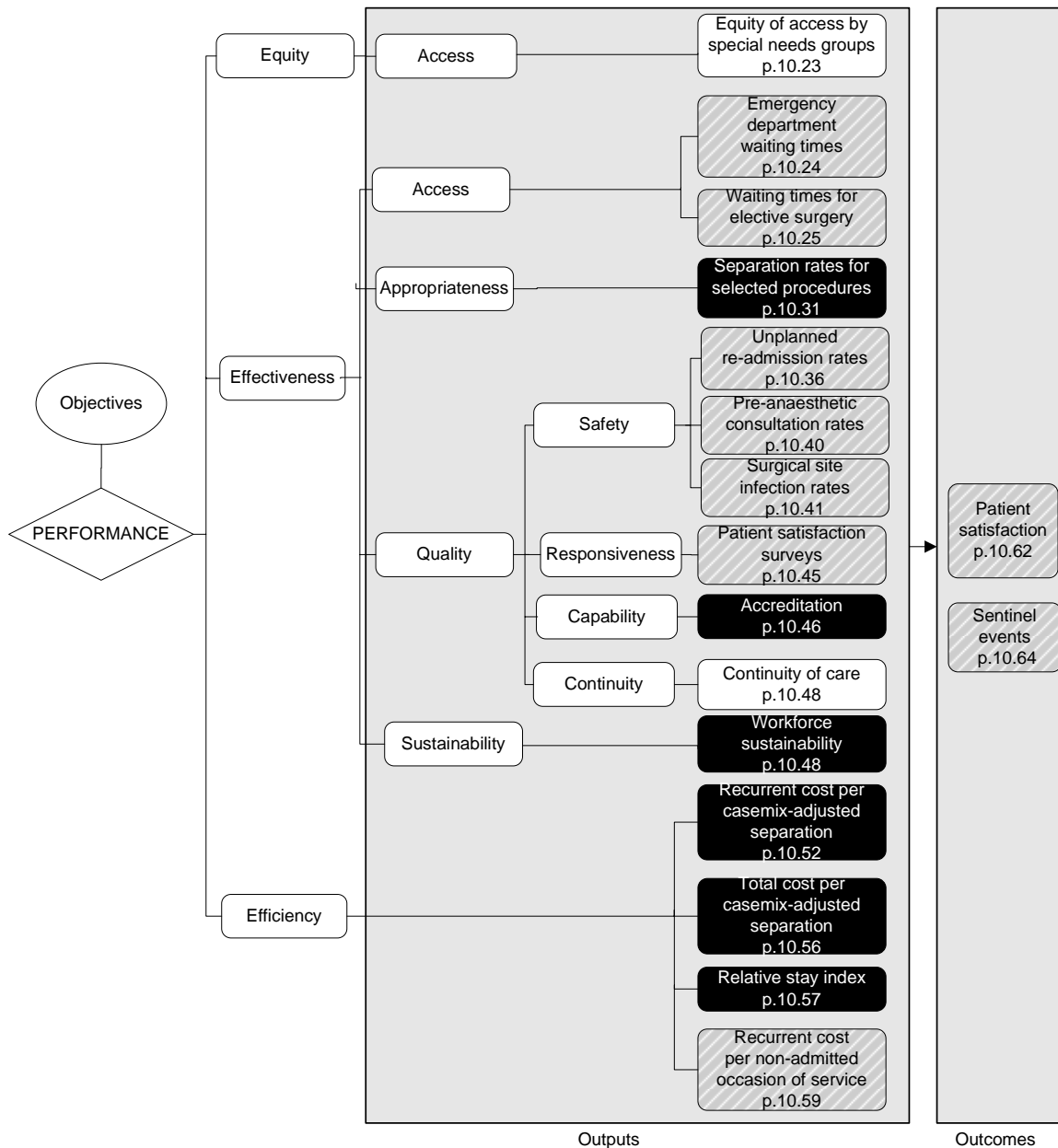


Recurrent cost per casemix-adjusted separation, public hospitals, 2005-06 (p. 10.54)



<sup>a</sup> Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (<http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2008>). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for public hospitals (figure 10.13, p. 10.22)



Key to indicators

**Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table

**Text** Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable

**Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

## Developments in reporting since the 2007 Report

- Reporting on public hospitals has been improved this year with the introduction of hospital procedures measures, which provide data on the incidence of hospitalisation with a procedure recorded by Indigenous status of the patient.
- The workforce sustainability indicators, which were new in the 2007 Report, have been expanded this year to provide more information about the age profile of the nursing and medical practitioner workforces. Data are reported for registered nurses and medical practitioners aged under 30; 30–39; 40–49; 50–59; and 60 or over both by jurisdiction and by region.

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