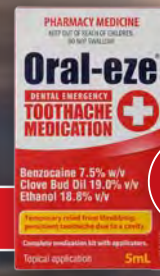


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Health blowout

HEALTH, aged care, NDIS, defence and interest payments on debt will account for half of Commonwealth spending in 40 years' time, according to an excerpt from the *Intergenerational Report*, to be released by Treasurer Jim Chalmers on Thu, *ABC News* has reported.

Those areas currently account for one third of total spend, but the excerpt revealed that by 2062-63, spend on those five categories was expected to rise by about \$140 billion.

An ageing and growing population is also forecast to driving up how much the Federal Gov't will spend on aged care services, estimated to account for 40% of the increase.

Paul Sinclair pays tribute to FIP great

DOMINIQUE Jordan, president of FIP, passed away last weekend and, in accordance with the organisation's Statutes, has seen Australian president-elect Paul Sinclair (**pictured**) perform the duties of president as of today (**PD** Breaking News yesterday).

"Dominique was a leader of our profession at a local, national and international level for many years," shared Sinclair.

"His commitment to pharmacy was never more evident than during the COVID-19 pandemic when he championed an expanded hands-on role of pharmacists when many primary healthcare professionals went to virtual models.

"His leadership of FIP has seen our federation grow stronger, more resilient and become more member-focused.

"Dominique was a passionate pharmacist, a strong, considered leader and a good friend to all," said Sinclair.



A Swiss community pharmacist, Jordan became a member of FIP 20 years ago.

In his home country, his actions to advance pharmacy included roles as president and CEO, concurrently, of pharmaSuisse, the Swiss association of pharmacists.

Jordan was elected president of FIP in 2018.

Before that, he served FIP and global pharmacy as chair of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (2014-2018).

PSA National President Dr Fei Sim paid tribute to Jordan.

"Despite his ongoing battle with cancer, Dominique always captured

tenacity and positivity in life," Sim said.

"Dominique has worked tirelessly and given much of his life to professional pharmacy both in Australia and internationally and leaves a huge legacy to the profession.

"He will be greatly missed.

"On behalf of Australian pharmacists, PSA offers our deepest condolences to Jordan's friends, family, and colleagues."

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia expressed its deep condolences with President Tom Simpson saying, "Dominique is a pharmacy great".

"He led with genuine passion and a commitment to seeing the profession thrive across all borders despite the many obstacles it faced, particularly over the last few years.

"He has paved the way for global pharmaceutical reform which will only lead to better health outcomes for patients through improved pharmacy care," shared Simpson.

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“Uneducated statements...take the cake”

GREG Everett (pictured), has seen many politicians and ministers come and go, as he has been a business owner since 1995.

However, the pharmacist owner of Swansea Discount Drug Store, Newcastle, NSW, posted on his LinkedIn that the Federal Health Minister Mark Butler’s “uneducated statements on ABC News takes the cake!”.

“For many months Butler’s statements around ‘pharmacy profitability’ being a reflection of ‘total revenue’ and how pharmacies are ‘very profitable reporting a 34% gross profit’ are astounding!” exclaimed Everett.

“From gross profits you need to deduct wages (15%), super (1.6%), rent (3 to 10% depending on location), insurances (1%), utilities including ever-rising electricity costs (1%), and accounting and tax advice (1%).

“So we are down to less than 10% to cover re-investment into ongoing business activities, make



a profit and pay tax receipts!!!,” Everett shared.

“And you have just delivered a health policy which will take 10-18% of pharmacy gross profit to assist the ‘cost of living’ for six million Australians.

“The true costs of this policy after last week’s Senate vote have arrived.

“If you still don’t understand the numbers just consult and ask.

“Ohhh!...and the last four years pharmacy has been working on the ‘frontline’ during the pandemic,” he added.

Fined for no work permit

A PHARMACIST of TerryWhite Chemmart, in Belmore Street Yarrowonga, Vic, has been fined \$2,000 after pleading guilty in the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court to employing a child under 15 years to do deliveries without a child employment permit, reported *Mirage News* last week.

The offence came to light after the pharmacy applied for a child employment permit.

When assessing the application, Wage Inspectorate Victoria learned the child had started work under the supervision of their father who was employed as a pharmacist at the pharmacy, before the permit application had been assessed and a permit issued.

In sentencing, Magistrate Urfa Masood stated that the accused was aware of the legal obligation to apply for a permit and ought to have waited for it to be issued before the child commenced work.

Masood also stated there is a need in these matters to bear in

mind general deterrence, as these laws are here to protect children from exploitation and ensure they are safe in the workplace.

In imposing a fine, Masood did not record a conviction against the company having considered its cooperation with the Wage Inspectorate’s investigation, and its early guilty plea.

Commissioner of Wage Inspectorate Victoria, Robert Hortle added, “applying for a permit or licence is an important step to complying with child employment laws as it allows us to ensure matters like work hours, rest breaks, and supervision are considered”.

“If employers fail to apply for a permit or licence, we’re unable to assess the risk of employment to a child, potentially putting the child at risk,” said Hortle.

“Kids in their first job at the same place as a parent can be a great experience, but it’s important that the business obtains a permit or licence before the child starts work.”



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FIP's digital event

FIP says pharmacists know that the primary goal of vaccination is the prevention of pathogen-specific infection.

But what about the indirect benefits of vaccines which drives longer-term immune responses that promote long-term health, asks the international body representing pharmacists worldwide.

Holding a webinar today at 09:30PM AEST, FIP will aim to delve into technical and evidence-based insights on the positive downstream effects of vaccines in older adults including that on cardiovascular events, diabetes and arthritis.

The virtual webinar called *Vaccination: Benefits beyond specific disease prevention - Part 1* has international moderators, facilitators and panellists presenting.

To register **CLICK HERE**.

Sanofi for a more equitable country

SANOFI has released its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), formally endorsed by Reconciliation Australia, this month.

As the organisation's second RAP, the plan outlines Sanofi's next steps in support of equality, equity and voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

One of Sanofi's first actions under its Innovate RAP has been to join the Business Council of Australia's Raising the Bar initiative.

Karen Hood, Country Lead, Sanofi Australia & New Zealand, said, "this Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan cements Sanofi's commitment to working toward greater health equality and equity for First Nations people".

"As an organisation, we always seek to listen to the voices of the people and communities we are working within.

"That commitment to deep listening is the reason why we have been able to build strong



relationships and take meaningful action on reconciliation.

"It's also why we made the decision more than a year ago, to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

"The team behind our reconciliation program has a lot to be proud of.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to support them as we co-create and establish new programs designed to enable greater economic participation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

Artist, Jeremy Donovan a Kuku-Yalanji and Gumbayngirr man from the First Nations of Far North Queensland and the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, was commissioned to create the artwork (pictured) featured throughout Sanofi's Innovate RAP.

"The business is about people and health," said Donovan.

"The U shapes are symbolic of people within the business and people you interact with.

"The moving lines are reflective of water," he shared.

"Water is life, and water is symbolic of health.

"The human body is approx. 90% water, so it was dominant in the design of the artwork."

500 WA police trained to use Naloxone

WESTERN Australian police officers are adding a new life-saving tool to their kit, in the form of the rapid opioid overdose treatment called Naloxone.

Pharmacists are aware that Naloxone can temporarily reverse the effects of drugs such as heroin, oxycontin and fentanyl.

A recent year-long trial saw 365 WA Police Officers become the first police in the Southern Hemisphere to carry Naloxone.

During that time, the nasal spray was used to treat 20 drug-affected people in the Perth and Bunbury regions.

More than 500 WA police officers have now been trained in how to administer the fast-acting medication.

New South Wales and South Australian authorities have approached the WA Police Force for advice as they consider similar programs.

Ban on deadly man-made stone to come

A BAN on the manufacture, use and import of harmful engineered stone products is a step closer to reality after the ALP national platform was amended on Fri, shared the union representing building workers.

Engineered stone products used in Australian homes produce deadly respirable crystalline silica dust which can cause silicosis during manufacture and when it is cut to fit kitchens and bathrooms where it is currently widely used.

CFMEU Construction and General Division National Secretary, Zach Smith said the inclusion of a ban on engineered stone products is welcomed by all building workers.

"The deadly dust produced by engineered stone is taking the lives of young tradespeople in this country and it needs to be banned.

"No matter how good a kitchen might look, it is no substitute for



the health of a tradesperson.

"Make no mistake, engineered stone is the next asbestos and we need to get it banned urgently in this country," Smith warned.

"I want to thank delegates to the ALP National Conference for voting to include this ban on harmful engineered stone products in the ALP national platform," he added.

"We know that one in four of the workers who use this stone will develop deadly silicosis or other deadly dust diseases.

"You don't need engineered stone to build homes or offices, it's not integral to the building process, it's a cosmetic product."

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Dispensary Corner

THE "unmistakable, supercharged" sound of the Jaguar F-Type V8 will be stored for posterity in UK's national library, the luxury car manufacturer said, as it moves towards a quieter, electric future, reported *Yahoo News*.

As carmakers around the world shift away from polluting combustion engines, Jaguar shared that the recording was done inside a special chamber at the carmaker's plant in central England, last month.

The exhaust note of the last combustion-engine Jaguar sports car was recorded as it performed a number of gear shifts and acceleration sprints.

Recordings of the famous growl will be submitted to the British Library's archives alongside other culturally significant sounds such as the first street recordings of cars.

Charles Richardson, senior sound engineer with Jaguar, said the sounds were "something we want to be available for generations to come".

"Archiving it with the British Library allows us to do that, and that's something we're very proud of," he added.

The 30-second and 47-second tracks begin with the engine start-up, before the revs rise and settle down to a "steady 600rpm" (revolutions per min).

"Listeners will hear the crisp upshifts and downshifts through the eight-speed Quickshift transmission, and the distinctive, hallmark crackles and pops on the overrun from its quad tailpipes," he added.

Jabs against subvariants



MODERNA stated last week that data has shown in an initial study, that its updated COVID-19 vaccine is effective against the 'Eris' and 'Fornax' subvariants in humans, *Reuters* has reported.

The company expects the updated shot to be available, pending approval from health regulators in the United States, Europe and elsewhere, in the coming weeks for the fall vaccination season in the US.

Moderna and other COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers Novavax, Pfizer, and German partner BioNTech SE have created versions of its shots aimed at the XBB.1.5 subvariant.

Earlier, Pfizer reported that its updated COVID-19 shot, co-developed with BioNTech, showed neutralising activity against the Eris subvariant in a study conducted on mice.

Eris, the nickname for EG.5, is similar to the XBB.1.5 subvariant and a sub-lineage of the still-dominant Omicron variant.

EG.5 accounted for about more than 17% of COVID-19 cases in the US, according to the latest government data.

Infections from Fornax, officially known as FL 1.5.1, are also rising across the country.

COVID-19-related hospitalisations in the US are up more than 40% on low numbers from Jun but are still more than 90% below peak levels hit during the Omicron outbreak in Jan 2022.

The World Health Organization classified EG.5 as a "variant of interest", indicating that it should be more closely watched than others because of mutations that might make it more contagious or severe, *Reuters* has reported.

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Weekly Comment

Welcome to *Pharmacy Daily's* weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Amit Saha, MPharm, MBA, Head of Technical & Innovation, LaCorium Health.**



Lip repair vs moisturisation

"LIP repair" and "lip moisturisation" refer to different aspects of maintaining the health and appearance of your lips. Let's dig into what each term means:

Lip repair refers to addressing existing issues or damage, such as chapped lips, cracks, flakiness, and irritation. Lip repair products are designed to provide intensive care to help heal and soothe damaged lips. These products often contain ingredients like emollients to soften and soothe, occlusives to create a protective barrier, ceramides to repair the barrier and healing agents like vitamins. It may also contain collagen or peptide for a fuller and softer appearance. These products are useful when lips are in a distressed state and need immediate attention.

Lip moisturisation focuses on maintaining hydration levels and preventing dryness. It involves using products that keep lips moisturised and nourished, even when they are not damaged.

Lip moisturisers or balms are intended to keep lips soft, smooth, and comfortable by preventing moisture loss.

They often contain ingredients like natural oils, butters and humectants that attract and retain moisture.