

Cost of medical services provided by the Hospital Authority (HA) to patients aged 65 or above from 2022-23 to 2024-25

	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimates) (\$ million)	2024-25 (Projected) (\$ million)
Cost of medical services provided by the HA to patients aged 65 or above	47,298.5	50,625.1	52,641.0

Remark:

The HA does not maintain statistics on the cost of individual patients. The cost of service provision to patients aged 65 or above is calculated from the average cost of major types of care/services provided by the HA and the actual (or projected) service usage of patients aged 65 or above from 2022-23 to 2024-25.

The cost of services includes direct staff costs incurred from providing services to patients (e.g. doctors, nurses and allied health professionals); expenditure incurred for various clinical support services (e.g. anaesthesia and operating theatres, pharmacy, diagnostic radiology and pathology tests) and other operating expenditure (e.g. patient meals, utility expenses and repair and maintenance of medical equipment).

In view of the COVID-19 epidemic outbreak in Hong Kong in early 2020, the HA has adjusted its services to cope with the outbreak. This should be taken into consideration when comparing the service capacity of the HA in previous years. With the subsiding of local COVID-19 epidemic situation and cessation of anti-epidemic measures in early 2023, the HA has been gradually resuming provision of all of its public healthcare services to tie in with the Government's normalcy measures. As the costing information for 2022-23 has reflected the impact of the epidemic outbreak on costs (if any), the costing information for different years may not be directly comparable.