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LOCAL RESEARCHERS WIN FROM HEALTH & MEDICAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Anna Burke MP, Federal Member for Chisholm, today welcomed the announcement of 121 grants for local health and medical researchers, representing over \$62.7 million of investment.

The grants are part of the Federal Government's record \$673.7 million investment to support researchers, research projects and research institutions Australia-wide, the single largest investment in grants for health and medical research in Australia's history.

Locally, this has resulted in over \$56.2 million in grants for researchers at Monash University, representing 111 grants, and in excess of \$6.5 million for Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, representing 10 grants.

Ms Burke welcomed the boost to local research.

"I'm delighted that these grants will enable further research at Monash University and Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, both of which have an outstanding record both in Australia and around the world," Ms Burke said.

"This investment will ensure that our local researchers continue to expand the frontiers of health and medical research, and make cutting edge discoveries that improve the diagnosis, treatment and cure of illnesses that touch all Australians," Ms Burke said.

The grants awarded to Monash University will enable researchers to undertake a wide range of projects, including investigations to develop an understanding a novel mutation that causes deafness, the relationship between depression, anxiety and outcomes following a heart attack and brain circuits involved in the control of reaching and grasping.

The grants awarded to Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research will enable the pursuit of such projects as further investigation into Parkinson's disease and new factors that build bone.

Further information on all National Health & Medical Research Council grants announced can be found at www.nhmrc.gov.au.

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