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MEDIA STATEMENT

PM Announces $1.5 million funding to ACMHN

The Australian College of Nursing hosted breakfast at Parliament House this morning where Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull launched the white paper *Nurses are Essential in Health and Aged Care Reform* and acknowledged the important role nurses play in the delivery of health care.

“Today’s launch will highlight that the voice of the nursing profession cannot be ignored in the health and aged care reform agenda.” said Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, CEO of the Australian College of Nursing.

The Prime Minister took the opportunity to announce funding for the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses of 1.5 million dollars for ACMHN’s workforce initiatives and acknowledged that mental health nurses are crucial to mental health reforms.

CEO ACMHN Adjunct Associate Professor Kim Ryan welcomed the announcement “I am very pleased to see our Government investing in mental health nursing, this will in turn help to reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues and provide better mental health care to the community.”

The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses looks forward to working with the Turnbull Government to strengthen the mental health system, and further support the great work of mental health nurses.

Available for interview or comment ACMHN CEO Adjunct Professor Kim Ryan

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