

21st Century Policy Challenges

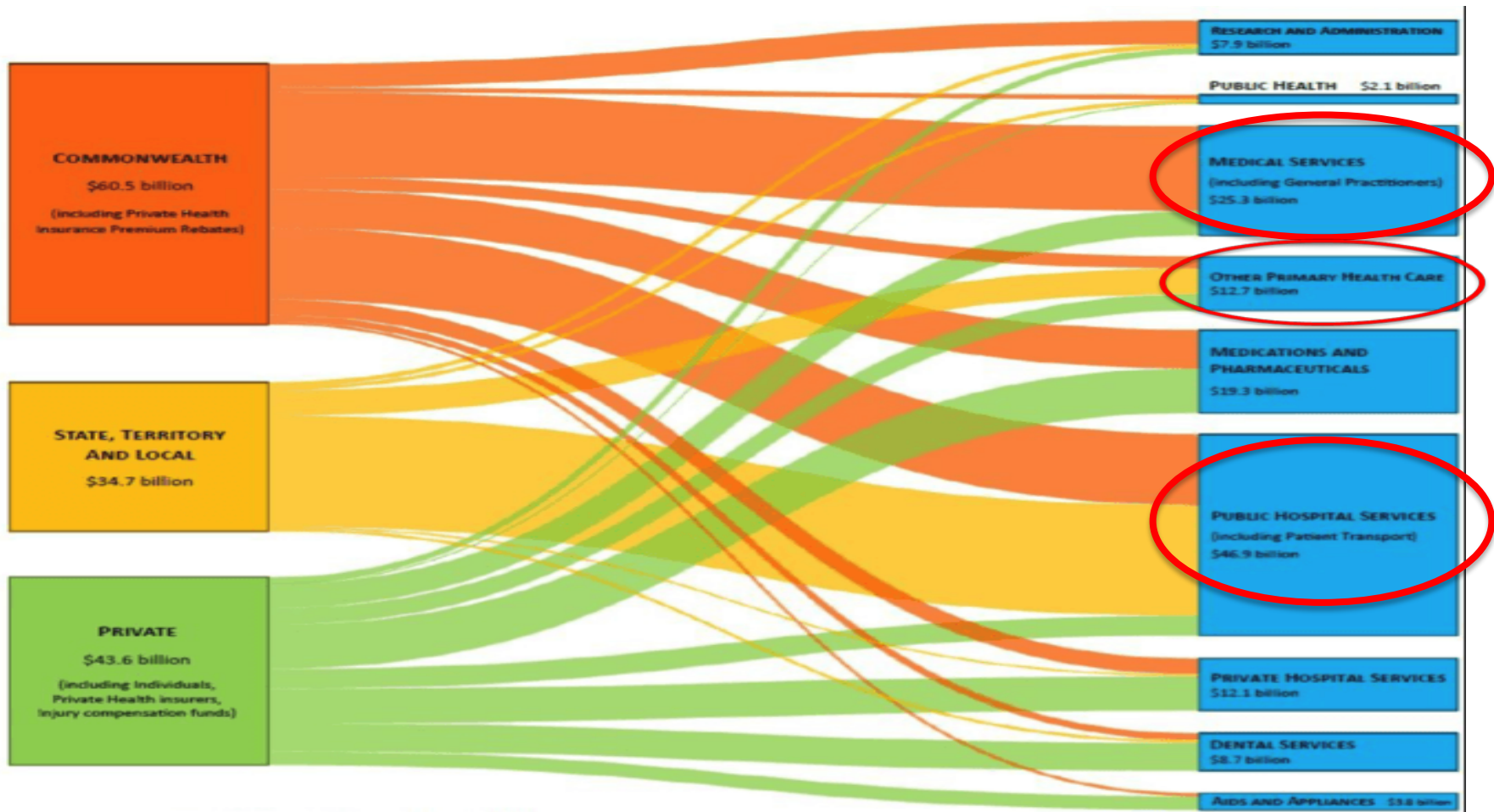
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Policy challenges

- Government and health care
- Chronic and complex care
- Ageing population
- Expectations

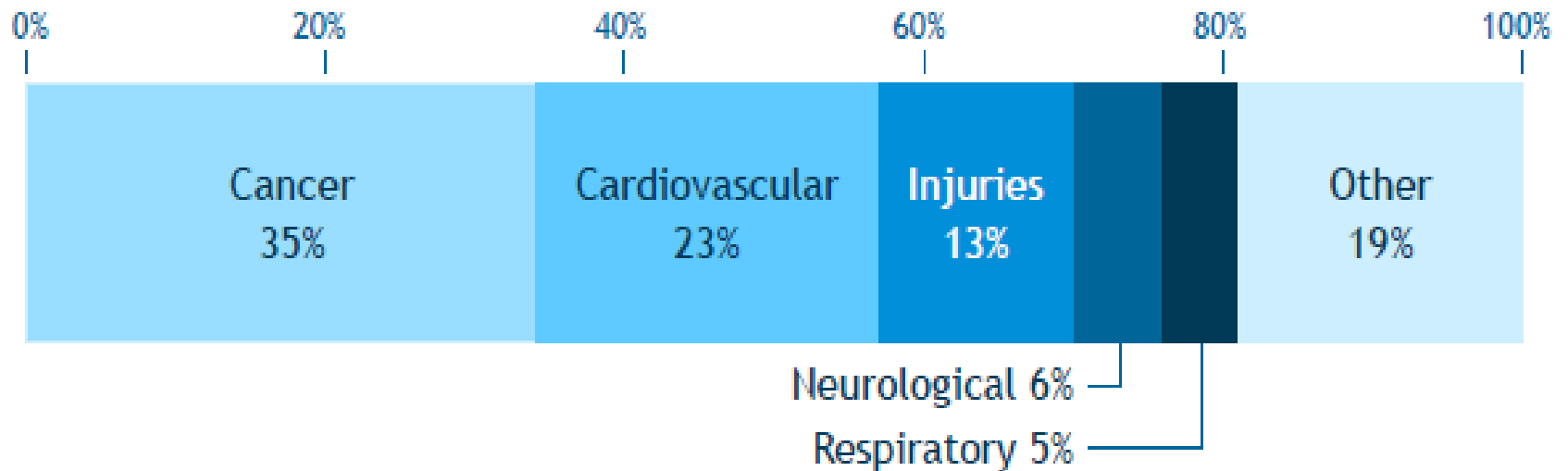
Funding levers



Source: Reform of the Federation White Paper: Roles and responsibilities in health, 2014

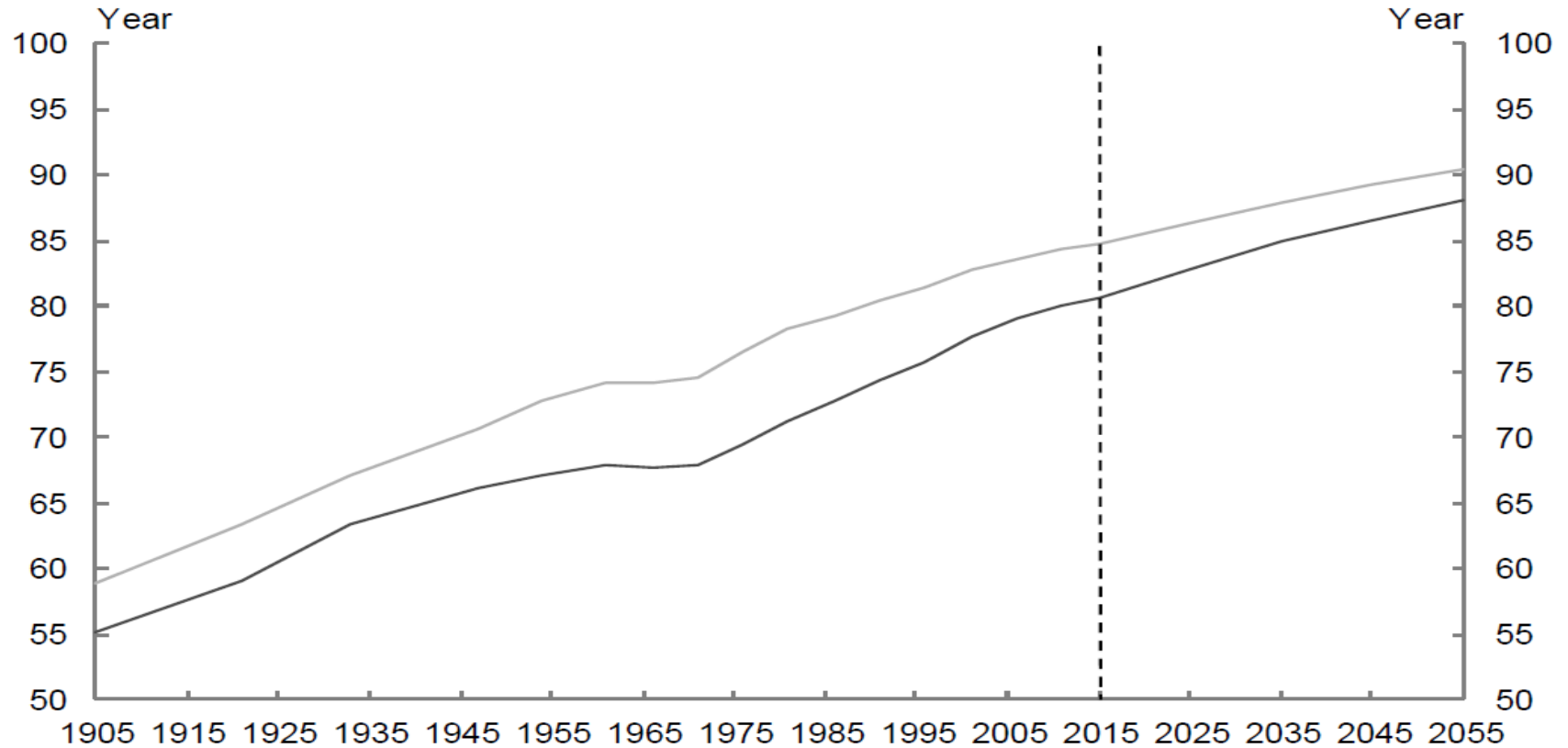
Chronic and complex care

Five leading disease groups make up 81% of all fatal burden in Australia



Ageing population

Chart 1.3 Male and female life expectancy, 1905 to 2055



Note: these figures are period life expectancies.

Source: ABS cat. no. 3105.0.65.001 and Treasury projections.

Opportunities for future policy

- **Models of care to be built around the person – not the funding stream**
- **People with chronic and complex health care needs are core business for palliative care**
- **The pressures of an ageing population will drive innovation in development of non-hospital based services**
- **Client expectations around clear and empathetic conversations is part of the palliative care skill set**