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LABOR LIES: NO \$3 BILLION CUT AND NO CUTS TO FRONTLINE NURSES

Labor continues to lie about efficiency savings in the NSW public health system, the Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, Jillian Skinner, said today.

“Let’s get this straight - \$3 billion is not being “cut” out of the NSW health system.

“And I can confirm that frontline nurses are quarantined from the labour expense cap.

“Over four years, \$2.2 billion in efficiency savings will be made in health to be reinvested in frontline services. This money will be staying within the NSW health system and is not a “cut”.

“Frontline services will be enhanced as part of these efficiency savings.

“It’s reckless and irresponsible for the opposition health spokesman to peddle lies about cuts to the health system when he knows this simply is not true.

“The suggestion that this is a cut or that it will have an adverse impact on frontline services is simply incorrect and is a desperate attempt by the opposition to mislead the public.

“I have said there is a labour expense cap which will see \$89 million taken out of the health system this year. This money is needed for the NSW Government to manage tough economic conditions, mainly due to the collapse in GST revenue.

“As stated clearly in the Budget in June, all portfolios across the NSW Government have been tasked to make these labour expense cap savings to restore the state’s finances and ensure we live within our means.

“Local health districts have been given control over how they redirect the \$2.2 billion to create greater efficiencies in the health budget and how they find \$89 million as part of the labour expense cap.”