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Dana is an economist with more than a decade of experience analysing and advising on public policy, primarily in the areas of health and social policy. A core competency of her work is the application of quantitative analysis — either on its own or integrated with qualitative analysis — to the review of government policies and programs.

Before joining the Allen Consulting Group in 2004, Dana held a joint appointment as a Research Associate at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) and the Social Policy and Health Economics Research and Evaluation (SPHERE) Institute in the United States.

A selection of major projects managed by Dana is provided below.

Economic analysis and modelling

- *Economic analysis of the COAG Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative* for the Australian Government of Health and Ageing
- *Economic and Process Evaluation of Funding for HIV/AIDS Research and Prevention Education* for the Australian Government of Health and Ageing
- *Modelling Participation Rates in the HECS Reimbursement Scheme — A revised approach* for the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
- *Future Health Workforce Project — Projections of health workforce capacity* for the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
- *A Demand Management and Investment Modelling Tool for the Child and Family Service System* for the Victorian Department of Human Services
- *Improving the Sustainability of Private Health Insurance*
- *Review of middle years initiatives in Victoria 1999-2006* for the Victorian Department of Education

Program and policy evaluation

- *Review of health services accountability and public reporting* for the Victorian Department of Human Services
- *Review of Victoria's Bonus Funding Framework* for Health Services for the Victorian Department of Human Services
- *Strengthening Australia's Health System* for the Victorian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet
- *Submission for St. Vincent's Health and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Redevelopment* for St. Vincent's Health
- *A strategic framework for sexual assault treatment and support services in Victoria* for the Victorian Department of Human Services
- *Barriers to and Options for Increased Workforce Participation in Victoria: A spotlight on specific population groups* for the Department of Victorian Communities and the Workforce Participation Taskforce
- *Community Perceptions of Safety in Victoria* for the Victorian Department of Justice
- *Health Options Review* for the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance
- *Indigenous Family Violence in Victoria: Supporting the development of a ten-year plan* for Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Department for Victorian Communities
- *Business plan for a National Centre of Prostate Cancer Research* for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia
- *Access to Treatment for Mesothelioma Patients* for the Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia Inc and Eli Lilly Pty Ltd