

Appendix B: Total payments to the states by function

The tables in this Appendix present financial information on payments to the state and territory governments (states) classified according to the functions of government they serve. The functions are based on the International Monetary Fund's Classification of the Functions of Government.

Table B.1: Total payments to the states by function

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2022-23									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	154.8	111.3	122.6	64.8	44.0	18.0	24.0	80.3	664.9
Education	9,051.7	7,333.9	6,366.4	3,068.7	2,092.7	666.0	461.0	496.2	29,841.3
Health	8,673.6	7,258.3	6,432.9	3,054.9	1,930.6	632.7	560.6	460.7	29,082.0
Social security and welfare	394.7	310.6	263.6	897.4	93.7	29.8	23.4	41.6	2,058.8
Housing and community amenities	833.7	575.1	729.1	327.0	194.9	155.6	40.2	424.7	3,867.0
Recreation and culture	0.9	8.7	0.3	1.4	1.8	-	0.1	1.4	14.6
Fuel and energy	-	13.8	18.8	-	-	48.0	-	30.0	110.6
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	613.5	244.3	112.6	14.3	59.4	0.9	44.6	4.9	1,686.8
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	2,908.8	2,604.2	2,436.8	2,202.7	1,145.0	492.1	68.2	319.5	12,177.4
Other economic affairs	132.7	122.4	66.1	57.3	-	42.8	-	-	429.8
Other purposes(b)	26,759.7	19,828.4	18,869.0	7,562.4	7,956.3	3,549.6	1,767.7	4,012.8	90,305.8
Total payments to the states	49,524.1	38,410.8	35,418.3	17,250.9	13,518.3	5,635.4	2,989.8	5,872.1	170,239.0
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	5,068.9	4,213.0	3,594.3	1,757.1	1,245.4	361.8	267.0	223.8	17,390.0
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	252.1	196.9	163.6	99.6	73.8	26.0	18.1	11.4	841.5
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	446.3	312.5	267.4	198.2	120.2	47.5	15.4	32.1	1,439.5
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	43,756.9	33,688.4	31,393.0	15,196.0	12,078.9	5,200.2	2,689.2	5,604.9	150,568.0

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b) Payments for 'Other purposes' include general revenue assistance to the states.

Table B.1: Total payments to the states by function (continued)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2023-24									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	141.9	99.3	112.7	62.9	41.3	17.4	19.4	78.7	659.0
Education	9,300.1	7,634.6	6,608.9	3,196.9	2,174.7	675.2	477.0	507.8	30,959.7
Health	8,449.0	6,809.8	6,918.3	3,147.9	1,850.4	628.5	539.3	466.2	28,910.1
Social security and welfare	367.0	285.7	231.6	139.4	87.3	27.7	20.7	20.1	1,181.8
Housing and community amenities	554.6	546.0	715.0	283.8	165.6	106.2	31.4	202.3	2,671.1
Recreation and culture	-	-	-	0.6	0.2	-	-	-	0.8
Fuel and energy	-	8.8	2.5	-	-	44.2	-	-	106.0
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	391.2	232.9	26.5	0.4	63.0	0.6	21.2	1.6	1,465.0
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,650.8	2,705.7	2,800.1	2,520.3	1,200.6	568.7	162.0	499.4	14,107.6
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Other purposes(b)	28,122.9	20,989.5	19,912.0	7,826.4	8,302.9	3,728.6	1,873.8	4,193.8	94,949.8
Total payments to the states	50,977.4	39,312.4	37,327.6	17,178.5	13,886.0	5,797.1	3,144.7	5,970.0	175,015.2
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	5,303.6	4,470.6	3,814.4	1,836.0	1,288.5	380.7	272.6	233.4	17,691.8
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	934.2	732.0	608.4	370.7	200.0	96.7	67.5	42.7	3,052.3
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	229.1	171.7	173.1	120.1	65.4	27.6	5.6	17.1	809.6
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	44,510.5	33,938.0	32,731.8	14,851.7	12,332.1	5,292.2	2,798.9	5,676.8	153,461.4

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Table B.1: Total payments to the states by function (continued)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2024-25									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	144.1	100.8	114.4	63.6	41.8	17.6	19.6	31.8	632.5
Education	9,610.3	7,925.6	6,844.0	3,311.0	2,250.9	694.7	492.2	489.8	31,834.5
Health	9,017.3	7,170.2	7,332.0	3,451.0	1,939.2	647.1	576.1	485.5	30,664.8
Social security and welfare	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Housing and community amenities	539.1	503.1	766.1	266.1	185.9	81.7	29.0	220.5	2,715.3
Recreation and culture	-	-	-	0.7	0.1	-	-	-	0.8
Fuel and energy	-	5.0	-	-	-	38.0	-	-	93.5
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.2	2.8	12.9	0.7	1.0	0.6	..	1.3	186.7
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	4,348.7	3,158.4	3,155.4	1,786.7	990.7	443.2	117.7	402.6	14,403.4
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Other purposes(b)	28,862.4	21,679.0	20,499.5	8,355.0	8,512.3	3,827.4	1,933.7	4,313.3	97,982.6
Total payments to the states	52,523.1	40,544.9	38,724.3	17,234.7	13,922.5	5,750.4	3,168.4	5,944.7	178,518.8
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	5,480.1	4,630.5	3,907.0	1,879.9	1,338.4	395.0	281.8	235.2	18,246.6
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	967.9	762.0	632.8	385.5	207.5	100.3	70.2	44.3	3,170.5
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	207.9	152.6	152.6	109.6	56.9	24.4	4.0	15.2	723.2
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	45,867.2	34,999.9	34,032.0	14,859.7	12,319.7	5,230.7	2,812.5	5,649.9	156,378.5

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\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2025-26									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	1.8	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	93.0
Education	9,916.8	8,200.7	7,064.6	3,418.5	2,323.3	712.2	506.4	495.0	32,856.1
Health	9,434.2	7,589.7	7,865.8	3,479.2	2,063.8	679.8	615.0	521.9	32,301.1
Social security and welfare	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Housing and community amenities	532.9	427.1	816.7	194.9	118.5	77.6	29.6	22.8	2,322.3
Recreation and culture	-	-	-	0.5	0.1	-	-	-	0.6
Fuel and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.2	1.3	7.9	0.2	-	-	-	0.9	16.5
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,940.8	3,715.5	3,270.1	1,115.3	1,002.1	436.9	108.8	416.7	14,006.2
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other purposes(b)	29,288.1	22,051.2	20,920.2	8,568.5	8,700.2	3,949.5	1,984.3	4,509.2	99,971.3
Total payments to the states	53,114.7	41,985.5	39,946.5	16,777.1	14,208.6	5,856.0	3,244.1	5,966.5	181,567.5
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	5,671.2	4,739.1	4,030.2	1,865.0	1,386.7	408.7	288.7	240.0	18,726.5
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,003.8	793.9	657.7	400.8	215.0	104.1	73.1	46.1	3,294.4
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	207.9	152.6	152.6	109.6	56.9	24.4	4.0	15.2	723.2
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	46,231.8	36,299.9	35,106.1	14,401.8	12,550.0	5,318.7	2,878.4	5,665.1	158,823.4

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