# Appendix A: Expenses by Function and Sub‑function

Table A.1 sets out Australian Government general government sector expenses by function and sub‑function for 2022–23.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2021‑22 | 2022‑23 | 2022‑23 | Change on |
|   | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2023‑24 |
|   |   | 2023‑24 |   | Budget |
|   |   | Budget |   |   |
|   | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **General public services** |   |   |   |   |
| Legislative and executive affairs | 1,864 | 1,574 | 1,685 | 111 |
| Financial and fiscal affairs | 8,898 | 9,309 | 9,187 | ‑122 |
| Foreign affairs and economic aid | 6,096 | 7,622 | 7,522 | ‑101 |
| General research | 3,291 | 3,735 | 3,695 | ‑40 |
| General services | 903 | 918 | 1,110 | 192 |
| Government superannuation benefits | 10,221 | 6,947 | 6,912 | ‑36 |
| **Total general public services** | **31,273** | **30,106** | **30,111** | **5** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Defence** | **38,246** | **40,059** | **41,436** | **1,377** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Public order and safety** |   |   |   |   |
| Courts and legal services | 1,611 | 1,747 | 1,814 | 67 |
| Other public order and safety | 5,047 | 5,637 | 5,698 | 62 |
| **Total public order and safety** | **6,658** | **7,384** | **7,513** | **129** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Education** |   |   |   |   |
| Higher education | 10,656 | 10,587 | 10,428 | ‑158 |
| Vocational and other education | 2,077 | 2,262 | 2,234 | ‑28 |
| Schools | 25,036 | 26,909 | 26,998 | 88 |
| *Non‑government schools* | *15,365* | *16,646* | *16,705* | *59* |
| *Government schools* | *9,671* | *10,264* | *10,292* | *29* |
| School education – specific funding | 721 | 1,128 | 1,082 | ‑45 |
| Student assistance | 4,401 | 4,783 | 3,925 | ‑858 |
| General administration | 333 | 208 | 264 | 56 |
| **Total education** | **43,225** | **45,876** | **44,932** | **‑945** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Health** |   |   |   |   |
| Medical services and benefits | 37,306 | 36,982 | 36,224 | ‑758 |
| Pharmaceutical benefits and services | 16,273 | 19,592 | 18,569 | ‑1,023 |
| Assistance to the states for public hospitals | 24,230 | 25,658 | 25,821 | 164 |
| Hospital services | 1,049 | 973 | 956 | ‑17 |
| Health services | 21,691 | 19,163 | 15,844 | ‑3,320 |
| General administration | 4,648 | 4,212 | 4,147 | ‑66 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health | 989 | 1,130 | 1,119 | ‑10 |
| **Total health** | **106,185** | **107,710** | **102,680** | **‑5,030** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Social security and welfare** |   |   |   |   |
| Assistance to the aged | 76,283 | 84,844 | 82,946 | ‑1,898 |
| Assistance to veterans and dependants | 7,480 | 7,741 | 8,105 | 365 |
| Assistance to people with disabilities | 61,040 | 69,429 | 69,126 | ‑303 |
| Assistance to families with children | 37,375 | 39,622 | 38,399 | ‑1,223 |

Table A.1: Australian Government general government sector expenses by function and sub‑function (continued)

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|   | 2021‑22 | 2022‑23 | 2022‑23 | Change on |
|   | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2023‑24 |
|   |   | 2023‑24 |   | Budget |
|   |   | Budget |   |   |
|   | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **Social security and welfare** |   |   |   |   |
| **(continued)** |   |   |   |   |
| Assistance to the unemployed and  |   |   |   |   |
| the sick | 15,866 | 13,867 | 14,006 | 139 |
| Other welfare programs | 16,175 | 2,700 | 2,370 | ‑330 |
| Assistance for Indigenous Australians nec | 2,492 | 2,872 | 2,735 | ‑138 |
| General administration | 4,716 | 5,302 | 5,224 | ‑79 |
| **Total social security and welfare** | **221,427** | **226,378** | **222,911** | **‑3,466** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Housing and community amenities** |   |   |   |   |
| Housing  | 4,154 | 3,460 | 4,994 | 1,534 |
| Urban and regional development | 1,337 | 1,980 | 1,518 | ‑462 |
| Environment protection | 1,542 | 1,696 | 1,840 | 145 |
| **Total housing and community**  |   |   |   |   |
| **amenities** | **7,033** | **7,135** | **8,352** | **1,217** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Recreation and culture** |   |   |   |   |
| Broadcasting | 1,559 | 1,680 | 1,690 | 9 |
| Arts and cultural heritage | 1,579 | 1,835 | 1,813 | ‑23 |
| Sport and recreation | 537 | 638 | 573 | ‑64 |
| National estate and parks | 595 | 686 | 565 | ‑121 |
| **Total recreation and culture** | **4,270** | **4,840** | **4,641** | **‑199** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Fuel and energy** | **9,437** | **8,953** | **9,093** | **140** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Agriculture, forestry and fishing** |   |   |   |   |
| Wool industry | 58 | 67 | 55 | ‑12 |
| Grains industry | 199 | 224 | 200 | ‑24 |
| Dairy industry | 55 | 55 | 59 | 4 |
| Cattle, sheep and pig industry | 249 | 252 | 239 | ‑13 |
| Fishing, horticulture and other agriculture | 412 | 553 | 463 | ‑90 |
| General assistance not allocated to  |   |   |   |   |
| specific industries | 35 | 44 | 41 | ‑3 |
| Rural assistance | 334 | 433 | 306 | ‑127 |
| Natural resources development | 722 | 1,793 | 773 | ‑1,020 |
| General administration | 1,121 | 1,317 | 1,234 | ‑82 |
| **Total agriculture, forestry and fishing** | **3,185** | **4,737** | **3,371** | **‑1,367** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Mining, manufacturing and construction** | **3,816** | **4,905** | **5,167** | **262** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Transport and communication** |   |   |   |   |
| Communication | 1,941 | 1,627 | 1,580 | ‑47 |
| Rail transport | 1,701 | 3,035 | 2,532 | ‑503 |
| Air transport | 1,169 | 432 | 349 | ‑83 |
| Road transport | 6,026 | 7,663 | 6,969 | ‑695 |
| Sea transport | 440 | 461 | 484 | 22 |
| Other transport and communication | 225 | 242 | 253 | 10 |
| **Total transport and communication** | **11,503** | **13,461** | **12,166** | **‑1,295** |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2021‑22 | 2022‑23 | 2022‑23 | Change on |
|   | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2023‑24 |
|   |   | 2023‑24 |   | Budget |
|   |   | Budget |   |   |
|   | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **Other economic affairs** |   |   |   |   |
| Tourism and area promotion | 189 | 208 | 204 | ‑4 |
| Total labour and employment affairs | 7,592 | 7,521 | 7,410 | ‑111 |
| *Vocational and industry training* | *4,664* | *4,511* | *4,580* | *69* |
| *Labour market assistance to job seekers* |  |  |  |  |
| *and industry* | *2,265* | *2,214* | *2,129* | *‑84* |
| *Industrial relations* | *662* | *797* | *701* | *‑96* |
| Immigration | 3,409 | 3,673 | 3,405 | ‑269 |
| Other economic affairs nec | 10,592 | 3,533 | 3,380 | ‑153 |
| **Total other economic affairs** | **21,781** | **14,935** | **14,399** | **‑536** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Other purposes** |   |   |   |   |
| Public debt interest | 18,517 | 22,152 | 22,242 | 90 |
| *Interest on Commonwealth* |  |  |  |  |
| *Government’s behalf* | *18,517* | *22,152* | *22,242* | *90* |
| Nominal superannuation interest | 8,974 | 12,334 | 12,336 | 2 |
| General purpose inter‑government |   |   |   |   |
| transactions | 81,679 | 89,841 | 92,076 | 2,235 |
| *General revenue assistance –* |  |  |  |  |
| *states and territories* | *77,531* | *88,021* | *87,618* | *‑403* |
| *Local government assistance* | *4,148* | *1,820* | *4,458* | *2,638* |
| Natural disaster relief | 5,840 | 3,533 | 3,600 | 67 |
| Contingency reserve | 0 | 449 | 0 | ‑449 |
| **Total other purposes** | **115,011** | **128,309** | **130,254** | **1,945** |
|   |  |  |  |  |
| **Total expenses** | **623,050** | **644,788** | **637,025** | **‑7,763** |