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	170.1	120.6	129.1	67.6	46.4	20.1	26.7	88.7	672.1
Education	9,092.8	7,450.8	6,459.9	3,137.1	2,177.5	676.3	464.2	496.8	29,965.6
Health	8,758.0	7,875.9	6,347.2	3,008.8	1,981.0	646.4	543.1	456.5	29,640.1
Social security and welfare	395.1	310.2	263.4	25.7	93.6	29.6	23.3	43.6	1,190.6
Housing and community amenities	768.2	525.5	591.5	327.6	194.1	74.6	40.3	404.6	3,462.8
Recreation and culture	0.9	8.7	0.3	1.4	1.8	-	0.1	1.4	14.6
Fuel and energy	-	13.8	2.0	-	-	48.0	-	30.0	259.2
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	441.2	216.7	102.2	14.9	31.4	0.9	44.7	5.3	1,386.9
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	2,449.9	2,127.7	2,411.5	1,723.3	936.7	444.9	62.7	333.1	10,489.7
Other economic affairs	113.0	50.9	67.0	76.6	-	36.6	-	-	352.6
Other purposes(b)	26,785.9	20,465.1	18,936.8	8,136.6	7,926.1	3,500.2	1,738.0	3,901.3	91,389.9
Total payments to the states	48,975.2	39,165.8	35,310.8	16,519.7	13,388.5	5,477.5	2,943.0	5,761.3	168,824.1
less payments 'through' the states	5,116.3	4,288.6	3,630.3	1,811.0	1,322.1	370.5	270.4	231.3	17,527.2
less financial assistance for local									
government	255.7	199.8	166.0	101.1	74.6	26.3	18.4	11.6	853.5
less payments direct to local									
government	445.3	312.3	266.6	195.7	118.9	47.6	15.4	32.0	1,433.8
equals total payments to the states for									
own-purpose expenses	43,158.0	34,365.1	31,247.8	14,411.9	11,873.0	5,033.1	2,638.7	5,486.4	149,009.6

a) Total column may not equal sum of state totals. There is no basis on which to estimate state allocations for a number of payments, which are not reflected in state totals.

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2023-24	-								
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	163.5	113.4	129.6	71.6	48.0	21.5	27.4	92.0	687.6
Education	9,323.1	7,720.3	6,655.2	3,250.7	2,252.1	685.0	473.4	541.0	31,014.0
Health	8,445.7	7,065.0	6,943.3	3,194.5	1,964.6	657.4	551.9	431.6	29,294.8
Social security and welfare	367.1	286.1	231.8	1,011.0	86.9	27.7	20.7	26.2	2,144.5
Housing and community amenities	647.3	580.3	762.9	296.3	175.2	126.4	42.0	320.1	3,231.6
Recreation and culture	-	-	36.0	0.6	0.2	20.0	-	-	56.7
Fuel and energy	360.8	290.9	253.2	82.9	95.4	66.6	18.7	8.6	1,505.5
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	629.0	257.8	43.4	0.9	89.7	0.6	21.3	2.4	1,787.3
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,567.4	2,762.7	2,855.9	2,704.9	1,136.7	564.1	146.5	451.2	14,189.3
Other economic affairs	-	-	0.7	-	-	0.7	-	-	5.6
Other purposes(b)	27,831.9	21,191.8	20,168.2	7,838.7	9,042.6	3,598.5	2,040.4	4,234.5	95,946.5
Total payments to the states	51,335.6	40,268.2	38,080.2	18,452.1	14,891.4	5,768.5	3,342.3	6,107.7	179,863.3
less payments 'through' the states	5,354.2	4,527.4	3,880.0	1,819.3	1,357.2	406.6	271.3	240.3	17,882.2
less financial assistance for local									
government	951.4	746.0	620.1	376.9	222.9	97.7	68.4	43.1	3,126.4
less payments direct to local									
government	231.2	172.0	173.4	122.3	66.2	27.6	5.6	17.1	815.4
equals total payments to the states for						_			
own-purpose expenses	44,798.9	34,822.9	33,406.7	16,133.6	13,245.0	5,236.6	2,997.0	5,807.2	158,039.3

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

Table B.1: Total	payments to t	he states by	function ((continued)	ĺ
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\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2024-25									· · · ·
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	169.9	118.0	134.2	73.9	49.5	22.1	28.1	38.2	657.0
Education	9,553.7	7,955.4	6,835.9	3,327.8	2,318.4	698.2	480.8	492.8	31,833.5
Health	8,965.7	7,851.7	7,281.8	3,448.2	2,003.9	653.3	565.3	421.8	31,249.1
Social security and welfare	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	72.9
Housing and community amenities	590.4	546.5	740.2	460.1	177.8	109.9	34.9	133.7	2,950.0
Recreation and culture	-	-	107.9	0.7	0.1	45.0	-	-	153.7
Fuel and energy	120.3	99.0	89.6	27.6	31.8	60.4	3.7	2.9	995.7
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.2	2.8	13.2	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.3	1.3	186.9
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	4,638.5	3,180.4	3,055.6	1,908.6	1,079.4	404.3	130.5	453.0	14,850.3
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	-	-	9.5
Other purposes(b)	28,824.9	22,089.8	20,933.2	8,441.3	9,338.9	3,722.6	2,126.3	4,394.7	99,871.9
Total payments to the states	52,864.5	41,843.6	39,191.6	17,688.9	15,001.4	5,721.8	3,370.0	5,938.4	182,830.3
less payments 'through' the states	5,533.1	4,683.0	3,948.8	1,919.0	1,420.3	444.1	277.3	241.0	18,502.2
less financial assistance for local									
government	995.7	784.6	650.3	395.3	231.9	102.1	71.8	45.1	3,276.8
less 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	46,127.8	36,223.5	34,439.9	15,265.0	13,292.3	5,151.2	3,016.8	5,637.1	160,328.2

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2025-26	-								
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	25.8	15.7	19.2	8.8	6.4	3.6	7.8	5.9	95.7
Education	9,812.1	8,193.8	7,024.7	3,407.1	2,391.9	712.5	486.2	483.8	32,865.1
Health	9,371.2	8,109.2	7,721.9	3,458.5	2,127.1	683.7	600.0	462.1	32,582.1
Social security and welfare	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Housing and community amenities	582.9	445.6	824.3	431.5	133.4	116.3	30.2	77.6	2,795.8
Recreation and culture	-	-	348.4	0.5	0.1	80.0	-	-	429.0
Fuel and energy	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	12.0
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.2	1.3	8.1	0.2	-	-	-	0.9	16.7
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,785.3	4,028.8	2,952.8	1,130.2	1,143.0	346.9	113.8	398.3	13,899.3
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other purposes(b)	30,429.0	23,458.7	22,157.7	8,719.6	9,835.5	3,930.2	2,260.1	4,652.1	105,443.0
Total payments to the states	54,006.6	44,253.1	41,062.1	17,156.4	15,638.0	5,873.1	3,498.0	6,080.7	188,139.3
less payments 'through' the states	5,701.3	4,768.8	4,055.4	1,965.3	1,477.7	488.9	278.3	242.1	19,013.3
less financial assistance for local									
government	1,035.1	819.4	677.1	411.6	239.8	106.1	75.0	46.9	3,411.0
less 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	47,062.4	38,512.3	36,177.0	14,669.9	13,863.6	5,253.7	3,140.7	5,776.4	164,991.8

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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)
2026-27									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	8.2	4.9	6.0	3.4	2.4	0.9	7.2	3.8	91.8
Education	10,026.3	8,403.4	7,179.2	3,473.1	2,451.1	723.5	489.0	483.2	33,917.9
Health	9,973.5	8,572.5	8,227.3	3,667.6	2,244.5	710.8	632.8	488.3	34,575.5
Social security and welfare	-	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	4.8
Housing and community amenities	569.4	453.8	663.5	193.2	122.2	57.6	30.9	70.3	2,247.6
Recreation and culture	-	-	583.8	-	-	100.0	-	-	683.8
Fuel and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.0
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.2	1.3	38.3	0.2	-	-	-	0.9	45.5
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,500.5	3,560.0	2,780.7	835.9	1,201.7	232.8	98.4	346.8	12,556.7
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other purposes(b)	30,882.5	23,868.9	22,646.1	9,990.7	10,084.0	4,074.3	2,333.5	4,910.5	108,790.5
Total payments to the states	54,960.5	44,864.8	42,124.9	18,164.1	16,107.4	5,899.9	3,591.8	6,304.0	192,934.1
less payments 'through' the states	5,876.1	4,929.9	4,163.2	1,938.8	1,535.0	519.8	280.8	243.8	19,505.3
less financial assistance for local									
government	1,075.3	855.0	704.8	428.5	228.0	110.3	78.2	48.8	3,529.0
less payments direct to local									
government	138.3	101.7	101.7	73.1	34.5	16.3	-	8.0	473.5
equals total payments to the states for		•		•				•	
own-purpose expenses	47,870.9	38,978.1	37,155.2	15,723.6	14,310.0	5,253.5	3,232.7	6,003.4	169,426.4

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