

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)
2023-24									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	182.2	133.4	138.6	74.6	52.0	23.5	21.3	99.4	736.8
Education	9,722.8	8,117.2	7,030.8	3,397.1	2,367.2	731.4	496.0	560.6	32,441.4
Health	8,585.2	6,371.2	6,946.2	3,140.9	2,079.6	669.8	541.5	435.5	28,779.8
Social security and welfare	389.9	303.8	246.4	1,018.7	91.3	29.3	20.3	25.3	2,141.6
Housing and community amenities	649.4	568.5	662.6	305.1	168.6	140.7	41.1	513.8	4,342.7
Recreation and culture	-	-	-	0.9	0.3	5.0	-	-	6.2
Fuel and energy	360.8	298.9	248.4	86.5	95.4	66.6	19.6	8.6	1,464.4
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	349.8	82.2	53.6	25.5	62.8	4.5	62.0	6.8	715.8
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,444.8	2,095.1	2,324.7	2,048.8	948.6	437.1	82.2	312.5	11,693.8
Other economic affairs	113.0	41.9	2.2	73.5	-	-	-	0.9	241.8
Other purposes(b)	27,049.2	20,528.0	20,160.5	7,412.7	8,826.9	3,445.3	1,959.9	4,125.1	93,507.6
Total payments to the states	50,847.1	38,540.5	37,814.1	17,584.3	14,692.5	5,553.3	3,243.9	6,088.5	176,072.0
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	5,572.1	4,671.7	4,026.5	1,859.6	1,441.3	420.8	283.4	244.1	18,717.4
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	2.7	2.1	1.7	1.1	20.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	28.7
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	416.1	300.3	258.3	202.9	104.1	47.4	8.8	34.7	1,372.5
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	44,856.3	33,566.4	33,527.5	15,520.7	13,126.6	5,084.8	2,951.6	5,809.6	155,953.4

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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	195.3	137.2	147.8	82.4	54.5	24.1	22.3	105.6	801.7
Education	9,999.9	8,344.3	7,214.9	3,480.7	2,427.5	748.4	516.8	547.7	33,365.2
Health	9,046.9	7,423.2	7,229.1	3,438.9	2,124.6	682.5	550.7	524.4	31,057.0
Social security and welfare	78.1	69.5	59.5	21.7	16.8	4.4	3.4	20.0	310.7
Housing and community amenities	728.5	628.0	746.2	514.0	233.0	159.1	39.7	462.2	4,293.5
Recreation and culture	1.5	9.0	97.2	50.7	0.1	8.0	-	0.6	187.1
Fuel and energy	958.1	774.8	605.7	292.0	231.8	125.3	52.4	25.1	3,725.8
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	274.6	53.9	104.3	8.8	46.4	0.9	0.3	2.7	846.1
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	4,157.6	1,831.4	2,417.3	2,924.2	1,029.3	416.6	217.4	317.7	13,341.6
Other economic affairs	-	2.0	2.0	-	-	0.3	-	2.1	7.5
Other purposes(b)	26,930.0	24,333.7	19,227.1	8,329.9	9,196.8	3,632.8	2,083.4	4,261.0	97,994.6
Total payments to the states	52,370.3	43,606.9	37,851.1	19,143.3	15,360.9	5,802.3	3,486.5	6,269.1	185,930.7
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	5,829.1	4,874.5	4,143.0	1,987.7	1,481.3	439.0	293.7	256.0	19,529.5
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,000.5	787.7	653.1	399.3	232.2	101.6	71.9	44.8	3,291.0
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	268.5	199.7	180.9	136.5	67.0	33.1	3.1	18.7	907.4
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	45,272.2	37,745.1	32,874.1	16,619.9	13,580.5	5,228.6	3,117.9	5,949.6	162,202.9

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2025-26									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	25.8	16.6	19.2	9.6	6.4	3.6	8.7	10.6	166.5
Education	10,362.3	8,670.2	7,470.0	3,590.4	2,513.6	772.9	530.7	518.6	34,633.2
Health	9,554.3	7,871.9	7,715.7	3,600.8	2,259.2	719.7	583.2	555.0	32,938.2
Social security and welfare	49.8	38.7	44.7	16.4	11.9	2.7	2.4	3.8	191.0
Housing and community amenities	629.0	512.9	662.2	463.2	142.5	90.2	36.8	405.1	3,186.1
Recreation and culture	-	-	340.1	0.5	0.1	95.6	-	-	436.2
Fuel and energy	279.3	219.3	174.5	86.9	66.7	21.6	15.9	7.4	1,013.9
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	244.1	84.6	96.8	3.6	20.7	-	-	0.6	816.5
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,784.5	2,240.6	3,166.6	1,966.2	1,262.8	431.9	157.4	518.2	13,573.3
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	3.4
Other purposes(b)	28,330.5	25,705.0	20,266.1	8,571.0	9,624.2	3,787.8	2,196.0	4,456.2	102,936.8
Total payments to the states	53,259.6	45,359.9	39,955.8	18,308.5	15,908.1	5,929.1	3,531.0	6,475.4	189,895.2
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,032.1	4,994.9	4,278.1	2,046.5	1,552.8	547.0	306.3	264.0	20,055.9
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,046.8	826.8	684.6	418.9	241.0	105.6	75.2	46.7	3,445.7
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	290.1	213.7	213.3	154.1	76.5	35.6	3.9	20.2	1,007.3
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	45,890.5	39,324.4	34,779.9	15,689.2	14,037.7	5,240.9	3,145.6	6,144.6	165,386.3

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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	109.7
Education	10,626.1	8,922.1	7,659.8	3,665.1	2,578.6	791.2	542.3	525.9	35,882.3
Health	10,106.0	8,295.4	8,179.3	3,644.8	2,416.0	749.5	612.9	568.8	34,671.7
Social security and welfare	49.1	35.3	18.3	15.9	12.9	2.5	2.3	3.7	153.2
Housing and community amenities	574.6	495.1	647.8	221.2	127.2	59.1	32.4	292.5	2,589.1
Recreation and culture	-	-	438.4	-	-	136.4	-	-	574.8
Fuel and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233.5
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	215.3	114.0	90.6	-	1.6	-	-	0.1	782.6
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	2,959.1	3,300.9	3,331.1	1,407.3	1,385.0	373.8	146.3	506.4	13,439.8
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	-	-	3.0
Other purposes(b)	29,444.5	26,877.0	21,096.5	9,996.3	9,989.7	3,943.5	2,298.4	4,682.8	108,328.7
Total payments to the states	53,982.8	48,044.6	41,467.7	18,954.0	16,513.3	6,059.4	3,641.8	6,583.9	196,768.5
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,244.0	5,177.4	4,454.7	2,031.9	1,617.7	606.9	318.9	275.7	20,830.7
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,086.7	860.9	711.3	434.6	228.5	109.2	78.1	48.3	3,557.6
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	262.8	193.2	193.2	138.9	65.5	31.0	-	15.1	899.6
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	46,389.3	41,813.2	36,108.5	16,348.6	14,601.7	5,312.4	3,244.8	6,244.8	171,480.6

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2027-28									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.9
Education	10,956.4	9,231.3	7,876.0	3,751.7	2,649.7	812.2	559.5	541.0	37,031.5
Health	10,754.4	8,829.8	8,691.2	3,886.5	2,534.1	797.5	652.1	582.5	36,807.2
Social security and welfare	49.1	35.8	18.3	16.0	11.0	2.4	2.3	3.7	138.6
Housing and community amenities	580.6	489.8	437.0	319.4	128.8	51.2	32.2	245.2	2,358.7
Recreation and culture	-	-	768.0	-	-	60.0	-	-	828.0
Fuel and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148.5
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-	-	49.6	-	-	-	-	-	206.1
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	2,900.4	3,461.6	2,818.8	659.7	1,278.9	322.3	127.3	243.7	11,837.6
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
Other purposes(b)	30,592.4	28,079.8	21,957.6	10,493.1	10,388.9	4,107.0	2,403.0	4,918.9	112,940.8
Total payments to the states	55,833.3	50,128.0	42,616.4	19,126.4	16,991.5	6,152.6	3,776.3	6,535.0	202,354.4
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,473.3	5,376.0	4,558.9	2,081.4	1,676.0	547.3	329.3	286.4	21,520.7
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,129.3	897.1	739.2	451.0	236.3	113.1	81.3	50.1	3,697.4
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	276.6	203.4	203.4	146.2	68.9	32.6	-	15.9	947.0
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	47,954.1	43,651.5	37,114.9	16,447.9	15,010.3	5,459.6	3,365.7	6,182.7	176,189.4

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