

APPENDIX A: EXPENSES BY FUNCTION AND SUB-FUNCTION

Table A1 sets out Australian Government general government sector expenses by function and sub-function for 2016-17.

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	2015-16 Outcome	2016-17 Estimate at 2017-18 Budget	2016-17 Outcome	Change on 2017-18 Budget
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
General public services				
Legislative and executive affairs	1,239	1,376	1,251	-125
Financial and fiscal affairs	6,598	6,359	6,515	156
Foreign affairs and economic aid	5,484	6,687	6,383	-304
General research	2,711	2,765	2,695	-70
General services	731	970	625	-345
Government superannuation benefits	7,447	9,015	8,811	-204
Total general public services	24,209	27,172	26,280	-892
Defence	26,013	28,464	28,051	-413
Public order and safety				
Courts and legal services	1,153	1,221	1,188	-33
Other public order and safety	3,670	3,941	4,001	60
Total public order and safety	4,823	5,162	5,189	27
Education				
Higher education	9,581	9,395	9,390	-5
Vocational and other education	1,837	2,003	2,003	0
Schools	15,703	17,095	17,081	-14
<i>Non-government schools</i>	9,958	10,597	10,586	-11
<i>Government schools</i>	5,746	6,498	6,495	-3
School education - specific funding	618	673	647	-26
Student assistance	4,054	3,760	3,104	-656
General administration	328	311	369	58
Total education	32,121	33,237	32,594	-644
Health				
Medical services and benefits	28,848	30,102	30,016	-85
Pharmaceutical benefits and services	12,032	12,670	13,379	709
Assistance to the States for public hospitals	17,185	18,460	18,638	178
Hospital services	1,071	2,285	2,343	58
Health services	6,488	6,444	6,198	-246
General administration	2,952	3,062	3,063	1
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health	725	798	807	9
Total health	69,301	73,820	74,445	625
Social security and welfare				
Assistance to the aged	59,962	62,270	61,754	-516
Assistance to veterans and dependants	6,634	6,475	6,580	105
Assistance to people with disabilities	28,815	31,721	30,555	-1,167
Assistance to families with children	38,341	36,404	36,001	-403

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Social security and welfare (continued)				
Assistance to the unemployed and the sick	11,032	10,994	11,046	51
Other welfare programs	1,504	1,745	1,343	-402
Assistance for Indigenous Australians nec	2,199	2,210	2,167	-43
General administration	3,638	3,879	3,748	-130
Total social security and welfare	152,124	155,698	153,192	-2,505
Housing and community amenities				
Housing	3,192	3,215	3,094	-120
Urban and regional development	663	582	533	-49
Environment protection	886	904	998	94
Total housing and community amenities	4,742	4,700	4,625	-75
Recreation and culture				
Broadcasting	1,483	1,461	1,484	23
Arts and cultural heritage	1,228	1,369	1,348	-21
Sport and recreation	356	366	382	16
National estate and parks	395	414	409	-4
Total recreation and culture	3,462	3,609	3,623	14
Fuel and energy	6,423	6,790	6,726	-64
Agriculture, forestry and fishing				
Wool industry	64	70	75	5
Grains industry	188	217	201	-16
Dairy industry	58	53	54	1
Cattle, sheep and pig industry	202	225	200	-25
Fishing, horticulture and other agriculture	290	331	315	-17
General assistance not allocated to specific industries	28	34	34	0
Rural assistance	134	165	136	-29
Natural resources development	636	995	867	-128
General administration	661	754	745	-9
Total agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,259	2,843	2,626	-217
Mining, manufacturing and construction	3,103	3,559	3,253	-306
Transport and communication				
Communication	592	696	663	-33
Rail transport	267	1,045	1,383	339
Air transport	218	239	216	-23
Road transport	5,321	6,726	6,256	-470
Sea transport	367	404	369	-35
Other transport and communication	318	284	252	-33
Total transport and communication	7,083	9,394	9,139	-255

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	2015-16 Outcome	2016-17 Estimate at 2017-18 Budget	2016-17 Outcome	Change on 2017-18 Budget
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Other economic affairs				
Tourism and area promotion	199	192	189	-3
Total labour and employment affairs	3,078	3,644	3,444	-200
<i>Vocational and industry training</i>	1,021	1,185	1,074	-111
<i>Labour market assistance to job seekers and industry</i>	1,275	1,733	1,667	-66
<i>Industrial relations</i>	782	727	703	-23
Immigration	3,741	3,847	3,594	-253
Other economic affairs nec	2,180	2,157	2,126	-30
Total other economic affairs	9,199	9,840	9,354	-487
Other purposes				
Public debt interest	15,339	16,028	16,076	48
<i>Interest on Commonwealth Government's behalf</i>	15,339	16,028	16,076	48
Nominal superannuation interest	9,106	8,446	8,445	-1
General purpose inter-government transactions	59,160	63,448	64,027	579
<i>General revenue assistance - States and Territories</i>	58,016	59,976	60,554	578
<i>Local government assistance</i>	1,144	3,472	3,473	1
Natural disaster relief	224	82	162	80
Contingency reserve	0	-1,536	0	1,536
Total other purposes	83,829	86,468	88,710	2,243
Total expenses	428,691	450,757	447,807	-2,950

