

Notes

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:
- ‘real’ means adjusted for the effect of inflation;
 - real growth in expenses and payments is calculated using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the deflator;
 - the Budget year refers to 2023-24, while the forward years refer to 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27; and
 - one billion is equal to one thousand million.
- (b) Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
- Estimates under \$100,000 are rounded to the nearest thousand.
 - Estimates \$100,000 and over are generally rounded to the nearest tenth of a million.
 - Estimates midway between rounding points are rounded up.
 - The percentage changes in statistical tables are calculated using unrounded data.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.
- (d) The following notations are used:
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| - | nil |
| na | not applicable (unless otherwise specified) |
| \$m | millions of dollars |
| \$b | billions of dollars |
| nfp | not for publication |
| (e) | estimates (unless otherwise specified) |
| (p) | projections (unless otherwise specified) |
| NEC/nec | not elsewhere classified |

- (e) The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are referred to as ‘the territories’. References to the ‘states’ or ‘each state’ include the territories. The following abbreviations are used for the names of the states, where appropriate:

NSW	New South Wales
VIC	Victoria
QLD	Queensland
WA	Western Australia
SA	South Australia
TAS	Tasmania
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
NT	Northern Territory

- (f) In this paper the term ‘Commonwealth’ refers to the Commonwealth of Australia. The term is used when referring to the legal entity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The term ‘Australian Government’ is used when referring to the Government and the decisions and activities made by the Government on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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