

## **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)
<b>2025-26</b>									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defence	-	-	-	30.0	-	-	-	-	30.0
Public order and safety	287.2	177.1	192.1	116.5	73.6	37.8	31.5	151.6	1,096.1
Education	10,683.6	9,160.7	7,891.6	3,954.7	2,655.8	824.0	572.1	623.9	36,419.6
Health	10,073.7	8,325.2	8,107.5	3,706.5	2,486.0	798.7	643.5	652.5	34,813.8
Social security and welfare	79.2	91.3	84.8	26.1	47.9	14.8	9.1	37.6	449.2
Housing and community amenities	806.9	624.1	712.4	574.0	259.4	153.3	57.9	403.6	4,012.3
Recreation and culture	22.1	30.0	31.1	19.0	0.9	62.4	-	-	165.5
Fuel and energy	587.0	590.4	382.0	199.9	134.4	81.9	33.3	16.5	2,030.2
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	403.6	173.4	114.2	50.2	103.3	3.2	2.8	8.5	962.6
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	50.0	-	288.0	-	-	-	397.0
Transport and communication	3,509.5	5,211.1	2,665.6	1,936.1	1,660.2	284.4	238.3	257.3	14,110.0
Other economic affairs	4.0	16.1	0.2	2.2	2.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	26.3
Other purposes(b)	29,906.8	29,856.4	19,272.6	9,109.9	10,233.0	4,021.7	2,276.4	5,221.0	109,897.8
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>56,363.7</b>	<b>54,255.7</b>	<b>39,504.2</b>	<b>19,725.1</b>	<b>17,944.9</b>	<b>6,282.6</b>	<b>3,865.0</b>	<b>7,373.1</b>	<b>204,410.3</b>
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,325.9	5,400.7	4,628.4	2,344.9	1,691.5	545.3	343.0	306.5	21,845.5
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local governments	1,413.6	1,117.2	927.0	572.5	319.7	142.6	102.1	64.2	4,658.9
<i>less</i> payments direct to local governments	310.5	234.5	229.0	179.5	76.7	34.2	2.8	23.3	1,090.6
<b>equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses</b>	<b>48,313.7</b>	<b>47,503.2</b>	<b>33,719.7</b>	<b>16,628.1</b>	<b>15,857.1</b>	<b>5,560.6</b>	<b>3,417.2</b>	<b>6,979.1</b>	<b>176,815.3</b>

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\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
<b>2026-27</b>									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	227.4	154.9	178.1	117.3	71.9	35.3	31.6	141.0	1,087.9
Education	11,079.7	9,477.7	8,246.6	4,121.4	2,757.7	864.3	593.1	678.6	37,999.3
Health	11,060.4	9,174.1	8,943.4	4,303.4	2,709.1	991.0	785.0	767.6	38,859.4
Social security and welfare	164.0	129.1	90.8	57.2	39.6	12.5	13.4	36.9	679.3
Housing and community amenities	654.7	538.1	869.6	616.0	355.0	126.9	57.9	543.1	4,180.0
Recreation and culture	32.8	72.1	356.3	14.6	5.8	38.6	-	1.3	541.6
Fuel and energy	30.6	52.7	13.3	19.7	19.2	4.5	7.7	2.2	174.7
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	411.8	139.8	128.8	29.1	105.5	2.2	1.7	4.2	1,002.7
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	100.0	-	121.0	-	-	-	226.3
Transport and communication	2,955.1	4,625.1	3,680.2	1,516.6	1,602.2	453.9	244.0	491.4	11,985.8
Other economic affairs	5.3	10.1	0.6	..	..	5.6	..	0.6	22.2
Other purposes(b)	28,926.8	30,318.6	19,723.4	10,032.1	10,254.2	4,206.4	2,309.5	5,290.5	111,061.4
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>55,548.5</b>	<b>54,692.2</b>	<b>42,331.0</b>	<b>20,827.3</b>	<b>18,041.2</b>	<b>6,741.3</b>	<b>4,043.9</b>	<b>7,957.4</b>	<b>207,820.6</b>
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,638.7	5,684.9	4,856.6	2,262.8	1,766.5	539.7	352.1	312.6	22,763.9
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local governments	220.6	174.6	144.8	89.5	67.4	22.2	15.9	10.0	745.0
<i>less</i> payments direct to local governments	235.0	164.4	171.6	128.4	57.4	26.1	-	22.0	804.9
<b>equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses</b>	<b>48,454.2</b>	<b>48,668.3</b>	<b>37,158.0</b>	<b>18,346.6</b>	<b>16,149.9</b>	<b>6,153.3</b>	<b>3,675.9</b>	<b>7,612.8</b>	<b>183,506.8</b>

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\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
<b>2027-28</b>									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	215.9	147.4	174.9	110.5	68.4	30.3	20.9	137.5	990.5
Education	11,389.7	9,781.0	8,490.6	4,238.0	2,829.1	870.0	604.6	731.1	39,374.2
Health	11,935.3	9,811.3	9,709.8	4,578.3	2,889.3	968.8	760.5	726.5	41,551.1
Social security and welfare	160.5	140.8	106.1	61.5	41.9	20.3	10.5	42.4	648.3
Housing and community amenities	639.9	508.1	587.0	325.0	155.4	135.1	105.6	322.3	3,417.6
Recreation and culture	11.2	45.0	608.2	23.6	0.8	102.3	-	-	791.1
Fuel and energy	-	61.5	-	-	11.5	4.8	4.3	2.7	213.0
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	72.5	61.7	89.4	17.1	15.4	2.0	1.2	2.3	438.7
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	50.0	-	-	-	-	-	50.0
Transport and communication	3,069.2	3,836.4	4,803.6	1,353.0	1,827.5	391.5	119.9	457.3	12,617.3
Other economic affairs	1.3	9.2	0.1	..	..	..	..	..	10.7
Other purposes(b)	31,098.4	32,478.7	21,252.2	10,839.2	10,855.6	4,451.6	2,480.0	5,542.0	118,997.8
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>58,593.9</b>	<b>56,881.1</b>	<b>45,871.8</b>	<b>21,546.2</b>	<b>18,694.9</b>	<b>6,976.8</b>	<b>4,107.3</b>	<b>7,964.1</b>	<b>219,100.2</b>
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,899.5	5,878.6	4,995.1	2,344.6	1,835.2	631.1	350.2	335.8	23,934.7
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local governments	1,142.3	906.6	751.6	465.7	262.7	114.7	82.6	51.8	3,778.0
<i>less</i> payments direct to local governments	334.7	240.7	248.6	163.0	81.1	38.6	-	19.9	1,126.7
<b>equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses</b>	<b>50,217.4</b>	<b>49,855.2</b>	<b>39,876.5</b>	<b>18,572.9</b>	<b>16,515.9</b>	<b>6,192.4</b>	<b>3,674.5</b>	<b>7,556.5</b>	<b>190,260.9</b>

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\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
<b>2028-29</b>									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	207.3	138.9	169.5	105.5	62.5	26.1	15.5	134.7	964.8
Education	11,633.5	9,997.6	8,624.8	4,324.3	2,908.5	880.8	608.4	784.3	40,543.2
Health	12,840.0	10,564.8	10,258.5	4,714.8	3,032.9	1,019.6	818.3	724.8	44,128.3
Social security and welfare	111.9	97.4	83.1	39.1	28.7	12.8	7.2	37.5	485.5
Housing and community amenities	618.8	517.1	651.0	310.7	178.6	117.4	94.7	269.3	3,421.7
Recreation and culture	-	15.0	756.1	-	0.8	105.5	-	-	877.3
Fuel and energy	-	49.8	-	-	11.5	4.4	4.3	-	206.5
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	55.0	8.7	35.8	5.5	3.9	1.6	0.6	0.8	162.8
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	2,859.3	3,709.1	4,839.2	1,023.9	1,547.7	305.2	84.5	518.4	12,835.4
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other purposes(b)	32,549.1	34,194.7	22,314.4	11,420.6	11,369.5	4,658.9	2,609.4	5,847.3	124,963.9
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>60,874.9</b>	<b>59,293.0</b>	<b>47,732.3</b>	<b>21,944.5</b>	<b>19,144.5</b>	<b>7,132.3</b>	<b>4,242.7</b>	<b>8,317.0</b>	<b>228,589.4</b>
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	7,153.8	6,145.2	5,220.4	2,442.3	1,923.0	640.1	356.0	332.8	24,969.1
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local governments	1,185.5	943.4	781.6	484.9	271.7	118.6	85.9	53.7	3,925.4
<i>less</i> payments direct to local governments	334.1	237.7	247.9	161.2	80.9	38.4	-	19.9	1,120.2
<b>equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses</b>	<b>52,201.5</b>	<b>51,966.6</b>	<b>41,482.3</b>	<b>18,856.1</b>	<b>16,868.9</b>	<b>6,335.2</b>	<b>3,800.8</b>	<b>7,910.5</b>	<b>198,574.7</b>

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\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
<b>2029-30</b>									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	215.9	144.7	176.5	109.9	65.1	27.2	16.2	141.7	1,001.0
Education	12,127.4	10,317.9	8,926.9	4,455.7	3,041.6	909.4	624.6	820.4	42,002.4
Health	13,816.7	11,401.8	11,071.9	5,086.1	3,270.4	1,106.4	879.4	768.3	47,512.1
Social security and welfare	111.6	94.5	72.8	38.7	25.1	7.5	6.5	42.2	457.1
Housing and community amenities	608.4	505.0	616.4	221.0	140.3	96.1	34.7	360.9	3,972.6
Recreation and culture	-	-	953.5	25.0	0.8	-	-	-	979.2
Fuel and energy	-	-	-	-	11.1	346.0	-	-	485.6
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-	-	21.7	-	-	-	-	-	21.7
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	50.0	-	-	-	-	-	50.0
Transport and communication	2,698.0	3,169.4	3,633.8	911.9	1,212.5	240.4	41.2	371.9	11,019.7
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other purposes(b)	33,957.6	35,853.2	23,343.6	11,959.5	11,851.3	4,848.8	2,734.7	6,125.6	130,674.2
<b>Total payments to the states</b>	<b>63,535.6</b>	<b>61,486.6</b>	<b>48,867.1</b>	<b>22,807.7</b>	<b>19,618.1</b>	<b>7,581.8</b>	<b>4,337.3</b>	<b>8,630.9</b>	<b>238,175.7</b>
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	7,441.7	6,426.0	5,465.3	2,556.3	2,015.0	556.2	387.4	337.6	26,704.9
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local governments	1,230.9	981.8	812.9	504.5	281.0	122.8	89.3	55.7	4,078.9
<i>less</i> payments direct to local governments	276.5	203.4	203.4	146.2	68.9	32.6	-	15.9	946.9
<b>equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses</b>	<b>54,586.4</b>	<b>53,875.3</b>	<b>42,385.5</b>	<b>19,600.7</b>	<b>17,253.2</b>	<b>6,870.3</b>	<b>3,860.6</b>	<b>8,221.6</b>	<b>206,445.0</b>

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