

Part 3: Expenses and Net Capital Investment

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This part reports on departmental expenses and net capital investment, by agency. The data is presented on the same basis as data in Statement 6 of Budget Paper No. 1. Both sets of data are presented on the basis of external accounting and financial reporting standards. These standards present information in terms of accrued expenses and accrued revenue.

The external standards used for budget reporting purposes are:

- the Australian Bureau of Statistics' accrual Government Finance Statistics (GFS) publication, *Australian System of Government Finance Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2015* (cat no. 5514.0), which is based on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) accrual GFS framework
- the Australian Accounting Standards, issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), which includes International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted in Australia for use by the not-for-profit sector and specific standards such as AASB 1049 *Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting* (AASB 1049).

Machinery of government changes have implications for how information is presented in the tables in this part. For example, if an agency was abolished in a particular year, it will have estimated expenses reflecting expenditure in part of that year. If an agency was created in a particular year, it will have estimated expenses for both that year and forward years.

Departmental Expenses Table

Table 3.1 presents departmental expenses by agency. Departmental expenses reduce the net worth of agencies. It includes expenses controlled by agencies such as payment of wages and purchases of goods and services. It excludes administered expenses – not controlled by agencies – paid on behalf of government such as social benefits and grants to the States. It also excludes net capital investment, which does not reduce net worth.

Table 3.1: Departmental Expenses Table

	Estimates				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry					
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1,566	1,546	1,511	1,522	1,542
Total	1,566	1,546	1,511	1,522	1,542
Attorney-General's					
Attorney-General's Department	517	504	469	460	470
High Court of Australia	30	31	31	31	31
Total	547	535	500	491	501
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water					
Bureau of Meteorology	626	614	586	591	595
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	3,522	990	3,033	1,285	507
Clean Energy Regulator	133	168	143	94	92
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	1,460	1,226	1,064	910	868
Total	5,741	2,998	4,826	2,880	2,062
Defence					
Australian Signals Directorate	2,353	2,608	2,620	2,783	2,988
Australian War Memorial	82	94	94	96	98
Defence Housing Australia	907	1,018	1,069	1,075	1,031
Department of Defence	54,252	53,140	54,980	59,883	62,875
Department of Veterans' Affairs	766	778	776	753	731
Total	58,360	57,638	59,538	64,590	67,722
Education					
Australian Research Council	27	27	26	26	25
Department of Education	439	429	404	391	395
Total	466	455	430	417	420
Employment and Workplace Relations					
Comcare	442	468	473	486	494
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	1,031	1,076	1,005	999	1,007
Total	1,474	1,543	1,478	1,485	1,501
Finance					
Department of Finance	1,644	1,073	1,072	1,115	1,149
Future Fund Management Agency	212	228	241	251	261
Services Australia	6,193	6,209	5,886	4,858	4,782
Total	8,049	7,510	7,199	6,223	6,192

Table 3.1: Departmental Expenses Table (continued)

	Estimates				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Foreign Affairs and Trade					
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	2,608	2,674	2,720	2,710	2,786
Total	2,608	2,674	2,720	2,710	2,786
Health, Disability and Ageing					
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	2,110	1,712	1,298	1,217	1,240
National Blood Authority	16	17	16	16	16
National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) (c)	54,163	56,471	55,398	55,902	56,529
NDIA administered in nature	51,303	53,704	53,788	54,274	54,781
NDIA departmental in nature	2,861	2,767	1,610	1,628	1,748
National Health and Medical Research Council	57	67	66	54	55
Total	56,347	58,267	56,778	57,189	57,840
Home Affairs					
Australian Federal Police	2,284	2,398	2,205	2,190	2,176
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	774	785	740	732	713
Department of Home Affairs	4,354	4,129	3,394	3,391	3,467
Total	7,411	7,312	6,339	6,313	6,356
Industry, Science and Resources					
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	581	560	577	573	571
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	1,829	1,802	1,774	1,801	1,703
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	830	781	743	683	696
Geoscience Australia	399	357	413	372	384
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation	74	222	233	306	280
Total	3,713	3,722	3,741	3,736	3,634
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts					
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	1,339	1,386	1,418	1,434	1,455
Australian Communications and Media Authority	184	189	181	177	179
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	578	549	497	464	432
National Archives of Australia	127	109	113	114	115
National Capital Authority	16	16	16	16	17
National Gallery of Australia	124	118	114	113	114
National Library of Australia	100	103	104	105	106
Total	2,469	2,470	2,443	2,423	2,417
Parliament					
Department of Parliamentary Services	234	247	245	241	247
Total	234	247	245	241	247
Prime Minister and Cabinet					
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	316	282	247	257	262
Indigenous Business Australia	325	296	300	306	313
National Indigenous Australians Agency	355	338	325	316	320
Total	996	916	873	879	895

Table 3.1: Departmental Expenses Table (continued)

	Estimates				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Social Services					
Department of Social Services	628	589	449	443	444
Total	628	589	449	443	444
Treasury					
Australian Bureau of Statistics	702	798	485	486	508
Australian Office of Financial Management	17	17	17	18	18
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	280	278	281	270	267
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	690	703	646	538	538
Australian Taxation Office	4,770	4,987	4,688	4,668	3,982
Department of the Treasury	412	415	396	365	355
Housing Australia	971	3,046	1,369	1,055	1,043
Total	7,843	10,243	7,882	7,398	6,711
Small agencies	13,239	13,751	12,948	12,261	12,386
Whole of government and inter-agency amounts (a)	-3,524	-2,824	-1,574	-1,668	-1,173
Agency expenses considered other economic flows (b)	-2,287	-2,197	-2,449	-2,519	-2,602
Total departmental expenses	165,879	167,396	165,877	167,016	169,881
Less: NDIA administered in nature (c)	51,303	53,704	53,788	54,274	54,781
Total excluding NDIA administered in nature	114,576	113,692	112,090	112,742	115,100

- a) Estimates of inter-agency transactions are included in the whole-of-government and inter-agency amounts. The entry for each portfolio does not include eliminations for inter-agency transactions within that portfolio.
- b) Agency estimates include net write down and impairment of assets and fair value losses. For Australian government reporting these are considered other economic flows.
- c) The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is a corporate Commonwealth entity and as such is not required to report expenses separately as *administered* or *departmental*. However, the NDIA's expenses incurred in the provision of reasonable and necessary support to clients (*administered* in nature) will be significant over the forward estimates compared to other corporate Commonwealth entities. Additionally, these expenses are jointly funded by the Commonwealth and participating states and territories. To provide a better view of these NDIA expenses, Table 3.1 shows the split between expenses that are *departmental* or *administered* in nature and provides a total excluding NDIA that are *administered* in nature.

Net Capital Investment Table

Table 3.2 presents net capital investment by agency. Net capital investment represents net expenditure by agencies on non-financial assets. It includes expenditure on assets such as defence equipment. It excludes any investment in financial assets such as loans.

Table 3.2: Net Capital Investment Table

	Estimates				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry					
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	42	-21	-30	-27	-27
Total	42	-21	-30	-27	-27
Attorney-General's					
Attorney-General's Department	-13	-11	-29	-26	-8
High Court of Australia	-4	-5	-5	-5	-5
Total	-18	-16	-34	-30	-13
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water					
Bureau of Meteorology	1	-3	47	45	34
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	21	-4	-1	0	-5
Clean Energy Regulator	-4	-3	-2	-3	-3
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	1,030	1,037	89	-32	-39
Total	1,047	1,027	133	11	-12
Defence					
Australian Signals Directorate	-24	-64	-225	-506	-573
Australian War Memorial	120	16	2	-12	-12
Defence Housing Australia	54	381	447	348	-7
Department of Defence	8,277	9,027	10,719	12,559	14,253
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-15	-21	-28	-28	-28
Total	8,411	9,339	10,914	12,361	13,634
Education					
Australian Research Council	4	-2	-1	-1	0
Department of Education	41	16	6	1	0
Total	45	14	5	0	-1
Employment and Workplace Relations					
Comcare	-1	25	-7	26	-5
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	46	-4	-41	-53	-126
Total	44	21	-48	-27	-131
Finance					
Department of Finance	134	591	745	-1	-58
Future Fund Management Agency	-1	-7	-7	-7	-6
Services Australia	-99	-469	-512	-519	-489
Total	33	115	226	-526	-553

Table 3.2: Net Capital Investment Table (continued)

	Estimates				
	2025-26 \$m	2026-27 \$m	2027-28 \$m	2028-29 \$m	2029-30 \$m
Foreign Affairs and Trade					
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	199	139	185	103	57
Total	199	139	185	103	57
Health, Disability and Ageing					
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	-450	96	-7	-8	-2
National Blood Authority	-2	-1	2	-1	-1
National Disability Insurance Agency	57	3	-3	18	5
National Health and Medical Research Council	-6	-6	-5	10	-6
Total	-401	93	-14	19	-5
Home Affairs					
Australian Federal Police	8	91	-100	-96	-64
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	114	65	19	-3	-17
Department of Home Affairs	95	160	115	-201	-265
Total	218	316	34	-300	-345
Industry, Science and Resources					
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	15	209	214	13	-35
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-64	75	186	6	-72
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	112	59	22	-3	-58
Geoscience Australia	-7	-9	-20	-36	-37
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation	0	-1	0	1	-1
Total	56	333	402	-20	-203
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts					
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-46	-58	-54	-52	-39
Australian Communications and Media Authority	17	-11	-10	-8	-8
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	38	58	19	-23	-20
National Archives of Australia	0	-31	-31	-31	-31
National Capital Authority	38	77	28	-24	-24
National Gallery of Australia	25	40	36	21	13
National Library of Australia	0	3	-1	0	1
Total	73	79	-13	-117	-107
Parliament					
Department of Parliamentary Services	28	-10	-14	-14	-14
Total	28	-10	-14	-14	-14
Prime Minister and Cabinet					
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	14	19	-11	-31	-31
Indigenous Business Australia	-5	-9	0	-1	-8
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-20	-19	-20	-20	-20
Total	-12	-9	-31	-52	-59

Table 3.2: Net Capital Investment Table (continued)

	Estimates				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Social Services					
Department of Social Services	-20	-23	-30	-32	-3
Total	-20	-23	-30	-32	-3
Treasury					
Australian Bureau of Statistics	7	-25	-16	-12	-22
Australian Office of Financial Management	-1	0	0	0	0
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-17	-5	-10	-12	-12
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-20	-31	-31	-30	-19
Australian Taxation Office	30	41	-47	-199	-111
Department of the Treasury	-19	-17	-16	-15	-13
Housing Australia	0	0	0	0	0
Total	-20	-38	-120	-270	-178
Small agencies	651	177	270	-118	-228
Whole of government and inter-agency amounts (a)	-299	-200	-416	-1,493	-639
Adjustments to agency movements in non-financial assets (b)	1,080	648	-1,237	720	-1,825
Total net capital investment	11,158	11,986	10,181	10,188	9,348

- a) Estimates of inter-agency transactions are included in the whole-of-government and inter-agency amounts. The entry for each portfolio does not include eliminations for inter-agency transactions within that portfolio.
- b) Agency estimates include net write-down and impairment of non-financial assets and assets recognised for the first time. For Australian Government reporting these are considered other economic flows.