# Appendix A: Expenses by Function and Sub‑function

Table A.1 sets out Australian Government general government sector expenses by function and sub‑function for 2020‑21.

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|  | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2020-21 | Change on |
|  | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2021-22 |
|  |  | 2021-22 |  | Budget |
|  |  | Budget |  |  |
|  | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **General public services** |  |  |  |  |
| Legislative and executive affairs | 1,366 | 1,446 | 1,371 | -75 |
| Financial and fiscal affairs | 7,302 | 9,013 | 8,848 | -165 |
| Foreign affairs and economic aid | 6,270 | 6,949 | 6,470 | -479 |
| General research | 2,940 | 3,238 | 3,069 | -169 |
| General services | 855 | 1,237 | 1,283 | 46 |
| Government superannuation benefits | 10,739 | 11,153 | 10,900 | -253 |
| **Total general public services** | **29,472** | **33,037** | **31,942** | **-1,094** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Defence** | **33,187** | **33,375** | **34,007** | **633** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Public order and safety** |  |  |  |  |
| Courts and legal services | 1,416 | 1,529 | 1,527 | -1 |
| Other public order and safety | 4,973 | 5,184 | 5,127 | -56 |
| **Total public order and safety** | **6,388** | **6,712** | **6,655** | **-58** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Education** |  |  |  |  |
| Higher education | 9,652 | 11,369 | 11,318 | -51 |
| Vocational and other education | 1,713 | 2,224 | 2,145 | -79 |
| Schools | 22,305 | 22,061 | 22,159 | 97 |
| *Non-government schools* | *13,918* | *13,010* | *13,107* | *97* |
| *Government schools* | *8,387* | *9,052* | *9,052* | *0* |
| School education - specific funding | 722 | 705 | 678 | -27 |
| Student assistance | 5,271 | 5,953 | 5,757 | -196 |
| General administration | 222 | 292 | 274 | -18 |
| **Total education** | **39,885** | **42,604** | **42,331** | **-272** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Health** |  |  |  |  |
| Medical services and benefits | 32,668 | 36,841 | 35,785 | -1,055 |
| Pharmaceutical benefits and services | 14,175 | 14,762 | 15,199 | 437 |
| Assistance to the states for public hospitals | 22,560 | 22,646 | 22,508 | -138 |
| Hospital services | 1,248 | 1,143 | 1,032 | -111 |
| Health services | 11,888 | 14,130 | 13,286 | -844 |
| General administration | 3,510 | 4,036 | 3,955 | -81 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health | 973 | 975 | 975 | 0 |
| **Total health** | **87,023** | **94,533** | **92,740** | **-1,793** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Social security and welfare** |  |  |  |  |
| Assistance to the aged | 71,855 | 78,100 | 77,009 | -1,091 |
| Assistance to veterans and dependants | 7,711 | 8,050 | 7,853 | -197 |
| Assistance to people with disabilities | 49,038 | 56,881 | 55,959 | -923 |
| Assistance to families with children | 38,604 | 42,252 | 41,245 | -1,007 |

Table A.1: Australian Government general government sector expenses by function and sub‑function (continued)

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|  | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2020-21 | Change on |
|  | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2021-22 |
|  |  | 2021-22 |  | Budget |
|  |  | Budget |  |  |
|  | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **Social security and welfare** |  |  |  |  |
| **(continued)** |  |  |  |  |
| Assistance to the unemployed and |  |  |  |  |
| the sick | 20,128 | 31,266 | 29,718 | -1,548 |
| Other welfare programs | 1,869 | 1,847 | 1,745 | -101 |
| Assistance for Indigenous Australians nec | 2,388 | 2,431 | 2,334 | -97 |
| General administration | 4,526 | 4,567 | 4,498 | -69 |
| **Total social security and welfare** | **196,119** | **225,394** | **220,360** | **-5,034** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Housing and community amenities** |  |  |  |  |
| Housing | 2,752 | 3,735 | 3,642 | -93 |
| Urban and regional development | 1,292 | 1,476 | 1,176 | -299 |
| Environment protection | 1,288 | 1,743 | 1,473 | -270 |
| **Total housing and community** |  |  |  |  |
| **amenities** | **5,332** | **6,953** | **6,291** | **-662** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Recreation and culture** |  |  |  |  |
| Broadcasting | 1,500 | 1,507 | 1,502 | -6 |
| Arts and cultural heritage | 1,439 | 1,699 | 1,567 | -133 |
| Sport and recreation | 544 | 615 | 541 | -73 |
| National estate and parks | 487 | 584 | 487 | -97 |
| **Total recreation and culture** | **3,971** | **4,405** | **4,096** | **-309** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Fuel and energy** | **7,892** | **9,090** | **8,242** | **-848** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Agriculture, forestry and fishing** |  |  |  |  |
| Wool industry | 58 | 50 | 50 | 0 |
| Grains industry | 199 | 204 | 185 | -20 |
| Dairy industry | 55 | 53 | 54 | 1 |
| Cattle, sheep and pig industry | 230 | 244 | 230 | -15 |
| Fishing, horticulture and other agriculture | 393 | 483 | 469 | -14 |
| General assistance not allocated to |  |  |  |  |
| specific industries | 39 | 44 | 36 | -8 |
| Rural assistance | 426 | 1,170 | 806 | -364 |
| Natural resources development | 431 | 859 | 430 | -429 |
| General administration | 754 | 906 | 906 | 0 |
| **Total agriculture, forestry and fishing** | **2,584** | **4,014** | **3,165** | **-849** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mining, manufacturing and construction** | **2,819** | **4,394** | **4,034** | **-360** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Transport and communication** |  |  |  |  |
| Communication | 679 | 1,244 | 1,094 | -150 |
| Rail transport | 555 | 1,376 | 1,328 | -48 |
| Air transport | 935 | 2,732 | 2,185 | -547 |
| Road transport | 4,499 | 7,765 | 7,554 | -211 |
| Sea transport | 438 | 458 | 427 | -31 |
| Other transport and communication | 216 | 253 | 216 | -37 |
| **Total transport and communication** | **7,321** | **13,828** | **12,804** | **-1,025** |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2020-21 | Change on |
|  | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2021-22 |
|  |  | 2021-22 |  | Budget |
|  |  | Budget |  |  |
|  | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **Other economic affairs** |  |  |  |  |
| Tourism and area promotion | 165 | 227 | 210 | -16 |
| Total labour and employment affairs | 3,810 | 6,546 | 5,260 | -1,286 |
| *Vocational and industry training* | *1,083* | *3,061* | *2,495* | *-566* |
| *Labour market assistance to job seekers* |  |  |  |  |
| *and industry* | *2,024* | *2,687* | *2,111* | *-576* |
| *Industrial relations* | *702* | *798* | *654* | *-144* |
| Immigration | 3,488 | 3,622 | 3,419 | -204 |
| Other economic affairs nec | 58,030 | 73,424 | 73,179 | -246 |
| **Total other economic affairs** | **65,494** | **83,819** | **82,067** | **-1,752** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other purposes** |  |  |  |  |
| Public debt interest | 16,923 | 17,123 | 17,123 | 0 |
| *Interest on Commonwealth* |  |  |  |  |
| *Government's behalf* | *16,923* | *17,123* | *17,123* | *0* |
| Nominal superannuation interest | 7,673 | 7,004 | 7,177 | 173 |
| General purpose inter-government |  |  |  |  |
| transactions | 64,603 | 75,250 | 78,538 | 3,288 |
| *General revenue assistance -* |  |  |  |  |
| *states and territories* | *62,027* | *71,729* | *75,097* | *3,368* |
| *Local government assistance* | *2,576* | *3,520* | *3,441* | *-79* |
| Natural disaster relief | 1,863 | 748 | 344 | -404 |
| Contingency reserve | 0 | -2,845 | 0 | 2,845 |
| **Total other purposes** | **91,062** | **97,279** | **103,182** | **5,902** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total expenses** | **578,549** | **659,437** | **651,916** | **-7,521** |