

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 Outcome	2020-21 Estimate at 2021-22 Budget	2020-21 Outcome	Change on 2021-22 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
<i>Non-government schools</i>	<i>13,918</i>	<i>13,010</i>	<i>13,107</i>	<i>97</i>
<i>Government schools</i>	<i>8,387</i>	<i>9,052</i>	<i>9,052</i>	<i>0</i>
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

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	\$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 Outcome	2020-21 Estimate at 2021-22 Budget	2020-21 Outcome	Change on 2021-22 Budget
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Other economic affairs				
Tourism and area promotion	165	227	210	-16
Total labour and employment affairs	3,810	6,546	5,260	-1,286
<i>Vocational and industry training</i>	1,083	3,061	2,495	-566
<i>Labour market assistance to job seekers and industry</i>	2,024	2,687	2,111	-576
<i>Industrial relations</i>	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
<i>Interest on Commonwealth Government's behalf</i>	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
<i>General revenue assistance - states and territories</i>	62,027	71,729	75,097	3,368
<i>Local government assistance</i>	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