

## Appendix D: Debt transactions

The Australian Government holds a stock of around \$2.5 billion in loans advanced to the states for public policy purposes. The states make interest payments and repayments to the Australian Government in respect of these loans.

The Australian Government advances the states loans under a range of agreements. These advances have often been over very long repayment periods (some in excess of 50 years), although the terms of each agreement vary considerably.

Most of the interest payments and repayments relate to housing and infrastructure. Payments are also made against loans under agreements for natural disasters and other purposes.

The Australian Government stock of outstanding loans to the states as at 30 June 2020 is shown in Table D.1.

Total advances to the states, as well as repayments and interest from the states to the Australian Government by financial year are shown in Table D.2.

**Table D.1: Outstanding loans as at 30 June 2020, by state**

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Agriculture</b>									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	93,358	184,139	123,468	3,486	10,175	36,992	-	-	451,618
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	21,638	43,728	19,922	-	5,830	3,103	-	-	94,221
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	17,963	5,882	5,064	7,011	-	3,647	-	1,220	40,787
Debt sinking fund	28	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
<b>Environment</b>									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,639	8,639
<b>Housing</b>									
<b>Commonwealth-State Housing</b>									
Agreement loans	380,569	-	112,370	105,003	27,998	-	-	19,263	645,203
Housing for service personnel	32,932	-	17,883	2,810	1,552	-	-	-	55,177
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	106,664	37,321	143,985
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	47,855	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,855
Natural disaster relief	12,692	-	46,869	-	-	419	-	-	59,980
<b>Other purposes</b>									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,662	-	1,662
Loan Council — housing nominations	307,051	-	110,102	187,746	134,068	-	-	108,137	847,104
USC Moreton Bay Precinct Loan	-	-	122,387	-	-	-	-	-	122,387
<b>Total</b>	<b>914,086</b>	<b>233,766</b>	<b>558,065</b>	<b>306,056</b>	<b>179,623</b>	<b>44,161</b>	<b>108,326</b>	<b>174,580</b>	<b>2,518,663</b>

Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2020-21</b>									
<b>Advances</b>									
Natural disaster relief	10,332	-	3,327	-	5,500	-	-	-	19,159
Total advances	10,332	-	3,327	-	5,500	-	-	-	19,159
<b>Repayments</b>									
<b>Agriculture</b>									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-53,895	-26,190	-51,612	-1,480	-1,662	-4,462	-	-	-139,301
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-2,506	-3,606	-3,332	-	-20	-74	-	-	-9,538
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-17,585	-5,882	-5,064	-5,171	-	-2,997	-	-1,220	-37,919
<b>Environment</b>									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
<b>Housing</b>									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-37,049	-	-10,314	-9,885	-3,375	-	-	-1,032	-61,655
Housing for service personnel	-2,086	-	-1,215	-315	-93	-	-	-	-3,709
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8,337	-3,635	-11,972
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural disaster relief	-4,325	-	-13,665	-	-	-2	-	-	-17,992
<b>Other purposes</b>									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-555	-	-555
Loan Council — housing nominations	-11,174	-	-4,111	-7,127	-4,675	-	-	-3,720	-30,807
Total repayments	-128,620	-35,678	-89,313	-23,978	-9,825	-7,535	-8,892	-9,743	-313,584

**Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)**

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Interest</b>									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-836	-2,188	-1,227	-34	-118	-448	-	-	-4,851
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-181	-373	-162	-	-51	-28	-	-	-795
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-158	-51	-44	-76	-	-37	-	-10	-376
Environment									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-514	-514
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-18,268	-	-5,335	-5,054	-1,511	-	-	-951	-31,119
Housing for service personnel	-1,482	-	-804	-126	-70	-	-	-	-2,482
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4,800	-1,985	-6,785
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-2,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,198
Natural disaster relief	-61	-	-246	-	-	-2	-	-	-309
Other purposes									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-33	-	-33
Loan Council — housing nominations	-15,538	-	-5,555	-9,462	-6,792	-	-	-5,483	-42,830
USC Moreton Bay Precinct Loan	-	-	-3,612	-	-	-	-	-	-3,612
Total interest	-38,722	-2,612	-16,985	-14,752	-8,542	-515	-4,833	-8,943	-95,904
<b>Net Financial Flow</b>	<b>-157,010</b>	<b>-38,290</b>	<b>-102,971</b>	<b>-38,730</b>	<b>-12,867</b>	<b>-8,050</b>	<b>-13,725</b>	<b>-18,686</b>	<b>-390,329</b>

Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2021-22</b>									
<b>Advances</b>									
Natural disaster relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Repayments</b>									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-5,403	-22,315	-23,569	-2,007	-2,148	-	-	-	-55,442
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-1,850	-4,001	-1,707	-	-583	-199	-	-	-8,340
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-650	-	-	-1,832	-	-650	-	-	-3,132
Environment									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-36,654	-	-10,339	-9,851	-3,557	-	-	-1,078	-61,479
Housing for service personnel	-2,239	-	-1,238	-289	-103	-	-	-	-3,869
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8,377	-3,731	-12,108
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural disaster relief	-4,365	-	-13,322	-	-46	-70	-	-	-17,803
Other purposes									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-555	-	-555
Loan Council — housing nominations	-11,677	-	-4,296	-7,448	-4,885	-	-	-3,887	-32,193
Total repayments	-106,096	-26,316	-79,370	-31,567	-15,028	-989	-17,309	-13,777	-290,452

**Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)**

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Interest</b>									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-472	-1,887	-767	-12	-95	-420	-	-	-3,653
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-162	-339	-140	-	-49	-27	-	-	-717
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-3	-	-	-16	-	-6	-	-	-25
Environment									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-508	-508
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-16,606	-	-4,877	-4,610	-1,329	-	-	-905	-28,327
Housing for service personnel	-1,388	-	-750	-112	-66	-	-	-	-2,316
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4,425	-1,801	-6,226
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-2,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,198
Natural disaster relief	-101	-	-201	-	-46	-2	-	-	-350
Other purposes									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Council — housing nominations	-15,035	-	-5,370	-9,141	-6,581	-	-	-5,316	-41,443
USC Moreton Bay Precinct Loan	-	-	-3,612	-	-	-	-	-	-3,612
Total interest	-35,965	-2,226	-15,717	-13,891	-8,166	-455	-4,425	-8,530	-89,375
<b>Net Financial Flow</b>	<b>-142,061</b>	<b>-28,542</b>	<b>-95,087</b>	<b>-45,458</b>	<b>-23,194</b>	<b>-1,444</b>	<b>-21,734</b>	<b>-22,307</b>	<b>-379,827</b>

Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2022-23</b>									
<b>Advances</b>									
Natural disaster relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Repayments</b>									
<b>Agriculture</b>									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-1,378	-12,349	-5,043	-	-469	-1,876	-	-	-21,115
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-2,018	-4,020	-1,707	-	-583	-310	-	-	-8,638
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Environment</b>									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
<b>Housing</b>									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-36,182	-	-10,347	-9,738	-3,749	-	-	-1,127	-61,143
Housing for service personnel	-2,408	-	-1,283	-276	-114	-	-	-	-4,081
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8,365	-3,920	-12,285
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-15,952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-15,952
Natural disaster relief	-5,999	-	-13,679	-	-1,316	-70	-	-	-21,064
<b>Other purposes</b>									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-553	-	-553
Loan Council — housing nominations	-12,202	-	-4,489	-7,783	-5,105	-	-	-4,062	-33,641
Total repayments	-76,139	-16,369	-36,548	-17,797	-11,336	-2,256	-8,918	-9,245	-178,608

**Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)**

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Interest</b>									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-431	-1,652	-590	-	-79	-408	-	-	-3,160
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-145	-304	-125	-	-45	-23	-	-	-642
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-501	-501
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-14,956	-	-4,418	-4,165	-1,137	-	-	-856	-25,532
Housing for service personnel	-1,287	-	-694	-99	-61	-	-	-	-2,141
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4,048	-1,612	-5,660
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-2,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,198
Natural disaster relief	-81	-	-140	-	-46	-2	-	-	-269
Other purposes									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Council — housing nominations	-14,509	-	-5,177	-8,806	-6,362	-	-	-5,141	-39,995
USC Moreton Bay Precinct Loan	-	-	-3,612	-	-	-	-	-	-3,612
Total interest	-33,607	-1,956	-14,756	-13,070	-7,730	-433	-4,048	-8,110	-83,710
<b>Net Financial Flow</b>	<b>-109,746</b>	<b>-18,325</b>	<b>-51,304</b>	<b>-30,867</b>	<b>-19,066</b>	<b>-2,689</b>	<b>-12,966</b>	<b>-17,355</b>	<b>-262,318</b>



Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2023-24</b>									
<b>Advances</b>									
Natural disaster relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Repayments</b>									
<b>Agriculture</b>									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-3,220	-14,117	-5,003	-	-636	-3,070	-	-	-26,046
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-2,018	-4,020	-2,110	-	-583	-310	-	-	-9,041
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Environment</b>									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
<b>Housing</b>									
<b>Commonwealth-State Housing</b>									
Agreement loans	-35,289	-	-10,225	-9,554	-2,883	-	-	-1,177	-59,128
Housing for service personnel	-2,545	-	-1,276	-254	-126	-	-	-	-4,201
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8,354	-3,824	-12,178
<b>Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund</b>									
Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-15,952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-15,952
<b>Natural disaster relief</b>									
Other purposes	-1,889	-	-4,563	-	-1,310	-69	-	-	-7,831
<b>ACT debt repayments</b>									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Loan Council — housing nominations</b>									
Loan Council — housing nominations	-12,752	-	-4,691	-8,134	-5,334	-	-	-4,245	-35,156
<b>Total repayments</b>	<b>-73,665</b>	<b>-18,137</b>	<b>-27,868</b>	<b>-17,942</b>	<b>-10,872</b>	<b>-3,449</b>	<b>-8,354</b>	<b>-9,382</b>	<b>-169,669</b>

**Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)**

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Interest</b>									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-401	-1,464	-526	-	-72	-376	-	-	-2,839
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-127	-268	-108	-	-41	-19	-	-	-563
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-494	-494
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-13,323	-	-3,957	-3,725	-934	-	-	-806	-22,745
Housing for service personnel	-1,179	-	-637	-87	-56	-	-	-	-1,959
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3,671	-1,413	-5,084
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the									
Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-1,466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1,466
Natural disaster relief	-55	-	-78	-	-40	-2	-	-	-175
Other purposes									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Council — housing nominations	-13,960	-	-4,975	-8,456	-6,132	-	-	-4,958	-38,481
USC Moreton Bay Precinct Loan	-	-	-3,622	-	-	-	-	-	-3,622
Total interest	-30,511	-1,732	-13,903	-12,268	-7,275	-397	-3,671	-7,671	-77,428
<b>Net Financial Flow</b>	<b>-104,176</b>	<b>-19,869</b>	<b>-41,771</b>	<b>-30,210</b>	<b>-18,147</b>	<b>-3,846</b>	<b>-12,025</b>	<b>-17,053</b>	<b>-247,097</b>

Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>2024-25</b>									
<b>Advances</b>									
Natural disaster relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Repayments</b>									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-3,320	-14,137	-5,003	-	-636	-3,170	-	-	-26,266
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-7,222	-4,391	-3,220	-	-683	-310	-	-	-15,826
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-33,833	-	-10,014	-9,197	-1,470	-	-	-1,230	-55,744
Housing for service personnel	-2,697	-	-1,365	-197	-139	-	-	-	-4,398
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8,285	-4,014	-12,299
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the									
Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-15,951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-15,951
Natural disaster relief	-1,881	-	-3,662	-	-1,305	-69	-	-	-6,917
Other purposes									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Council — housing nominations	-13,325	-	-4,902	-8,500	-5,575	-	-	-4,436	-36,738
Total repayments	-78,229	-18,528	-28,166	-17,894	-9,808	-3,549	-8,285	-9,816	-174,275

**Table D.2: Summary of advances, repayments and interest, by year and state (continued)**

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Interest</b>									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-353	-1,282	-461	-	-64	-335	-	-	-2,495
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-86	-230	-84	-	-36	-16	-	-	-452
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory — water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-487	-487
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing									
Agreement loans	-11,743	-	-3,508	-3,296	-775	-	-	-753	-20,075
Housing for service personnel	-1,064	-	-579	-75	-50	-	-	-	-1,768
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3,295	-1,222	-4,517
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-733	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-733
Natural disaster relief	-47	-	-56	-	-35	-2	-	-	-140
Other purposes									
ACT debt repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Council — housing nominations	-13,386	-	-4,764	-8,090	-5,892	-	-	-4,767	-36,899
USC Moreton Bay Precinct Loan	-	-	-3,970	-	-	-	-	-	-3,970
Total interest	-27,412	-1,512	-13,422	-11,461	-6,852	-353	-3,295	-7,229	-71,536
<b>Net Financial Flow</b>	<b>-105,641</b>	<b>-20,040</b>	<b>-41,588</b>	<b>-29,355</b>	<b>-16,660</b>	<b>-3,902</b>	<b>-11,580</b>	<b>-17,045</b>	<b>-245,811</b>