# 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 2021‑22.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2020‑21 | 2021‑22 | 2021‑22 | Change on |
|   | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2022‑23 |
|   |   | 2022‑23 |   | March Budget |
|   |   | March Budget |   |   |
|   | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **General public services** |   |   |   |   |
| Legislative and executive affairs | 1,371 | 1,933 | 1,864 | ‑69 |
| Financial and fiscal affairs | 8,848 | 9,313 | 8,898 | ‑415 |
| Foreign affairs and economic aid | 6,470 | 7,185 | 6,096 | ‑1,088 |
| General research | 3,069 | 3,533 | 3,291 | ‑242 |
| General services | 1,283 | 832 | 903 | 72 |
| Government superannuation benefits | 10,900 | 10,326 | 10,221 | ‑105 |
| **Total general public services** | **31,942** | **33,121** | **31,273** | **‑1,848** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Defence** | **34,007** | **35,882** | **38,246** | **2,364** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Public order and safety** |   |   |   |   |
| Courts and legal services | 1,527 | 1,620 | 1,611 | ‑9 |
| Other public order and safety | 5,127 | 5,094 | 5,047 | ‑46 |
| **Total public order and safety** | **6,655** | **6,713** | **6,658** | **‑55** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Education** |   |   |   |   |
| Higher education | 11,318 | 10,666 | 10,656 | ‑10 |
| Vocational and other education | 2,145 | 2,150 | 2,077 | ‑73 |
| Schools | 22,159 | 25,028 | 25,036 | 8 |
| *Non‑government schools* | *13,107* | *15,302* | *15,365* | *63* |
| *Government schools* | *9,052* | *9,726* | *9,671* | *‑55* |
| School education – specific funding | 678 | 800 | 721 | ‑79 |
| Student assistance | 5,757 | 4,422 | 4,401 | ‑21 |
| General administration | 274 | 291 | 333 | 43 |
| **Total education** | **42,331** | **43,357** | **43,225** | **‑132** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Health** |   |   |   |   |
| Medical services and benefits | 35,785 | 38,980 | 37,306 | ‑1,674 |
| Pharmaceutical benefits and services | 15,199 | 16,443 | 16,273 | ‑171 |
| Assistance to the states for public hospitals | 22,508 | 25,013 | 24,230 | ‑783 |
| Hospital services | 1,032 | 1,105 | 1,049 | ‑56 |
| Health services | 13,286 | 24,133 | 21,691 | ‑2,441 |
| General administration | 3,955 | 4,801 | 4,648 | ‑153 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health | 975 | 992 | 989 | ‑3 |
| **Total health** | **92,740** | **111,467** | **106,185** | **‑5,282** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Social security and welfare** |   |   |   |   |
| Assistance to the aged | 77,009 | 78,589 | 76,283 | ‑2,307 |
| Assistance to veterans and dependants | 7,853 | 7,358 | 7,480 | 122 |
| Assistance to people with disabilities | 55,959 | 62,643 | 61,040 | ‑1,604 |
| Assistance to families with children | 41,245 | 38,631 | 37,375 | ‑1,255 |

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2020‑21 | 2021‑22 | 2021‑22 | Change on |
|   | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2022‑23 |
|   |   | 2022‑23 |   | March Budget |
|   |   | March Budget |   |   |
|   | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **Social security and welfare** |   |   |   |   |
| **(continued)** |   |   |   |   |
| Assistance to the unemployed and  |   |   |   |   |
| the sick | 29,718 | 15,783 | 15,866 | 83 |
| Other welfare programs | 1,745 | 17,063 | 16,175 | ‑888 |
| Assistance for Indigenous Australians nec | 2,334 | 2,666 | 2,492 | ‑174 |
| General administration | 4,498 | 5,066 | 4,716 | ‑349 |
| **Total social security and welfare** | **220,360** | **227,800** | **221,427** | **‑6,373** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Housing and community amenities** |   |   |   |   |
| Housing  | 3,642 | 4,645 | 4,154 | ‑492 |
| Urban and regional development | 1,176 | 1,780 | 1,337 | ‑443 |
| Environment protection | 1,473 | 2,006 | 1,542 | ‑464 |
| **Total housing and community**  |   |   |   |   |
| **amenities** | **6,291** | **8,431** | **7,033** | **‑1,399** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Recreation and culture** |   |   |   |   |
| Broadcasting | 1,502 | 1,555 | 1,559 | 4 |
| Arts and cultural heritage | 1,567 | 1,885 | 1,579 | ‑306 |
| Sport and recreation | 541 | 594 | 537 | ‑56 |
| National estate and parks | 487 | 682 | 595 | ‑87 |
| **Total recreation and culture** | **4,096** | **4,716** | **4,270** | **‑446** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Fuel and energy** | **8,242** | **8,444** | **9,437** | **993** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Agriculture, forestry and fishing** |   |   |   |   |
| Wool industry | 50 | 68 | 58 | ‑10 |
| Grains industry | 185 | 211 | 199 | ‑11 |
| Dairy industry | 54 | 54 | 55 | 1 |
| Cattle, sheep and pig industry | 230 | 253 | 249 | ‑5 |
| Fishing, horticulture and other agriculture | 469 | 485 | 412 | ‑73 |
| General assistance not allocated to  |   |   |   |   |
| specific industries | 36 | 40 | 35 | ‑5 |
| Rural assistance | 806 | 488 | 334 | ‑155 |
| Natural resources development | 430 | 1,443 | 722 | ‑721 |
| General administration | 906 | 1,076 | 1,121 | 46 |
| **Total agriculture, forestry and fishing** | **3,165** | **4,119** | **3,185** | **‑934** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Mining, manufacturing and construction** | **4,034** | **4,310** | **3,816** | **‑494** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Transport and communication** |   |   |   |   |
| Communication | 1,094 | 2,090 | 1,941 | ‑148 |
| Rail transport | 1,328 | 2,755 | 1,701 | ‑1,053 |
| Air transport | 2,185 | 1,866 | 1,169 | ‑697 |
| Road transport | 7,554 | 8,663 | 6,026 | ‑2,637 |
| Sea transport | 427 | 458 | 440 | ‑18 |
| Other transport and communication | 216 | 238 | 225 | ‑14 |
| **Total transport and communication** | **12,804** | **16,070** | **11,503** | **‑4,568** |

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|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2020‑21 | 2021‑22 | 2021‑22 | Change on |
|   | Outcome | Estimate at | Outcome | 2022‑23 |
|   |   | 2022‑23 |   | March Budget |
|   |   | March Budget |   |   |
|   | $m | $m | $m | $m |
| **Other economic affairs** |   |   |   |   |
| Tourism and area promotion | 210 | 193 | 189 | ‑4 |
| Total labour and employment affairs | 5,260 | 8,326 | 7,592 | ‑734 |
| *Vocational and industry training* | *2,495* | *4,951* | *4,664* | *‑286* |
| *Labour market assistance to job seekers* |  |  |  |  |
| *and industry* | *2,111* | *2,706* | *2,265* | *‑440* |
| *Industrial relations* | *654* | *669* | *662* | *‑8* |
| Immigration | 3,419 | 3,917 | 3,409 | ‑508 |
| Other economic affairs nec | 73,179 | 11,195 | 10,592 | ‑603 |
| **Total other economic affairs** | **82,067** | **23,631** | **21,781** | **‑1,850** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Other purposes** |   |   |   |   |
| Public debt interest | 17,123 | 18,462 | 18,517 | 55 |
| *Interest on Commonwealth* |  |  |  |  |
| *Government’s behalf* | *17,123* | *18,462* | *18,517* | *55* |
| Nominal superannuation interest | 7,177 | 8,976 | 8,974 | ‑1 |
| General purpose inter‑government |   |   |   |   |
| transactions | 78,538 | 80,934 | 81,679 | 744 |
| *General revenue assistance –*  |  |  |  |  |
| *states and territories* | *75,097* | *76,495* | *77,531* | *1,036* |
| *Local government assistance* | *3,441* | *4,440* | *4,148* | *‑292* |
| Natural disaster relief | 344 | 5,176 | 5,840 | 665 |
| Contingency reserve | 0 | ‑2,040 | 0 | 2,040 |
| **Total other purposes** | **103,182** | **111,508** | **115,011** | **3,503** |
|   |  |  |  |  |
| **Total expenses** | **651,916** | **639,569** | **623,050** | **‑16,520** |