

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 2022-23.

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	2021-22 Outcome	2022-23 Estimate at 2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Outcome	Change on 2023-24 Budget
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
General public services				
Legislative and executive affairs	1,864	1,574	1,685	111
Financial and fiscal affairs	8,898	9,309	9,187	-122
Foreign affairs and economic aid	6,096	7,622	7,522	-101
General research	3,291	3,735	3,695	-40
General services	903	918	1,110	192
Government superannuation benefits	10,221	6,947	6,912	-36
Total general public services	31,273	30,106	30,111	5
Defence	38,246	40,059	41,436	1,377
Public order and safety				
Courts and legal services	1,611	1,747	1,814	67
Other public order and safety	5,047	5,637	5,698	62
Total public order and safety	6,658	7,384	7,513	129
Education				
Higher education	10,656	10,587	10,428	-158
Vocational and other education	2,077	2,262	2,234	-28
Schools	25,036	26,909	26,998	88
<i>Non-government schools</i>	15,365	16,646	16,705	59
<i>Government schools</i>	9,671	10,264	10,292	29
School education – specific funding	721	1,128	1,082	-45
Student assistance	4,401	4,783	3,925	-858
General administration	333	208	264	56
Total education	43,225	45,876	44,932	-945
Health				
Medical services and benefits	37,306	36,982	36,224	-758
Pharmaceutical benefits and services	16,273	19,592	18,569	-1,023
Assistance to the states for public hospitals	24,230	25,658	25,821	164
Hospital services	1,049	973	956	-17
Health services	21,691	19,163	15,844	-3,320
General administration	4,648	4,212	4,147	-66
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health	989	1,130	1,119	-10
Total health	106,185	107,710	102,680	-5,030
Social security and welfare				
Assistance to the aged	76,283	84,844	82,946	-1,898
Assistance to veterans and dependants	7,480	7,741	8,105	365
Assistance to people with disabilities	61,040	69,429	69,126	-303
Assistance to families with children	37,375	39,622	38,399	-1,223

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Social security and welfare (continued)				
Assistance to the unemployed and the sick	15,866	13,867	14,006	139
Other welfare programs	16,175	2,700	2,370	-330
Assistance for Indigenous Australians nec	2,492	2,872	2,735	-138
General administration	4,716	5,302	5,224	-79
Total social security and welfare	221,427	226,378	222,911	-3,466
Housing and community amenities				
Housing	4,154	3,460	4,994	1,534
Urban and regional development	1,337	1,980	1,518	-462
Environment protection	1,542	1,696	1,840	145
Total housing and community amenities	7,033	7,135	8,352	1,217
Recreation and culture				
Broadcasting	1,559	1,680	1,690	9
Arts and cultural heritage	1,579	1,835	1,813	-23
Sport and recreation	537	638	573	-64
National estate and parks	595	686	565	-121
Total recreation and culture	4,270	4,840	4,641	-199
Fuel and energy	9,437	8,953	9,093	140
Agriculture, forestry and fishing				
Wool industry	58	67	55	-12
Grains industry	199	224	200	-24
Dairy industry	55	55	59	4
Cattle, sheep and pig industry	249	252	239	-13
Fishing, horticulture and other agriculture	412	553	463	-90
General assistance not allocated to specific industries	35	44	41	-3
Rural assistance	334	433	306	-127
Natural resources development	722	1,793	773	-1,020
General administration	1,121	1,317	1,234	-82
Total agriculture, forestry and fishing	3,185	4,737	3,371	-1,367
Mining, manufacturing and construction	3,816	4,905	5,167	262
Transport and communication				
Communication	1,941	1,627	1,580	-47
Rail transport	1,701	3,035	2,532	-503
Air transport	1,169	432	349	-83
Road transport	6,026	7,663	6,969	-695
Sea transport	440	461	484	22
Other transport and communication	225	242	253	10
Total transport and communication	11,503	13,461	12,166	-1,295

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	2021-22 Outcome	2022-23 Estimate at 2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Outcome	Change on 2023-24 Budget
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Other economic affairs				
Tourism and area promotion	189	208	204	-4
Total labour and employment affairs	7,592	7,521	7,410	-111
<i>Vocational and industry training</i>	4,664	4,511	4,580	69
<i>Labour market assistance to job seekers and industry</i>	2,265	2,214	2,129	-84
<i>Industrial relations</i>	662	797	701	-96
Immigration	3,409	3,673	3,405	-269
Other economic affairs nec	10,592	3,533	3,380	-153
Total other economic affairs	21,781	14,935	14,399	-536
Other purposes				
Public debt interest	18,517	22,152	22,242	90
<i>Interest on Commonwealth Government's behalf</i>	18,517	22,152	22,242	90
Nominal superannuation interest	8,974	12,334	12,336	2
General purpose inter-government transactions	81,679	89,841	92,076	2,235
<i>General revenue assistance – states and territories</i>	77,531	88,021	87,618	-403
<i>Local government assistance</i>	4,148	1,820	4,458	2,638
Natural disaster relief	5,840	3,533	3,600	67
Contingency reserve	0	449	0	-449
Total other purposes	115,011	128,309	130,254	1,945
Total expenses	623,050	644,788	637,025	-7,763