

Appendix D: Debt transactions

The Australian Government holds a stock of around \$1.9 billion in loans advanced to state and territory governments (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, infrastructure and agriculture. 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 2022 is shown in Table D.1.

Total advances to the states, 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 2022, by state

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	23,840	113,277	42,023	-	4,854	20,605	-	-	204,599
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	14,324	27,962	11,226	-	4,685	3,054	-	-	61,251
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	1,376	700	104	1,716	-	-	-	220	4,117
Debt sinking fund	172	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	190
Environment									
Northern Territory – water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,422	8,422
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement loans	314,842	-	94,199	87,442	21,330	-	-	17,515	535,328
Housing for service personnel	28,607	-	15,430	2,206	1,355	-	-	-	47,598
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,950	30,643	120,593
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	47,858	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,858
Natural disaster relief	4,829	-	28,867	-	-	-	-	-	33,696
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	289,342	-	103,544	176,344	126,709	-	-	102,296	798,235
Total	725,191	141,957	295,393	267,708	158,933	23,659	89,950	159,096	1,861,887

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23									
Repayments									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-4,161	-13,389	-8,555	-	-449	-4,377	-	-	-30,931
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-4,346	-5,661	-2,392	-	-1,580	-276	-	-	-14,255
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-558	-700	-	-1,463	-	-	-	-175	-2,896
Environment									
Northern Territory – water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
Housing									
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	-4,264	-	-13,407	-	-	-	-	-	-17,671
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-12,202	-	-4,489	-7,783	-5,105	-	-	-4,062	-33,641
Total Repayments	-80,073	-19,750	-40,473	-19,260	-10,997	-4,653	-8,365	-9,420	-192,991

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23									
Interest									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-639	-3,107	-1,108	-	-143	-507	-	-	-5,504
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-290	-609	-259	-	-88	-77	-	-	-1,323
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-10	-13	-	-27	-	-	-	-3	-53
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	-85	-	-508	-	-	-	-	-	-593
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-14,509	-	-5,177	-8,806	-6,362	-	-	-5,141	-39,995
Total Interest	-33,974	-3,729	-12,164	-13,097	-7,791	-584	-4,048	-8,113	-83,500
Net Financial Flow	-114,047	-23,479	-52,637	-32,357	-18,788	-5,237	-12,413	-17,533	-276,491

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24									
Repayments									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-909	-5,466	-3,203	-	-366	-810	-	-	-10,754
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-1,171	-792	-1,028	-	-347	-296	-	-	-3,634
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory – water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing 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
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-15,952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-15,952
Natural disaster relief	-181	-	-4,534	-	-	-	-	-	-4,715
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-12,752	-	-4,691	-8,134	-5,334	-	-	-4,245	-35,156
Total Repayments	-68,799	-6,258	-24,957	-17,942	-9,056	-1,106	-8,354	-9,382	-145,854

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24									
Interest									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-762	-3,878	-1,265	-	-168	-641	-	-	-6,714
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-334	-786	-305	-	-105	-94	-	-	-1,624
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	-12	-	-282	-	-	-	-	-	-294
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-13,960	-	-4,975	-8,456	-6,132	-	-	-4,958	-38,481
Total Interest	-31,036	-4,664	-11,421	-12,268	-7,395	-735	-3,671	-7,671	-78,861
Net Financial Flow	-99,835	-10,922	-36,378	-30,210	-16,451	-1,841	-12,025	-17,053	-224,715

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25									
Repayments									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-1,958	-6,649	-3,459	-	-440	-1,511	-	-	-14,017
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-1,338	-792	-1,247	-	-347	-296	-	-	-4,020
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	-181	-	-3,654	-	-	-	-	-	-3,835
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-13,325	-	-4,902	-8,500	-5,575	-	-	-4,436	-36,738
Total Repayments	-69,283	-7,441	-24,641	-17,894	-7,971	-1,807	-8,285	-9,816	-147,138

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25									
Interest									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-705	-3,637	-1,132	-	-152	-594	-	-	-6,220
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-289	-758	-265	-	-92	-84	-	-	-1,488
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	-9	-	-204	-	-	-	-	-	-213
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-13,386	-	-4,764	-8,090	-5,892	-	-	-4,767	-36,899
Total Interest	-27,929	-4,395	-10,452	-11,461	-6,961	-678	-3,295	-7,229	-72,400
Net Financial Flow	-97,212	-11,836	-35,093	-29,355	-14,932	-2,485	-11,580	-17,045	-219,538

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26									
Repayments									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-1,958	-6,669	-3,459	-	-440	-1,611	-	-	-14,137
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-4,417	-910	-1,686	-	-432	-296	-	-	-7,741
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory – water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement loans	-35,303	-	-10,443	-9,599	-1,544	-	-	-1,286	-58,175
Housing for service personnel	-2,779	-	-1,506	-200	-153	-	-	-	-4,638
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8,209	-4,215	-12,424
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural disaster relief	-181	-	-3,654	-	-	-	-	-	-3,835
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-13,925	-	-5,123	-8,882	-5,825	-	-	-4,635	-38,390
Total Repayments	-58,563	-7,579	-25,871	-18,681	-8,394	-1,907	-8,209	-10,272	-139,476

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26									
Interest									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-627	-3,371	-994	-	-135	-532	-	-	-5,659
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-186	-727	-212	-	-79	-73	-	-	-1,277
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory – water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-480	-480
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement loans	-10,272	-	-3,079	-2,895	-702	-	-	-697	-17,645
Housing for service personnel	-943	-	-518	-67	-44	-	-	-	-1,572
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,923	-1,021	-3,944
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural disaster relief	-6	-	-143	-	-	-	-	-	-149
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-12,787	-	-4,543	-7,708	-5,641	-	-	-4,567	-35,246
Total Interest	-24,821	-4,098	-9,489	-10,670	-6,601	-605	-2,923	-6,765	-65,972
Net Financial Flow	-83,384	-11,677	-35,360	-29,351	-14,995	-2,512	-11,132	-17,037	-205,448

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2026-27									
Repayments									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-2,062	-32,673	-11,359	-	-440	-1,611	-	-	-48,145
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-2,508	-19,806	-5,061	-	-1,978	-1,224	-	-	-30,577
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory – water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-136	-136
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement loans	-36,678	-	-10,875	-10,000	-1,621	-	-	-1,344	-60,518
Housing for service personnel	-2,935	-	-1,648	-212	-168	-	-	-	-4,963
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8,143	-4,426	-12,569
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural disaster relief	-	-	-3,755	-	-	-	-	-	-3,755
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-14,552	-	-5,354	-9,282	-6,088	-	-	-4,844	-40,120
Total Repayments	-58,735	-52,479	-38,052	-19,494	-10,295	-2,835	-8,143	-10,750	-200,783

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

\$'000	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2026-27									
Interest									
Agriculture									
Drought Concessional Loans Scheme	-547	-2,586	-698	-	-117	-468	-	-	-4,416
Drought Recovery Loans Scheme	-62	-356	-91	-	-35	-46	-	-	-590
Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment									
Northern Territory – water and sewerage assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-474	-474
Housing									
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement loans	-8,738	-	-2,631	-2,475	-625	-	-	-639	-15,108
Housing for service personnel	-818	-	-450	-58	-37	-	-	-	-1,363
Other housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,553	-810	-3,363
Loan to NSW to assist beneficiaries of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural disaster relief	-4	-	-85	-	-	-	-	-	-89
Other purposes									
Loan Council – housing nominations	-12,160	-	-4,313	-7,308	-5,379	-	-	-4,359	-33,519
Total Interest	-22,329	-2,942	-8,268	-9,841	-6,193	-514	-2,553	-6,282	-58,922
Net Financial Flow	-81,064	-55,421	-46,320	-29,335	-16,488	-3,349	-10,696	-17,032	-259,705