# Appendix B: Total payments to the states by function

The tables in this Appendix present financial information on payments to the state and territory governments (states) classified according to the functions of government they serve. The functions are based on the International Monetary Fund’s Classification of the Functions of Government.

Table B.1: Total payments to the states by function

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| $million | **NSW** | **VIC** | **QLD** | **WA** | **SA** | **TAS** | **ACT** | **NT** | **Total(a)** |
| **2023‑24** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| General public services | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Public order and safety | 182.2 | 133.4 | 138.6 | 74.6 | 52.0 | 23.5 | 21.3 | 99.4 | 736.8 |
| Education | 9,722.8 | 8,117.2 | 7,030.8 | 3,397.1 | 2,367.2 | 731.4 | 496.0 | 560.6 | 32,441.4 |
| Health | 8,585.2 | 6,371.2 | 6,946.2 | 3,140.9 | 2,079.6 | 669.8 | 541.5 | 435.5 | 28,779.8 |
| Social security and welfare | 389.9 | 303.8 | 246.4 | 1,018.7 | 91.3 | 29.3 | 20.3 | 25.3 | 2,141.6 |
| Housing and community amenities | 649.4 | 568.5 | 662.6 | 305.1 | 168.6 | 140.7 | 41.1 | 513.8 | 4,342.7 |
| Recreation and culture | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 0.9 | 0.3 | 5.0 | ‑ | ‑ | 6.2 |
| Fuel and energy | 360.8 | 298.9 | 248.4 | 86.5 | 95.4 | 66.6 | 19.6 | 8.6 | 1,464.4 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 349.8 | 82.2 | 53.6 | 25.5 | 62.8 | 4.5 | 62.0 | 6.8 | 715.8 |
| Mining, manufacturing and construction | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Transport and communication | 3,444.8 | 2,095.1 | 2,324.7 | 2,048.8 | 948.6 | 437.1 | 82.2 | 312.5 | 11,693.8 |
| Other economic affairs | 113.0 | 41.9 | 2.2 | 73.5 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 0.9 | 241.8 |
| Other purposes(b) | 27,049.2 | 20,528.0 | 20,160.5 | 7,412.7 | 8,826.9 | 3,445.3 | 1,959.9 | 4,125.1 | 93,507.6 |
| **Total payments to the states** | **50,847.1** | **38,540.5** | **37,814.1** | **17,584.3** | **14,692.5** | **5,553.3** | **3,243.9** | **6,088.5** | **176,072.0** |
| *less* payments ‘through’ the states | 5,572.1 | 4,671.7 | 4,026.5 | 1,859.6 | 1,441.3 | 420.8 | 283.4 | 244.1 | 18,717.4 |
| *less* financial assistance for local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 2.7 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 20.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 28.7 |
| *less* payments direct to local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 416.1 | 300.3 | 258.3 | 202.9 | 104.1 | 47.4 | 8.8 | 34.7 | 1,372.5 |
| ***equals* total payments to the states for**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **own‑purpose expenses** | **44,856.3** | **33,566.4** | **33,527.5** | **15,520.7** | **13,126.6** | **5,084.8** | **2,951.6** | **5,809.6** | **155,953.4** |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| $million | **NSW** | **VIC** | **QLD** | **WA** | **SA** | **TAS** | **ACT** | **NT** | **Total(a)** |
| **2024‑25** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| General public services | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Public order and safety | 195.3 | 137.2 | 147.8 | 82.4 | 54.5 | 24.1 | 22.3 | 105.6 | 801.7 |
| Education | 9,999.9 | 8,344.3 | 7,214.9 | 3,480.7 | 2,427.5 | 748.4 | 516.8 | 547.7 | 33,365.2 |
| Health | 9,046.9 | 7,423.2 | 7,229.1 | 3,438.9 | 2,124.6 | 682.5 | 550.7 | 524.4 | 31,057.0 |
| Social security and welfare | 78.1 | 69.5 | 59.5 | 21.7 | 16.8 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 20.0 | 310.7 |
| Housing and community amenities | 728.5 | 628.0 | 746.2 | 514.0 | 233.0 | 159.1 | 39.7 | 462.2 | 4,293.5 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.5 | 9.0 | 97.2 | 50.7 | 0.1 | 8.0 | ‑ | 0.6 | 187.1 |
| Fuel and energy | 958.1 | 774.8 | 605.7 | 292.0 | 231.8 | 125.3 | 52.4 | 25.1 | 3,725.8 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 274.6 | 53.9 | 104.3 | 8.8 | 46.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 846.1 |
| Mining, manufacturing and construction | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Transport and communication | 4,157.6 | 1,831.4 | 2,417.3 | 2,924.2 | 1,029.3 | 416.6 | 217.4 | 317.7 | 13,341.6 |
| Other economic affairs | ‑ | 2.0 | 2.0 | ‑ | ‑ | 0.3 | ‑ | 2.1 | 7.5 |
| Other purposes(b) | 26,930.0 | 24,333.7 | 19,227.1 | 8,329.9 | 9,196.8 | 3,632.8 | 2,083.4 | 4,261.0 | 97,994.6 |
| **Total payments to the states** | **52,370.3** | **43,606.9** | **37,851.1** | **19,143.3** | **15,360.9** | **5,802.3** | **3,486.5** | **6,269.1** | **185,930.7** |
| *less* payments ‘through’ the states | 5,829.1 | 4,874.5 | 4,143.0 | 1,987.7 | 1,481.3 | 439.0 | 293.7 | 256.0 | 19,529.5 |
| *less* financial assistance for local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 1,000.5 | 787.7 | 653.1 | 399.3 | 232.2 | 101.6 | 71.9 | 44.8 | 3,291.0 |
| *less* payments direct to local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 268.5 | 199.7 | 180.9 | 136.5 | 67.0 | 33.1 | 3.1 | 18.7 | 907.4 |
| ***equals* total payments to the states for**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **own‑purpose expenses** | **45,272.2** | **37,745.1** | **32,874.1** | **16,619.9** | **13,580.5** | **5,228.6** | **3,117.9** | **5,949.6** | **162,202.9** |

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| $million | **NSW** | **VIC** | **QLD** | **WA** | **SA** | **TAS** | **ACT** | **NT** | **Total(a)** |
| **2025‑26** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| General public services | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Public order and safety | 25.8 | 16.6 | 19.2 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 8.7 | 10.6 | 166.5 |
| Education | 10,362.3 | 8,670.2 | 7,470.0 | 3,590.4 | 2,513.6 | 772.9 | 530.7 | 518.6 | 34,633.2 |
| Health | 9,554.3 | 7,871.9 | 7,715.7 | 3,600.8 | 2,259.2 | 719.7 | 583.2 | 555.0 | 32,938.2 |
| Social security and welfare | 49.8 | 38.7 | 44.7 | 16.4 | 11.9 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 3.8 | 191.0 |
| Housing and community amenities | 629.0 | 512.9 | 662.2 | 463.2 | 142.5 | 90.2 | 36.8 | 405.1 | 3,186.1 |
| Recreation and culture | ‑ | ‑ | 340.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 95.6 | ‑ | ‑ | 436.2 |
| Fuel and energy | 279.3 | 219.3 | 174.5 | 86.9 | 66.7 | 21.6 | 15.9 | 7.4 | 1,013.9 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 244.1 | 84.6 | 96.8 | 3.6 | 20.7 | ‑ | ‑ | 0.6 | 816.5 |
| Mining, manufacturing and construction | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Transport and communication | 3,784.5 | 2,240.6 | 3,166.6 | 1,966.2 | 1,262.8 | 431.9 | 157.4 | 518.2 | 13,573.3 |
| Other economic affairs | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 3.0 | ‑ | ‑ | 3.4 |
| Other purposes(b) | 28,330.5 | 25,705.0 | 20,266.1 | 8,571.0 | 9,624.2 | 3,787.8 | 2,196.0 | 4,456.2 | 102,936.8 |
| **Total payments to the states** | **53,259.6** | **45,359.9** | **39,955.8** | **18,308.5** | **15,908.1** | **5,929.1** | **3,531.0** | **6,475.4** | **189,895.2** |
| *less* payments ‘through’ the states | 6,032.1 | 4,994.9 | 4,278.1 | 2,046.5 | 1,552.8 | 547.0 | 306.3 | 264.0 | 20,055.9 |
| *less* financial assistance for local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 1,046.8 | 826.8 | 684.6 | 418.9 | 241.0 | 105.6 | 75.2 | 46.7 | 3,445.7 |
| *less* payments direct to local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 290.1 | 213.7 | 213.3 | 154.1 | 76.5 | 35.6 | 3.9 | 20.2 | 1,007.3 |
| ***equals* total payments to the states for**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **own‑purpose expenses** | **45,890.5** | **39,324.4** | **34,779.9** | **15,689.2** | **14,037.7** | **5,240.9** | **3,145.6** | **6,144.6** | **165,386.3** |

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| $million | **NSW** | **VIC** | **QLD** | **WA** | **SA** | **TAS** | **ACT** | **NT** | **Total(a)** |
| **2026‑27** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| General public services | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Public order and safety | 8.2 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 109.7 |
| Education | 10,626.1 | 8,922.1 | 7,659.8 | 3,665.1 | 2,578.6 | 791.2 | 542.3 | 525.9 | 35,882.3 |
| Health | 10,106.0 | 8,295.4 | 8,179.3 | 3,644.8 | 2,416.0 | 749.5 | 612.9 | 568.8 | 34,671.7 |
| Social security and welfare | 49.1 | 35.3 | 18.3 | 15.9 | 12.9 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 153.2 |
| Housing and community amenities | 574.6 | 495.1 | 647.8 | 221.2 | 127.2 | 59.1 | 32.4 | 292.5 | 2,589.1 |
| Recreation and culture | ‑ | ‑ | 438.4 | ‑ | ‑ | 136.4 | ‑ | ‑ | 574.8 |
| Fuel and energy | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 233.5 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 215.3 | 114.0 | 90.6 | ‑ | 1.6 | ‑ | ‑ | 0.1 | 782.6 |
| Mining, manufacturing and construction | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Transport and communication | 2,959.1 | 3,300.9 | 3,331.1 | 1,407.3 | 1,385.0 | 373.8 | 146.3 | 506.4 | 13,439.8 |
| Other economic affairs | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 2.6 | ‑ | ‑ | 3.0 |
| Other purposes(b) | 29,444.5 | 26,877.0 | 21,096.5 | 9,996.3 | 9,989.7 | 3,943.5 | 2,298.4 | 4,682.8 | 108,328.7 |
| **Total payments to the states** | **53,982.8** | **48,044.6** | **41,467.7** | **18,954.0** | **16,513.3** | **6,059.4** | **3,641.8** | **6,583.9** | **196,768.5** |
| *less* payments ‘through’ the states | 6,244.0 | 5,177.4 | 4,454.7 | 2,031.9 | 1,617.7 | 606.9 | 318.9 | 275.7 | 20,830.7 |
| *less* financial assistance for local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 1,086.7 | 860.9 | 711.3 | 434.6 | 228.5 | 109.2 | 78.1 | 48.3 | 3,557.6 |
| *less* payments direct to local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 262.8 | 193.2 | 193.2 | 138.9 | 65.5 | 31.0 | ‑ | 15.1 | 899.6 |
| ***equals* total payments to the states for**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **own‑purpose expenses** | **46,389.3** | **41,813.2** | **36,108.5** | **16,348.6** | **14,601.7** | **5,312.4** | **3,244.8** | **6,244.8** | **171,480.6** |

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| $million | **NSW** | **VIC** | **QLD** | **WA** | **SA** | **TAS** | **ACT** | **NT** | **Total(a)** |
| **2027‑28** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| General public services | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Public order and safety | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 56.9 |
| Education | 10,956.4 | 9,231.3 | 7,876.0 | 3,751.7 | 2,649.7 | 812.2 | 559.5 | 541.0 | 37,031.5 |
| Health | 10,754.4 | 8,829.8 | 8,691.2 | 3,886.5 | 2,534.1 | 797.5 | 652.1 | 582.5 | 36,807.2 |
| Social security and welfare | 49.1 | 35.8 | 18.3 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 138.6 |
| Housing and community amenities | 580.6 | 489.8 | 437.0 | 319.4 | 128.8 | 51.2 | 32.2 | 245.2 | 2,358.7 |
| Recreation and culture | ‑ | ‑ | 768.0 | ‑ | ‑ | 60.0 | ‑ | ‑ | 828.0 |
| Fuel and energy | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 148.5 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | ‑ | ‑ | 49.6 | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 206.1 |
| Mining, manufacturing and construction | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ |
| Transport and communication | 2,900.4 | 3,461.6 | 2,818.8 | 659.7 | 1,278.9 | 322.3 | 127.3 | 243.7 | 11,837.6 |
| Other economic affairs | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | ‑ | 0.4 |
| Other purposes(b) | 30,592.4 | 28,079.8 | 21,957.6 | 10,493.1 | 10,388.9 | 4,107.0 | 2,403.0 | 4,918.9 | 112,940.8 |
| **Total payments to the states** | **55,833.3** | **50,128.0** | **42,616.4** | **19,126.4** | **16,991.5** | **6,152.6** | **3,776.3** | **6,535.0** | **202,354.4** |
| *less* payments ‘through’ the states | 6,473.3 | 5,376.0 | 4,558.9 | 2,081.4 | 1,676.0 | 547.3 | 329.3 | 286.4 | 21,520.7 |
| *less* financial assistance for local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 1,129.3 | 897.1 | 739.2 | 451.0 | 236.3 | 113.1 | 81.3 | 50.1 | 3,697.4 |
| *less* payments direct to local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| government | 276.6 | 203.4 | 203.4 | 146.2 | 68.9 | 32.6 | ‑ | 15.9 | 947.0 |
| ***equals* total payments to the states for**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **own‑purpose expenses** | **47,954.1** | **43,651.5** | **37,114.9** | **16,447.9** | **15,010.3** | **5,459.6** | **3,365.7** | **6,182.7** | **176,189.4** |

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