

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2024-25									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	276.6	150.8	151.4	82.9	58.4	28.8	26.8	116.5	897.1
Education	10,230.0	8,596.2	7,433.4	3,627.5	2,498.9	771.4	526.0	585.2	34,350.2
Health	9,027.8	7,445.5	7,239.3	3,570.8	2,175.1	718.0	564.7	529.6	31,291.1
Social security and welfare	78.2	65.0	65.9	23.2	21.8	6.6	4.4	33.1	313.6
Housing and community amenities	962.5	896.0	1,059.3	750.2	364.4	162.2	54.0	631.5	5,750.7
Recreation and culture	28.6	8.5	97.2	15.0	0.9	8.0	-	0.6	158.7
Fuel and energy	1,170.8	960.9	721.5	375.2	252.3	147.5	66.1	35.7	4,251.6
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	409.4	132.8	105.0	28.9	98.4	2.3	8.4	9.1	939.6
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	178.0	-	-	-	178.0
Transport and communication	3,940.3	1,772.4	2,682.9	3,744.7	1,305.8	282.4	166.5	307.6	12,541.7
Other economic affairs	-	4.0	3.6	0.9	-	0.3	-	1.9	11.0
Other purposes(b)	26,623.9	24,221.2	19,204.8	8,192.7	9,222.5	3,651.2	2,058.1	4,346.2	97,940.3
Total payments to the states	52,748.1	44,253.3	38,764.3	20,412.0	16,176.4	5,778.6	3,475.1	6,597.0	188,623.7
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,146.8	5,326.4	4,523.3	2,306.5	1,638.6	486.1	301.4	285.5	21,773.7
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	155.7	122.6	101.6	62.2	53.0	15.8	11.2	7.0	529.2
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	360.8	262.1	235.9	169.3	85.7	38.5	4.3	31.3	1,187.9
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	46,084.9	38,542.1	33,903.4	17,874.0	14,399.1	5,238.1	3,158.3	6,273.2	165,132.9

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- b) Payments for 'Other purposes' include general revenue assistance to the states.

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2025-26									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	243.2	148.9	182.0	109.3	67.9	33.9	28.5	144.9	1,040.3
Education	10,536.7	8,824.6	7,606.3	3,772.3	2,575.1	811.3	548.0	617.9	35,491.9
Health	10,050.6	8,329.5	8,100.5	3,840.3	2,471.4	828.3	640.3	686.3	35,025.0
Social security and welfare	73.4	53.6	59.2	24.7	21.4	4.2	3.5	32.2	286.4
Housing and community amenities	668.3	567.2	699.5	639.3	188.5	130.6	43.0	444.2	3,814.4
Recreation and culture	30.3	-	218.6	26.5	0.9	96.5	-	-	372.7
Fuel and energy	609.8	462.7	375.5	185.8	141.3	58.9	34.3	17.4	1,973.8
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	375.0	75.7	141.5	21.4	47.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	935.3
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	32.0	-	-	-	32.0
Transport and communication	3,790.9	3,338.3	2,857.8	1,909.8	1,726.3	447.7	254.5	550.3	13,136.8
Other economic affairs	-	2.0	-	2.1	-	3.0	-	1.1	16.6
Other purposes(b)	28,800.3	28,875.4	17,368.8	8,781.6	9,792.7	3,893.1	2,192.8	4,657.9	104,380.4
Total payments to the states	55,178.6	50,678.0	37,609.9	19,313.1	17,065.3	6,308.6	3,746.1	7,153.6	196,505.7
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,228.1	5,204.0	4,436.3	2,118.3	1,614.9	560.8	330.5	307.2	21,076.9
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,053.8	833.2	690.2	423.6	242.8	106.5	75.6	47.1	3,472.7
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	300.2	216.4	215.9	152.6	76.0	34.2	6.8	20.6	1,022.7
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	47,596.5	44,424.4	32,267.5	16,618.7	15,131.6	5,607.2	3,333.3	6,778.7	170,933.4

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\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)
2026-27									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	213.0	142.2	170.6	109.4	66.2	31.8	29.5	142.0	1,029.4
Education	10,850.8	9,078.7	7,793.5	3,892.2	2,650.9	848.0	559.5	671.2	36,992.0
Health	10,122.1	8,308.2	8,152.0	3,719.5	2,407.3	771.9	619.6	582.4	34,764.1
Social security and welfare	73.2	54.8	33.2	24.3	19.7	4.0	3.5	33.4	260.9
Housing and community amenities	658.2	530.5	671.7	302.9	139.8	133.8	36.3	304.0	3,053.3
Recreation and culture	2.5	0.5	288.4	35.0	0.8	136.4	-	-	463.5
Fuel and energy	30.6	20.8	13.1	18.3	7.9	-	2.5	1.1	232.7
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	393.5	31.5	101.7	16.3	23.2	0.5	0.9	0.8	865.6
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,208.3	3,838.6	3,476.8	1,249.7	1,782.4	489.7	234.0	586.4	13,360.6
Other economic affairs	-	4.0	-	-	-	2.6	-	-	7.0
Other purposes(b)	29,936.1	30,218.1	18,266.2	10,158.4	10,169.4	4,040.4	2,288.0	4,869.3	109,945.9
Total payments to the states	55,488.3	52,228.0	38,967.2	19,525.9	17,267.6	6,458.9	3,773.8	7,190.6	200,975.0
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,475.7	5,396.2	4,613.7	2,113.7	1,680.6	619.5	331.6	315.2	21,691.8
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,093.6	867.3	718.1	441.3	230.5	110.0	78.5	48.8	3,588.1
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	262.7	193.2	193.2	138.9	65.5	30.9	-	15.1	899.6
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	47,656.3	45,771.3	33,442.1	16,832.0	15,291.1	5,698.5	3,363.8	6,811.5	174,795.6

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2027-28									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	206.2	137.4	166.9	105.4	64.1	27.6	18.7	132.0	966.0
Education	11,245.3	9,407.3	8,029.5	3,992.7	2,733.4	861.1	575.1	731.9	38,391.7
Health	10,801.9	8,830.6	8,652.5	3,961.3	2,567.3	817.5	658.7	592.2	36,994.2
Social security and welfare	71.1	54.6	33.4	24.6	18.3	4.0	3.6	38.9	248.6
Housing and community amenities	580.4	506.9	459.6	251.2	164.9	92.3	34.4	245.2	2,400.4
Recreation and culture	-	-	618.0	-	0.8	60.0	-	-	678.7
Fuel and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193.5
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	59.5	-	72.7	10.9	3.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	313.7
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,158.3	3,625.5	3,610.5	815.3	1,721.6	442.4	114.6	277.7	13,369.4
Other economic affairs	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
Other purposes(b)	31,418.8	31,861.3	19,307.1	10,691.1	10,655.6	4,224.0	2,407.6	5,118.5	115,683.9
Total payments to the states	57,541.6	54,427.6	40,950.1	19,852.5	17,929.4	6,529.3	3,813.2	7,136.7	209,244.5
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,664.6	5,600.4	4,718.2	2,150.5	1,744.0	557.5	325.9	325.1	22,186.7
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,133.9	901.7	745.9	458.7	238.2	113.7	81.4	50.5	3,724.0
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	276.5	203.4	203.4	146.2	68.9	32.6	-	15.9	946.9
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	49,466.7	47,722.2	35,282.6	17,097.0	15,878.3	5,825.6	3,405.9	6,745.1	182,386.8

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2028-29									
General public services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public order and safety	206.7	138.5	169.0	105.2	62.3	26.0	15.5	134.5	945.9
Education	11,641.6	9,701.0	8,246.7	4,066.4	2,826.5	883.4	586.7	798.7	39,600.5
Health	11,443.0	9,391.1	9,099.3	4,184.7	2,631.2	847.1	699.9	572.1	38,955.2
Social security and welfare	22.6	19.3	15.5	8.8	7.4	1.6	1.3	33.6	110.0
Housing and community amenities	589.6	507.2	388.3	227.6	160.4	87.7	35.2	254.1	2,392.9
Recreation and culture	-	-	1,002.1	-	0.8	-	-	-	1,002.9
Fuel and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197.8
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-	-	34.6	0.2	-	-	-	-	70.8
Mining, manufacturing and construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport and communication	3,673.0	2,559.5	3,224.0	668.3	1,316.4	334.0	30.8	378.9	13,379.6
Other economic affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other purposes(b)	32,891.6	33,506.1	20,356.1	11,184.9	11,136.5	4,405.0	2,527.4	5,369.2	121,376.8
Total payments to the states	60,468.2	55,822.8	42,535.5	20,446.1	18,141.6	6,584.8	3,896.7	7,541.0	218,032.4
<i>less</i> payments 'through' the states	6,923.0	5,840.3	4,893.5	2,209.9	1,815.5	513.6	328.4	336.9	22,961.7
<i>less</i> financial assistance for local government	1,175.2	936.9	774.4	476.4	246.2	117.5	84.5	52.4	3,863.3
<i>less</i> payments direct to local government	276.5	203.4	203.4	146.2	68.9	32.6	-	15.9	946.9
equals total payments to the states for own-purpose expenses	52,093.5	48,842.2	36,664.3	17,613.5	16,011.0	5,921.1	3,483.8	7,135.8	190,260.4

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