

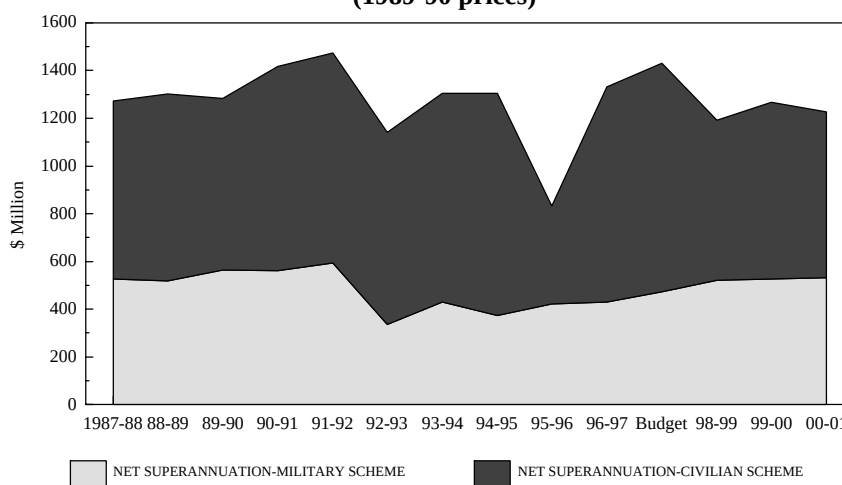
1F. GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS

NATURE OF OUTLAYS

This function relates to the Finance and Defence portfolios and comprises outlays associated with the Commonwealth's provision of superannuation schemes for its employees, military personnel and members of Parliament. The function also includes reimbursements to certain State schemes in respect of former State railway employees and the outlays of the Commonwealth Superannuation Administration (ComSuper).

The major Commonwealth civilian superannuation schemes are the Public Sector Superannuation (PSS) Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS), while the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Scheme exists for members of Parliament. The Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme provide benefits to military personnel.

Chart 1. Overview of Commonwealth Net Outlays on Government Superannuation Benefits (1989-90 prices)



TRENDS IN GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION OUTLAYS

Major features of Chart 1 are:

- decreased net outlays in 1992-93 reflecting the commencement of payment by the Department of Defence of employer superannuation contributions to the Consolidated Revenue Fund;
- decreased net outlays in 1995-96, due to the commencement of notional employer superannuation contributions by running cost departments and agencies, so bringing running cost departments and agencies into line with other government agencies:
 - these contributions reduce net superannuation outlays but have a neutral net effect on total Commonwealth budget outlays as they are offset by an equivalent increase in running costs outlays in other functions; and

- a large increase in net superannuation outlays in 1996-97, which is expected to continue into 1997-98, due to lump sum benefit payments associated with public sector redundancies.

1997-98 AND FORWARD ESTIMATES

		1996-97 Estimate	1997-98 Budget	1998-99 Estimate	1999-00 Estimate	2000-01 Estimate
1F.1 Military Schemes	\$m	500.7	560.1	632.7	652.9	675.4
	%		11.9	13.0	3.2	3.4
1F.2 Civilian Schemes	\$m	1040.3	1128.9	810.9	919.5	882.8
	%		8.5	-28.2	13.4	-4.0
TOTAL	\$m	1541.0	1689.0	1443.5	1572.4	1558.2
	%		9.6	-14.5	8.9	-0.9