

Appendix B: Commonwealth Specific Purpose Payments to Other Levels of Government, Repayments of Advances, Advances and Interest Payments

This Appendix provides information on estimated Commonwealth Specific Purpose Payments (SPPs) to the States and local government, together with details of repayments and interest on advances (loans) to the States. The majority of these advances were funded from borrowings made on behalf of the States.

Consistent with the reporting of other financial data in the 2001-02 Budget Papers, data in this Appendix has been prepared on an accrual accounting basis. In addition, the tables also report payments made by the Commonwealth general government sector rather than the more limited Commonwealth budget sector. This has the main effect of including payments to the States and local government made by the Australian National Training Authority.

Table B1: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments to the States, repayments of advances, advances and interest payments, 2000-01 to 2004-05

This Table provides information on Commonwealth SPPs to the States together with details of repayments, advances and interest on advances. The majority of these advances were funded from borrowings made on behalf of the States under State Governments' Loan Council programme.

Details are classified as follows:

- Specific Purpose Payments
 - current;
 - capital;
- repayments of advances (including repayments to the Debt Sinking Funds);
- details of new advances made; and
- interest on Commonwealth advances.

Specific Purpose Payment information is presented on a function basis, which aggregates payments directed toward like objectives and purposes. Specific Purpose Payments are further divided into those paid 'to' the States (by far the larger group by number) and those judged to be paid 'through' the States to other groups. Payments in the latter group are indicated within the Table by (*) and separate totals for 'to' and 'through' are provided in the summary at the end of the Table.

Table B1: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments to the States, repayments of advances, advances and interest payments, 2000-01 to 2004-05

Tables B2 and B3: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments to the States, repayments of advances, advances and interest payments, 2000-01 and 2001-02

Table B2 provides estimates for 2000-01 of each State's share of the items included in Table B1.

Table B3 provides budget estimates for 2001-02 of each State's share of the items included in Table B1. As in other years, the distribution of assistance for these years under some programmes is dependent upon the recipient government undertaking to participate in particular programmes or approve particular projects. For a few programmes, final decisions on the distribution of payments among the States have still to be taken by the Commonwealth; for others, the final distribution for 2001-02 will not be settled before further data becomes available. In most cases, provisional or notional estimates of the distribution are included. This does not commit the Commonwealth to a particular project or indicate that a State has agreed to participate in the programme.

Specific Purpose Payments 'through' the States are indicated in the Tables by (*).

A summary of total payments 'to' and 'through' the States is provided at the end of each Table.

Table B2: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments to the States, repayments of advances, advances and interest payments, 2000-01

Table B3: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments to the States, repayments of advances, advances and interest payments, 2001-02

Tables B4, B5 and B6: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments direct to local government authorities

These tables provide information on Commonwealth SPPs to local government authorities on a functional basis.

Table B4 provides information on estimated Commonwealth SPPs to local government authorities for the years 2000-01 to 2004-05.

Table B5 provides estimates of the distribution of the SPPs direct to local government authorities among the States for 2000-01.

Table B6 provides an indicative distribution of SPPs direct to local government authorities among the States for 2001-02. The actual distribution of some payments may change in light of factors such as revisions to estimates and national priorities.

Table B4: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments direct to local government authorities, 2000-01 to 2004-05

Table B5: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments direct to local government authorities, 2000-01

Table B6: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments direct to local government authorities, 2001-02