

APPENDIX A: EXPENSES BY FUNCTION AND SUB-FUNCTION

Table A1 sets out Australian Government general government sector expenses by function and sub-function for 2007-08.

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	2006-07 Outcome	2007-08 Estimate at 2008-09 Budget	2007-08 Outcome
	\$m	\$m	\$m
General public services			
Legislative and executive affairs	870	987	961
Financial and fiscal affairs	4,832	5,849	6,102
Foreign affairs and economic aid	3,331	3,791	3,881
General research	2,476	2,522	2,146
General services	667	706	925
Government superannuation benefits	2,679	2,777	2,600
Total general public services	14,855	16,631	16,615
Defence(a)	16,729	17,366	17,670
Public order and safety			
Courts and legal services	841	919	950
Other public order and safety	2,477	2,869	2,556
Total public order and safety	3,318	3,788	3,506
Education			
Higher education	6,022	6,333	6,850
Vocational and other education	1,562	1,640	1,554
Non-government schools	5,677	6,392	6,085
Government schools	3,071	3,126	3,078
<i>Schools</i>	<i>8,748</i>	<i>9,518</i>	<i>9,163</i>
Student assistance	456	486	472
General administration	0	22	5
School education - specific funding	125	620	389
Total education	16,913	18,620	18,433
Health			
Medical services and benefits	17,213	18,948	19,089
Hospital services(b)	10,416	11,745	11,760
Pharmaceutical services and benefits	7,634	8,698	8,593
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health	397	520	500
Health services	1,320	1,626	1,598
Other health services	2,302	1,961	1,278
<i>Other health services</i>	<i>3,622</i>	<i>3,587</i>	<i>2,876</i>
General administration	576	855	764
Health assistance to the aged	89	102	816
Total health	39,948	44,455	44,397
Social security and welfare			
Assistance to the aged	32,437	35,667	35,454
Assistance to veterans and dependants	6,244	6,422	6,395
Assistance to people with disabilities	12,826	14,354	14,368
Assistance to families with children	27,810	28,245	28,528

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	2006-07 Outcome	2007-08 Estimate at 2008-09 Budget	2007-08 Outcome
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Social security and welfare (continued)			
Assistance to the unemployed	4,713	4,273	4,288
Assistance to the sick	85	85	83
<i>Assistance to the unemployed and the sick</i>	<i>4,799</i>	<i>4,358</i>	<i>4,371</i>
Common youth allowance	2,074	2,101	2,026
Other welfare programs	2,201	2,024	2,464
Aboriginal advancement nec	1,312	1,775	1,418
General administration	2,380	2,285	2,818
Total social security and welfare	92,083	97,230	97,842
Housing and community amenities			
Housing	1,679	1,695	1,646
Urban and regional development	151	205	164
Environment protection	1,079	1,184	1,100
Total housing and community amenities	2,909	3,083	2,910
Recreation and culture			
Broadcasting	1,226	1,332	1,320
Arts and cultural heritage	829	938	1,267
Sport and recreation	273	388	450
National estate and parks	232	167	171
Total recreation and culture	2,561	2,826	3,207
Fuel and energy	4,635	5,103	5,361
Agriculture, forestry and fishing			
Wool industry	58	53	57
Grains industry	110	113	110
Dairy industry	81	59	69
Cattle, sheep and pig industry	168	165	165
Fishing, horticulture and other agriculture	483	347	353
General assistance not allocated to specific industries	137	483	456
Rural assistance	856	1,511	1,343
Natural resources development	405	823	766
General administration	532	532	516
Total agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,831	4,085	3,834
Mining, manufacturing and construction	1,920	1,846	1,410
Transport and communication			
Communication	546	567	534
Rail transport	51	180	186
Air transport	143	161	141
Road transport	2,173	3,079	2,853
Sea transport	226	318	239
Other transport and communication	157	181	177
Total transport and communication	3,296	4,486	4,129

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	2006-07 Outcome	2007-08 Estimate at 2008-09 Budget	2007-08 Outcome
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Other economic affairs			
Tourism and area promotion	196	193	207
Vocational and industry training	704	1,146	999
Labour market assistance to job seekers and industry	1,930	2,093	1,896
Industrial relations	303	594	508
Immigration	1,105	1,126	1,102
<i>Total labour and employment affairs</i>	<i>4,041</i>	<i>4,958</i>	<i>4,506</i>
Other economic affairs nec	934	1,315	1,213
Total other economic affairs	5,171	6,467	5,926
Other purposes			
Interest on Australian Government's behalf	3,592	3,538	3,544
Interest on behalf of States and Territories	0	0	0
Interest received on Australian Government stock	0	0	0
<i>Public debt interest</i>	<i>3,592</i>	<i>3,538</i>	<i>3,544</i>
Nominal superannuation interest	5,487	6,210	6,011
General revenue assistance - States and Territories	39,560	42,753	42,453
General capital assistance - States and Territories	0	0	0
Debt assistance	0	0	0
Local government assistance	1,704	1,795	1,798
Revenue assistance to the States and Territories	170	174	174
Assistance to other governments	699	771	852
<i>General purpose inter-government transactions</i>	<i>42,133</i>	<i>45,493</i>	<i>45,277</i>
Natural disaster relief	115	99	28
Contingency reserve(c)	589	-776	8
Total other purposes	51,915	54,564	54,868
Total expenses	259,084	280,551	280,109

(a) Purchases of specialist military equipment are now treated as net capital investment rather than as expenses.

(b) This sub-function now includes health care agreements, due to the new framework for federal financial relations.

(c) Asset sale related expenses are treated as a component of the Contingency Reserve.