

Other payments

The Australian Government makes payments to the states to support a range of other services, as detailed in Table 2.11.

Table 2.11: Payments to support other state services

\$million	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Partnership payments					
National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25					
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander					
Legal Services	88.2	89.6	91.0	-	-
Community legal centres	56.7	57.6	58.6	-	-
Coronial inquiries and expensive and complex cases	2.6	2.7	2.7	-	-
Domestic Violence Units and Health					
Justice Partnerships	14.5	14.7	14.9	-	-
Family advocacy and support services	27.1	27.7	28.3	-	-
Frontline support to address workplace sexual harassment	10.9	11.0	11.2	-	-
Increased legal assistance funding for vulnerable women	32.0	32.5	32.9	-	-
Justice Policy Partnership	0.7	0.7	-	-	-
Legal aid commissions	249.4	260.0	264.1	-	-
Legal assistance family law pilot program	3.6	3.6	3.6	-	-
State and territory legal assistance administration	4.8	4.9	4.9	-	-
Support Criminal Justice Reform through Coronial Inquiries	2.7	5.4	5.4	-	-
Supporting increased child sexual abuse prosecutions	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-
Supporting people with mental health conditions access the justice system	14.5	14.5	14.5	-	-
Total National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25	509.3	526.5	533.9	-	-
Additional funding for Legal Aid					
Commissions to support court reform	16.5	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth High Risk Terrorist Offender Regime	14.9	11.6	14.2	-	-
Countering Violent Extremism initiatives					
High Risk Extremist De-radicalisation Program	4.9	3.3	3.3	-	-
Living Safe Together Intervention Program	8.4	5.6	5.6	-	-
Family law information sharing	6.4	6.4	6.4	-	-
Financial assistance for police officers	0.4	-	-	-	-
Financial assistance to local governments					
Financial Assistance Grant program	833.5	3,106.4	3,256.8	3,391.0	3,529.0
Supplementary funding to South Australia for local roads	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	-
Indigenous Tourism Fund	8.5	4.3	4.3	-	-
Legal assistance for floods in QLD and NSW	7.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	-

Table 2.11: Payments to support other state services (continued)

\$million	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Partnership payments					
National Tourism Icons Package	3.8	1.3	5.2	-	-
North Bowen pipeline feasibility study	-	2.5	2.5	-	-
North Queensland strata title inspection scheme	2.9	-	-	-	-
Preventing harm in Australian prisons and other places of detention (OPCAT)	0.1	-	-	-	-
Provision of fire services	26.3	27.9	29.3	30.5	31.5
Scotdesco water security project	0.3	0.3	-	-	-
Sinking fund on state debt	..	..	..	..	..
Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault	-	2.6	2.6	2.6	-
Support for businesses impacted by COVID-19	339.5	-	-	-	-
Victorian energy compare IT infrastructure build for Consumer Data Right	0.9	-	-	-	-
Total	1,803.7	3,721.6	3,887.0	3,447.0	3,560.5

National Partnership payments for other services

National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	136.2	96.1	108.3	60.8	39.6	16.5	18.6	30.5	509.3
2023-24	139.5	98.6	111.1	62.6	41.2	17.3	19.4	31.4	526.5
2024-25	141.7	100.1	112.8	63.4	41.7	17.5	19.5	31.7	533.9
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	417.4	294.8	332.3	186.8	122.5	51.4	57.5	93.5	1,569.7

a) State allocations may not sum to total due to unallocated funds.

From 1 July 2020 over 5 years, the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25 provides funding to all states for legal assistance services delivered by legal aid commissions, community legal centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services.

Table 2.11 lists all programs funded under the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020–25.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Additional funding for Legal Aid Commissions to support court reform

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	5.0	4.2	4.1	-	1.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	16.5
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5.0	4.2	4.1	-	1.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	16.5

The Australian Government is providing funding for legal aid commissions to improve their capacity to support the implementation of, and transition to, a new case management approach in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia. The funding supports the delivery of timely and effective family law services by legal aid commissions in response to increased demand arising from the new approach to case management.

Commonwealth High Risk Terrorist Offender Regime^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	5.6	9.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.9
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.6
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5.6	9.3	~	~	~	~	~	~	40.8

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to the states to assist in protecting the Australian community from the threat posed by convicted high risk terrorist offenders. The states will provide support with detention and supervision orders and assist with assessment of ongoing risks.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Countering Violent Extremism initiatives

The Australian Government is providing funding to the states to strengthen national efforts to counter violent extremism.

High Risk Extremist De-radicalisation Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	1.3	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.9
2023-24	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.3
2024-25	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.5	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	11.5

The Australian Government is providing funding to the states to support de-radicalising high risk violent extremists in their custody through a new de-radicalisation program to rehabilitate and reintegrate high risk violent extremists in custodial settings.

Living Safe Together Intervention Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	1.5	1.8	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.4	8.4
2023-24	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	5.6
2024-25	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	5.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3.8	4.0	3.7	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.4	1.1	19.6

The Australian Government is providing funding to expand the national Living Safe Together Intervention Program to support at-risk individuals radicalising to violent extremism, by increasing the reach of countering violent extremism intervention services to younger Australians, including in regional and rural Australia, and online.

Family law information sharing

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	1.5	1.0	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	6.4
2023-24	1.5	1.0	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	6.4
2024-25	1.5	1.0	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	6.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4.5	3.0	4.3	2.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	0.6	19.2

The Australian Government is supporting the placement of state child protection and policing officials in the family law courts across Australia. These co-located officials are facilitating information sharing between the family law, child protection and family violence systems. They are also fostering a more coordinated response to safety issues, to promote the safety and wellbeing of families and children.

Financial assistance for police officers

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4

The Australian Government is providing transitional funding for the equal sharing of the costs of reimbursing New South Wales police officers who incur an additional tax liability from making voluntary superannuation contributions that exceed the statutory cap on concessional contributions. Funding covers liabilities incurred from 2016–17 to 2019–20 with reimbursements made in arrears over a 5-year period. The funding will also contribute to the cost-sharing of any fringe benefits tax that results from reimbursing police officers in these situations.

Financial assistance to local governments

Financial Assistance Grant program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23									
General purpose assistance	181.4	147.0	118.0	61.9	40.5	12.8	10.2	5.6	577.3
Local road component	74.3	52.8	48.0	39.2	14.1	13.6	8.2	6.0	256.2
Total financial assistance to local governments	255.7	199.8	166.0	101.1	54.6	26.3	18.4	11.6	833.5
2023-24									
General purpose assistance	674.4	549.1	441.3	230.9	150.4	47.1	37.8	20.7	2,151.7
Local road component	277.0	196.8	178.9	146.0	52.5	50.6	30.6	22.4	954.8
Total financial assistance to local governments	951.4	746.0	620.1	376.9	202.9	97.7	68.4	43.1	3,106.4
2024-25									
General purpose assistance	705.3	578.2	462.8	242.2	156.9	49.0	39.7	21.6	2,255.8
Local road component	290.4	206.4	187.5	153.1	55.0	53.0	32.1	23.4	1,001.0
Total financial assistance to local governments	995.7	784.6	650.3	395.3	211.9	102.1	71.8	45.1	3,256.8
2025-26									
General purpose assistance	732.7	604.5	481.8	252.3	162.6	50.9	41.5	22.5	2,348.8
Local road component	302.4	214.9	195.3	159.4	57.3	55.2	33.4	24.4	1,042.2
Total financial assistance to local governments	1,035.1	819.4	677.1	411.6	219.8	106.1	75.0	46.9	3,391.0
2026-27									
General purpose assistance	760.7	631.4	501.6	262.7	168.4	52.8	43.5	23.4	2,444.4
Local road component	314.7	223.6	203.2	165.8	59.6	57.5	34.8	25.4	1,084.6
Total financial assistance to local governments	1,075.3	855.0	704.8	428.5	228.0	110.3	78.2	48.8	3,529.0

The Financial Assistance Grant program consists of 2 components: a general purpose component and a local road component. The general purpose component is the larger component and is distributed between the states on a per capita basis, while the local road component is distributed between the states according to fixed historical shares.

Funding under the Financial Assistance Grant program is paid through state governments to local governments. State grants commissions determine the intrastate distribution of the grants between local governments. Both funding components are untied and can be spent according to each local government's own priorities.

Funding of \$2.1 billion was brought forward from 2022–23 and paid in 2021–22 to give councils immediate access to funds to help manage the cumulative impacts of floods and the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of cashflow pressures on some local governments, the Australian Government will continue to work with states in relation to the financial sustainability of the local government sector, including advancing 75 per cent of funding earlier than would usually occur.

Supplementary funding to South Australia for local roads

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	20.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	20.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	20.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	20.0	-	-	-	20.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	80.0	-	-	-	80.0

The Australian Government is providing supplementary funding to South Australia for local roads.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Indigenous Tourism Fund^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.5
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.3
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	17.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to co-invest with states on strategic projects that increase the supply of First Nations tourism experiences and/or create supply chain opportunities for First Nations tourism businesses. This program uses the Indigenous Tourism Fund to leverage and co-invest in significant First Nations tourism projects that align with strategic priorities of states, and deliver long-term benefits for the First Nations tourism sector in each state.

Legal assistance for floods in QLD and NSW

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	4.2	-	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	7.1
2023-24	1.8	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2024-25	1.8	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2025-26	1.8	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9.5	-	6.6	-	-	-	-	-	16.1

The Australian Government is providing funding over 4 years to community legal centres in New South Wales and Queensland, in areas that were affected by the 2019–20 bushfires and the 2022 floods. This funding will help meet the increase in demand for legal assistance services to individuals, small businesses, and primary producers following these unprecedented natural disasters.

National Tourism Icons Package

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	0.6	3.1	-	0.1	-	-	3.8
2023-24	-	-	0.7	-	-	0.7	-	-	1.3
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	-	-	5.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1.2	3.1	-	6.0	-	-	10.3

The National Tourism Icons Package provides a catalyst for developing tourism within each region, creating jobs, and helping to diversify local economies. Projects are the construction of the Wangetti Trail in Queensland, the upgrade of tourist facilities on Rottneet Island in Western Australia and upgrading tourist facilities at Freycinet in Tasmania.

North Bowen pipeline feasibility study

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
2024-25	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	5.0

The Australian Government will provide a \$5 million co-contribution to collaborate with the Queensland Government on a series of pipeline feasibility studies. The studies will explore the feasibility of a new pipeline to link the north Bowen Basin to the east coast gas market and other centres of gas demand.

North Queensland strata title inspection scheme

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	2.9

This scheme provides bodies corporate in North Queensland with information about the existing resilience of their properties and strategies to improve that resilience if needed.

Preventing harm in Australian prisons and other places of detention (OPCAT)^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	0.1
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	0.1

a) Totals reflect bilateral schedules and not the total available funding for the states.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) in each jurisdiction. OPCAT establishes mechanisms to prevent mistreatment of people deprived of their liberty and creates a framework for continuously improving oversight of places of detention. The Australian Capital Territory is the only jurisdiction whose government has entered into a funding agreement with the Australian Government.

Provision of fire services

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	6.3	3.5	4.4	2.3	1.5	0.2	5.5	2.6	26.3
2023-24	6.6	3.7	4.7	2.4	1.6	0.2	5.8	2.8	27.9
2024-25	7.0	3.9	4.9	2.5	1.7	0.2	6.1	2.9	29.3
2025-26	7.3	4.1	5.1	2.7	1.7	0.2	6.3	3.1	30.5
2026-27	7.5	4.2	5.3	2.7	1.8	0.3	6.5	3.2	31.5
Total	34.6	19.5	24.6	12.7	8.2	1.2	30.2	14.6	145.5

The Australian Government is contributing to the provision of standard fire services to Australian Government-owned property in the states and territories.

Scotdesco water security project

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	0.3
2023-24	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	0.3
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5

The Australian Government is providing funding to contribute towards the investigation and delivery of a permanent solution to drinking water for the remote community of Scotdesco in South Australia.

Sinking fund on state debt

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2023-24	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2024-25	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2025-26	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
2026-27	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
Total	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..

The Australian Government is contributing to the Debt Retirement Reserve Trust Account on behalf of New South Wales and Victoria in accordance with the *Financial Agreement Act 1994*. Monies standing to the credit of the account are applied to repurchase state debt that is governed by this legislation.

Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.6
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.6
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.7

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding over 3 years from 2023–24 to pilot a new service model in 3 locations across Australia to provide victim-survivors of sexual assault with greater access to specialised and trauma-informed legal support and guidance in navigating the criminal justice system.

Support for businesses impacted by COVID-19

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	113.0	50.0	66.5	73.5	-	36.5	-	-	339.5
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	113.0	50.0	66.5	73.5	-	36.5	-	-	339.5

The Australian Government is providing funding for the remainder of COVID-19 Business Support Payments made by the states to assist businesses that were impacted by extended lockdowns and border closures due to COVID-19. State and territory governments administered the Business Support Payments with the Australian Government generally contributing 50 per cent of the costs.

Victorian energy compare IT infrastructure build for Consumer Data Right

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9

The Australian Government is providing funding to make Victorian energy product reference data available through the Consumer Data Right.