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This supporting analysis presents revenue and expenditure data by jurisdiction. Jurisdictions present budget data differently in their budget papers. It is not always possible to match expenditure or revenue categories between jurisdictions or years, so some anomalies may still be present in this data. This particularly applies to small spending categories. See pages 35-46 for further details.

Unless otherwise noted, reference to States also includes Territories.

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Commonwealth recurrent expenditure by policy area, 2013-14

**Defence 6%**
- Military capability
- Intelligence & nat. security
- Military operations

**Infrastructure 2%**
- Infrastructure, transport and planning

**Untied transfers to states 13%**
- Untied transfers to states

**Health 16%**
- Primary care & med services
- Pharmaceuticals
- Private health insurance

**Education & research 13%**
- Schools
- Research
- Higher ed

**Welfare 29%**
- Seniors
- Family support
- Workforce
- Disability
- Carers
- NFS
- Other

**Everything else 24%**
- Community services
- Immigration & customs
- Other

Note: Includes funds transferred to States. NFS=not further specified. ‘Other’ comprises all expenditure not elsewhere included, including employment, housing, disability services, communications, superannuation, legal, criminal justice, arts and sport, water, and emergency services. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Source: Grattan analysis of Commonwealth Budget Papers 2013-14 and PBO unpublished data.
State recurrent expenditure by policy area, 2013-14

- Health 25%
- Education & research 20%
- Infrastructure 16%
- Everything else 39%

Note: Based on analysis of NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australian budgets. NFS=not further specified. ‘Other’ comprises all expenditure not elsewhere included, including legal, emergency services, arts and sport, ageing and aged care, employment and water. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Source: Grattan analysis of State Budget Papers 2013-14.
Change in recurrent expenditure by category, 2002-03 to 2013-14

Change in Commonwealth recurrent expenditure
Real change in expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

Change in State recurrent expenditure
Real change in expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

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Change in total recurrent expenditure, 2002-03 to 2013-14

Real change in combined Commonwealth and State recurrent expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

Note: Based on analysis of Commonwealth, NSW, Vic, Qld and WA data. NFS=not further specified. Categories that changed by less than $1 billion not shown. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Change in Commonwealth recurrent expenditure, 2002-03 to 2013-14

Real change in Commonwealth expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

Note: Includes funds transferred to states. NFS=not further specified. Categories that changed by less than $1 billion not shown. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.
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Real change in combined State and Territory expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

Note: Based on analysis of NSW, Vic, Qld and WA data. NFS=not further specified. Categories that changed by less than $0.5 billion not shown. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

## Total recurrent expenditure, 2013-14 (1/3)

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<td>Climate change and environment</td>
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<td>0.9%</td>
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<td>Infrastructure, transport and planning</td>
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<td>7.1%</td>
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<td>4.56</td>
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<td>1.05</td>
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<tr>
<td>Research</td>
<td>4.55</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
<td>4.47</td>
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<td>Superannuation</td>
<td>6.08</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
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<td>Untied transfers to states</td>
<td>-</td>
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## Total recurrent expenditure, 2013-14 (3/3)

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<td>Water</td>
<td>1.40 0.3%</td>
<td>0.51 0.2%</td>
<td>0.89 0.4%</td>
<td>0.96 0.2%</td>
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<td>Welfare payments - disability</td>
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<td>16.75 4.2%</td>
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<td>Welfare payments - family support</td>
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<td>27.44 6.9%</td>
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<td>Welfare payments - seniors</td>
<td>38.46 7.4%</td>
<td>38.46 12.7%</td>
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<td>39.77 10.0%</td>
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<td>Welfare payments - carers</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>6.81 1.7%</td>
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<td>Welfare payments - other</td>
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<td>1.92 0.5%</td>
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<td>Welfare payments - NFS</td>
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<td>6.90 1.7%</td>
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<td>Welfare payments - workforce</td>
<td>16.59 3.2%</td>
<td>16.59 5.5%</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>17.15 4.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>517.66 100.0%</td>
<td>303.00 100.0%</td>
<td>214.65 100.0%</td>
<td>398.30 100.0%</td>
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New South Wales recurrent expenditure

NSW recurrent expenditure by category, 2013-14
Total expenditure = $64.5bn

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education &amp; research</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Everything else</td>
<td>38%</td>
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Note: ‘Other’ comprises all expenditure not elsewhere included. ‘Social services’ comprises ageing and aged care services, disability services, and community services. ‘Govt & econ’ comprises government operations and economy and finance. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Victorian recurrent expenditure

Victorian recurrent expenditure by category, 2013-14
Total expenditure = $47.1bn

Health 26%
Education & research 23%
Infrastructure 13%
Everything else 38%

Change in Victorian recurrent expenditure, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $'2013 bn

Note: ‘Other’ comprises all expenditure not elsewhere included. ‘Social services’ comprises ageing and aged care services, disability services, and community services. ‘Govt & econ’ comprises government operations and economy and finance. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Queensland recurrent expenditure by category, 2013-14
Total expenditure = $46.3bn

Queensland recurrent expenditure

- **Healthy 24%**
- **Everything else 38%**
- **Infrastructure 18%**
- **Education & research 18%**

Change in Queensland recurrent expenditure, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

- **Health**
- **Infrastructure & planning**
- **Other**
- **Schools**
- **Social services**
- **Government & economy**
- **Criminal justice**
- **Debt mgt**
- **Industry**
- **Research**
- **Skills**
- **Early childhood**
- **Primary care & med. services**
- **Hospitals**
- **Other**

Note: ‘Other’ comprises all expenditure not elsewhere included. ‘Social services’ comprises ageing and aged care services, disability services, and community services. ‘Govt & econ’ comprises government operations and economy and finance. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Western Australian recurrent expenditure

Western Australian recurrent expenditure by category, 2013-14
Total expenditure = $26.4bn

- Health: 26%
- Infrastructure: 14%
- Education & research: 19%
- Everything else: 41%

Change in Western Australian recurrent expenditure, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in expenditure, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

Note: ‘Other’ comprises all expenditure not elsewhere included. ‘Social services’ comprises ageing and aged care services, disability services, and community services. ‘Govt & econ’ comprises government operations and economy and finance. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

New South Wales revenue

NSW revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $65.6bn

- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other Tax
- Royalties
- GST
- Other untied grants
- Tied grants
- National Partnership Payments
- Own-source non tax
- Own-source tax
- Commonwealth transfers – untied
- Commonwealth transfers – tied
- Royalties
- Payroll tax
- Stamp duties
- Motor vehicle taxes
- Land tax
- Gambling taxes
- Insurance duties
- On-passing

Change in NSW revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other
- Tax
- Royalties
- GST
- Other untied grants
- Tied grants

Note: ‘Investment income’ includes interest income, dividends, and tax-equivalent payments from State entities. ‘Other own-source’ includes fines, fees, grants from entities other than the Commonwealth, and other revenue not elsewhere included. See ‘A Bluffer’s Guide to Budgets’ on p69 of main report for detail of types of Commonwealth grants. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Victorian revenue

Victorian revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $50.3bn

- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other
- Payroll tax
- GST revenue
- Stamp duties
- Motor vehicle taxes
- Land tax
- Insurance duties
- Gambling taxes
- Royalties
- National Partnership Payments
- On-passing
- Investment income

Own-source
non tax 22%

C'wth transfers – tied 24%
C'wth transfers – untied 22%
Royalties <1%

Change in Victorian revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

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Queensland revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $44.7bn

- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other
- Payroll tax
- Stamp duties
- Motor vehicle taxes
- Gambling taxes
- Land tax
- Insurance duties
- Other taxes
- Specific Purpose Payments
- National Partnership Payments
- On-passing
- Own-source non tax 23%
- Royalties 6%
- Own-source tax 27%
- C'wth transfers – untied 24%
- C'wth transfers – tied 20%

Change in Queensland revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

- Real growth
- Growth if revenue a constant % of GDP

Sale of goods & services
Investment income
Other
Tax
Royalties
GST
Other untied grants
Tied grants

Own-source
C'wth transfers

Note: ‘Investment income’ includes interest income, dividends, and tax-equivalent payments from State entities. ‘Other own-source’ includes fines, fees, grants from entities other than the Commonwealth, and other revenue not elsewhere included. See ‘A Bluffer’s Guide to Budgets’ on p69 of main report for detail of types of Commonwealth grants. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Western Australian revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $28.0bn

Western Australian revenue

- Royalties 21%
- GST revenue
- Stamp duties
- Royalties
- Payroll tax
- Other untied
- Specific Purpose Payments
- National Partnership Payments
- Sale of goods & services
- On-passing
- Investment income
- Other

Own-source tax 33%

Own-source non tax 15%

C’wth transfers – untied 13%

C’wth transfers – tied 18%

Change in Western Australian revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

- Real growth
- Growth if revenue a constant % of GDP

Note: ‘Investment income’ includes interest income, dividends, and tax-equivalent payments from State entities. ‘Other own-source’ includes fines, fees, grants from entities other than the Commonwealth, and other revenue not elsewhere included. ‘Other untied’ is mostly royalty equivalent payments. See ‘A Bluffer’s Guide to Budgets’ on p69 of main report for detail of types of Commonwealth grants. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

South Australian revenue

South Australian revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $15.3bn

- Own-source tax 28%
- Royalties 2%
- GST revenue
- Stamp duties
- Land tax
- Payroll tax
- Motor vehicle taxes
- Gambling taxes
- Other taxes
- Royalties
- Specific Purpose Payments
- National Partnership Payments
- On-passing
- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other

Change in South Australian revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

- Real growth
- Growth if revenue a constant % of GDP

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Tasmanian revenue

Tasmanian revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $4.8bn

- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other
- Payroll tax
- Motor vehicle taxes
- Stamp duties
- Gambling taxes
- Land tax
- Insurance duties
- Other taxes
- Royalties
- GST revenue
- National Partnership Payments
- Specific Purpose Payments
- On-passing
- Own-source non tax 22%
- C’wth transfers – untied 38%
- C’wth transfers – tied 20%
- Royalties 1%
- Own-source tax 20%

Change in Tasmanian revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

Note: ‘Investment income’ includes interest income, dividends, and tax-equivalent payments from State entities. ‘Other own-source’ includes fines, fees, grants from entities other than the Commonwealth, and other revenue not elsewhere included. See ‘A Bluffer’s Guide to Budgets’ on p69 of main report for detail of types of Commonwealth grants. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

Northern Territory revenue

Northern Territory revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $4.8bn

Change in Northern Territory revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

Sale of goods & services
Investment income
Other
Payroll tax
Stamp duties
Motor vehicle taxes
Insurance duties
Gambling taxes
Royalties

Real growth
Growth if revenue a constant % of GDP

Note: ‘Investment income’ includes interest income, dividends, and tax-equivalent payments from State entities. ‘Other own-source’ includes fines, fees, grants from entities other than the Commonwealth, and other revenue not elsewhere included. ‘Other untied’ is mostly royalty equivalent payments. See ‘A Bluffer’s Guide to Budgets’ on p69 of main report for detail of types of Commonwealth grants. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

ACT revenue

ACT revenue by category, 2013-14
Total revenue = $4.2bn

- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other taxes
- Stamp duties
- Motor vehicle taxes
- Land tax
- Insurance duties
- Gambling taxes
- National Partnership Payments
- On-passing
- Other tied

Own-source non tax 27%
Own-source tax 31%

C’wth transfers – untied 26%
C’wth transfers – tied 17%
Other untied

Change in ACT revenues, 2002-03 to 2013-14
Real change in revenue, 2003 to 2014, $2013 bn

- Sale of goods & services
- Investment income
- Other
- Tax
- Royalties
- GST
- Other untied grants
- Tied grants

Real growth
Growth if revenue a constant % of GDP

Note: ‘Investment income’ includes interest income, dividends, and tax-equivalent payments from State entities. ‘Other own-source’ includes fines, fees, grants from entities other than the Commonwealth, and other revenue not elsewhere included. ‘Other untied’ is payments for ACT municipal services used by the Commonwealth, and local government equivalent grant payments. ACT does not earn royalties. See ‘A Bluffer’s Guide to Budgets’ on p69 of main report for detail of types of Commonwealth grants. See p35-40 of this volume for further notes.

State depreciation and interest expenditure

Total depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
- % of operating revenue

Total depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
- % of operating revenue

Total depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of GSP
- % of GSP

Total depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of GSP
- % of GSP

Source: ABS (2013) cat 5512, State and Territory budget papers (2013-14)

Note: GSP forecast based on 10 year compound annual growth rate

Source: ABS (2013) cat 5512, State and Territory budget papers (2013-14)
Total state capital expenditure, depreciation, interest and debt

Capital expenditure has increased significantly over time
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
% of revenue

Note: Total net investment in fixed assets (excludes PPP payments)

Net debt and net operating balance
$ billions, ($2012-13)

Depreciation, interest and capital expenditure as a percentage of GSP
% of GSP

Note: Net operating balances for 2013 onwards are estimates and forecasts

Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 state budget assumptions for economic forecasts
Source: ABS (2013) cat 5512 and cat 5220, State and Territory budget papers (2013-14)
**New South Wales capital expenditure**

**Current capital expenditure is double that of 10 years ago**

Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

Note: Total net investment in fixed assets (excludes PPP payments). Includes payments to PNFCs classified as recurrent expenditure


**Net debt and net operating balance**

$ billions, ($2012-13)

Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts


**Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue**

% of revenue

Note: Asset revaluations resulted in increased depreciation from 2012-13


**Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of GSP**

% of GSP

Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 state budget assumptions for economic forecasts

Victorian capital expenditure

Capital expenditure has increased significantly over time
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
% of revenue

Net debt and net operating balance
$ billions, ($2012-13)

Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of GSP
% of GSP

Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts

Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 state budget assumptions for economic forecasts
Queensland capital expenditure

Capital expenditure in 2014 is four times that of 10 years ago
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

Note: Total net investment in fixed assets (excludes PPP payments). Significant capital expenditure has been spent on natural disaster recovery.

Net debt and operating balance
$ billions, ($2012-13)

Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts

Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
% of revenue


Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of GSP
% of GSP

Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 state budget assumptions for economic forecasts
Western Australian capital expenditure

Current capital expenditure is four times that of 10 years ago
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
% of revenue

Net debt and operating balance
$ billions, ($2012-13)

Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts

Depreciation, interest and capital expenditure as a percentage of GSP
% of GSP

Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 state budget assumptions for economic forecasts
South Australian capital expenditure

Current capital expenditure is double that of 10 years ago
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

Net debt and net operating balance
$ billions ($2012-13)

Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
% of revenue

Depreciation, interest and capital expenditure as a percentage of GSP
% of GSP

Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts


Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 state budget assumptions for economic forecasts
Tasmanian capital expenditure

Capital expenditure peaked with Commonwealth stimulus packages
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)


Interest expense is limited and depreciation costs steady
% of revenue


Net debt and net operating balance
$ billions, ($2012-13)


Depreciation, interest and capital expenditure as a percentage of GSP
% of GSP


Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts

Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 state budget assumptions for economic forecasts
Northern Territory capital expenditure

Current capital expenditure is significantly higher than 10 years ago
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue
% of revenue

Net debt and net operating balance
$ billions, ($2012-13)

Depreciation, interest and capital expenditure as a percentage of GSP
% of GSP

Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts

Note: GSP forecast based on 2013-14 territory budget assumptions for economic forecasts
**ACT capital expenditure**

**Current capital expenditure has grown steadily**
Net acquisition of non-financial assets, $ billions ($2012-13)

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Note: Current capital expenditure has grown steadily due to the Cth stimulus package.

**Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue**
% of revenue

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Note: Depreciation and interest expense as a percentage of revenue have increased over the years due to higher capital expenditure.

**Net debt and net operating balance**
$ billions, ($2012-13)

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Note: Net operating balances for 2013 are estimates and subsequent years are forecasts.


Part B: Budget analysis approach

This note applies to the data presented in Figures 3, 7-10, 12-13, 19-21, 23-25, 29-34 and the accompanying text in the main volume of this report, and the data presented in Part A of this Supporting Analysis.

B.1 Recurrent expenditure analysis methodology

The data in this paper represents our best efforts to date in breaking down budget expenditure by policy area. Our approach has been to categorise all general government expenditure listed in the Portfolio Budget Statements (for the Commonwealth), and equivalent budget documents for the States, using budgeted figures for 2002-03 and 2013-14. For Commonwealth expenditure for 2013-14, we have also made use of expenditure data collated by the Parliamentary Budget Office.\(^1\) In some cases, we contacted the relevant Treasury department for clarification of issues.

Our expenditure categories differ from those used in the ABS Government Finance Statistics (GFS), which are used to develop the ‘expenses by function’ data published in the Commonwealth budget,\(^2\) and equivalent State government papers in their Uniform Presentation Frameworks, and the Parliamentary Budget Office’s expenditure analysis.\(^3\) See Section B.2 below for a further explanation of our categorization approach.

Assumptions and caveats are as follows:

- The expenditure analysis is based on Commonwealth, NSW, Victorian, Queensland and Western Australian budget data. Other State and Territory expenditures for each category are assumed to be proportionate to the included States as a percentage of each State or Territory’s total expenditure. We believe this is a reasonable approximation. In 2012-13, NSW, Victoria, Western Australia and Queensland together comprised 86 per cent of State and Territory expenditure. With the addition of Commonwealth expenditure, the analysis includes 94 per cent of Australian government expenditure.

- Determining total government expenditure in Australia is complicated by federal financial relations, which involves transfers of funds from the Commonwealth to the States. We have removed the double-counting of expenditure that would result from simple addition of jurisdiction totals. For all charts showing combined Commonwealth and State expenditure:
  - Commonwealth transfers to States (approx. $95bn in 2013-14) have been included as State expenditures only.
  - Some funding (approx. $11bn in 2013-14) is also paid by the Commonwealth ‘through’ the States to other entities (mostly non-government schools and local governments). This is sometimes known as ‘on-passings’. As States have no discretion over this funding, it is classified as Commonwealth expenditure in this paper, and is also removed from the total expenditure from each State where

\(^1\) PBO (n.d.-a)
\(^2\) Refer to Budget Paper 1, Statement 6: Expenses and Net Capital Investment.
\(^3\) PBO (2013)
the published total includes on-passings.

In both cases, we have used Commonwealth figures for transfer amounts for consistency.

- The analysis includes all non-capital (recurrent) expenditure listed in the budget papers. Capital expenditure is analysed separately; the methodology is described below in Section B.5.

- For each jurisdiction, our expenditure data sums to a figure greater than the published expenditure total. This is because our data includes some transfers between agencies in the same jurisdiction that cannot be identified from publicly available information. The majority of the difference between our data and the published budget totals is accounted for by these transfers. Most jurisdictions list the total amount of these transfers; once these are subtracted from our totals where possible, and on-passings are accounted for, the difference between the published totals and our totals as a proportion of the published expenditure total are:

  - Commonwealth 2002-03 – 3.9% 2013-14 – 4.4%
  - NSW 2002-03 – 1.5% 2013-14 – 1.6%
  - Victoria 2002-03 – 9.0% 2013-14 – 9.3%
  - Queensland 2002-03 – 15.5% 2013-14 – 12.0%
  - Western Australia 2002-03 – 9.3% 2013-14 – 6.0%

In each case, the unidentified transfers have been spread across all categories, in proportion to the size of the categories. In other words, the share of expenditure for each category derived from the decomposed data has been applied to the published budget total for that jurisdiction.

B.2 Expenditure categorisation

While the vast majority of expenditure is straightforward to categorise, there will always be a few items that could legitimately be included in more than one place. A good example is spending on police forces, which could be placed either in ‘emergency services’ or ‘criminal justice’ – we have chosen the latter, and applied it consistently to all jurisdictions across time.

We have not used Government Finance Statistics (GFS) expenditure categories. GFS categories do not provide sufficient detail in some areas, and classification of expenditure is not always transparent, or consistent over time and between jurisdictions. For example, in 2002-03 Youth Allowance payments to students were classified as welfare expenditure; in 2012-13 they are classified as education expenditure. We have consistently applied our policy categorisations across jurisdictions and across years to the greatest extent possible, within the limitations of the way data is presented in the budget papers.

Table B.1 provides descriptions of the types of expenditure included in each category. The list is illustrative rather than comprehensive. The operational costs of departments have been included in the relevant category.
## Table B.1: Description of expenditure categories

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<td>Arts and sports programs; expenses for national museums, galleries and libraries</td>
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<td>Climate change and environmental protection programs and agencies; natural resource management; Bureau of Meteorology</td>
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<td>ABC, SBS, communications regulation and programs</td>
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<td>Community care and support services, including for veterans, children, and indigenous Australians. Excludes services specifically for the aged and people with disability, and housing expenditure</td>
<td>Child protection and out-of-home care; community care and support services; Indigenous security services; support for specific groups including women, youth and veterans. Excludes services specifically for aged and people with disability, and housing expenditure</td>
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<td>Criminal justice</td>
<td>Australian Federal Police (AFP) and other criminal justice agencies</td>
<td>Police forces; crime prevention; corrections and custodial services</td>
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<td>Australian Tax Office; Australian Securities and Investments Commission, policy and budget advice in the Department of the Treasury and Department of Finance and Deregulation</td>
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B.3 Revenue analysis methodology

Revenue analysis uses budgeted revenue data from all jurisdictions for 2002-03 and 2013-14. It does not require the adjustments outlined above as we have adopted the revenue categories used by government.

We have removed the double-counting of revenue that would result from simple addition of jurisdiction totals. For all figures showing combined Commonwealth and State revenue, funds collected by the Commonwealth and then transferred to the States have been counted as Commonwealth revenues only unless otherwise noted.

B.4 GDP growth relative to CPI

In the expenditure growth charts like Figures 8, 12-13, 19, and 21-24, we use a measure of GDP growth as a point of comparison for spending growth. This GDP measure is deflated by the CPI deflator. The purpose of this conversion is to allow the reader to interpret categories that exceed the line as increasing in share of the economy in nominal terms, while still allowing a rough comparison of spending categories across time.

In reality, the prices of various spending categories do not follow the CPI, and so we should only use the CPI-adjusted spending as a guide to real spending changes.
B.5 Capital expenditure accounting

The following paragraphs detail how capital expenditure is accounted for in government budgets. Different processes occur depending on the financing mechanism: government or PPP funded.

Accounting for project grants (revenue)

Where states receive Commonwealth grants for capital investment (including for PPPs), governments must record the grant against revenue in the year it is received, as recurrent revenue. It is then allocated to annual expenses (usually capital expenses) as the project is implemented.

Some states account for capital related grant revenue as unallocated capital and use this to offset the state’s net debt until it is spent. The unallocated capital is then built into the forward estimates. However, some states may allocate the grant into general revenue, tempting state governments to allocate it to projects or expenses other than the capital expenditure it is intended for.

Accounting for capital expenditure

Governments account for general government capital expenditure in their operating statement through the:

- Net acquisition of non-financial assets – net funds spent on building or acquiring capital assets
- Interest expense – the cost of financing debt for capital expenditure
- Depreciation expense – the annualised cost or consumption of an asset over its useful life
- Operating expenses – the associated cost of running an asset for example building maintenance costs and electricity to run train lines.

In addition to the operating statement, the overall impact of funding capital expenditure through borrowing is reflected in the budget’s balance sheet in net debt.

The analysis in the text varies from headline figures reported by individual state and territory governments. The analysis in the text is roughly equivalent to the cash spent each year on capital expenditure by core government agencies. The amount recorded in government budgets may differ due to accounting rules, such as those that record the entire capital expenditure on a PPP in the year when the project is completed and the finance lease is formally accepted by the government, rather than being recognised over the years as the capital works are in progress. For example, this explains the very large spike in South Australia’s capital expenditure, as the spending on the Royal Adelaide Hospital is all recognised when the hospital is commissioned, rather than over the several years of its construction, as shown in Figure B.1
Governments may also provide funding to Public Non-Financial Corporations (PNFCs) to build infrastructure and deliver services on behalf of the government. States account for this funding differently. In Queensland, for example, it is recorded as an equity payment to Government Owned Corporations (GOCs).

In New South Wales, the government leases trains and buses from PNFCs RailCorp and the State Transit Authority. As the government is the only user of these assets, it accounts for the capital component of lease payments as general government capital expenditure under the net acquisition of non-financial assets.

In some circumstances, maintenance expenditure normally accounted for as operating expenditure, is capitalised, or recorded against capital accounts.

**Accounting for PPPs**

As PPPs are financed by private investment, state governments account for the capital expenditure differently to when capital expenditure is publicly financed. Governments account for PPPs as finance leases.

When an asset is commissioned, governments record the associated finance lease as borrowings in the state’s net debt. At the same time, governments increase their non-financial assets by the asset’s ‘fair value’. This is reflected in states’ ‘net acquisition of non-financial assets’. However, PPPs are not listed individually; some governments explicitly acknowledge which PPPs are included and their value, while others do not.

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**Figure B.1: South Australia – purchase of non-financial assets 2012-13**

$ billions, (2012-13 $)

- Planned commissioning of Royal Adelaide Hospital
- Cth stimulus package

*Source: South Australian Budget Papers, Budget Paper 3, (multiple years)*

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4 Also referred to as Government Owned Corporations (GOCs) in Queensland and Public Trading Entities (PTEs) in New South Wales.

5 For example, see Victorian 2013-14 Budget Paper 5 Note 20 p38

6 For example, Victorian 2013-14 Budget Paper 5 Note 15 includes a category of ‘other movements in non-financial assets’. The forward estimate for 2015-16 reflects the expected commissioning of the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, although it is not explicitly labeled as such.
The finance lease makes states liable for regular contractual service payments to the private operators. These payments include both interest and capital expenditure component. However, due to the finance arrangement and accounting rules, the capital expenditure component is not reflected in any capital expenditure budget line. Rather, it is recorded against, and reduces, the state’s finance lease liability. The capital expenditure component of PPPs is not readily identifiable unless the government explicitly identifies this component outside of regular accounting standards.\(^7\)

\(^7\) For example, Victorian 2013-14 Budget Paper 4 Table 6
### B.6 Future budget pressures

The assumptions underpinning Figure 1 in the main report, and the associated text, are as follows:

**Table B.2: Estimates of effects on future government budget balances**

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<td>Forecast surplus 2016-17</td>
<td>-1.0%</td>
<td>Grattan Institute analysis of nominal budget forecasts in Commonwealth and State mid-year budget updates (released December 2013 to February 2014).</td>
<td>Section 3.2</td>
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<td>Long-run commitments</td>
<td>1.0% to 1.5%</td>
<td>Commitments and likely spending pressures with significant increases in spending beyond the forward estimates, including National Disability Insurance Scheme, school funding, defence spending and Overseas Development Aid.</td>
<td>Section 7.3</td>
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<td>Health costs</td>
<td>1.5% to 2.0%</td>
<td>Over the last decade, health costs have increased more quickly than national output — health spending now forms a larger portion of GDP than before. This appears to be a feature of rich countries with ageing populations. Health is a luxury good—one that forms a larger percentage of consumption as incomes rise. As a country becomes richer, its citizens prefer another year of life to another proverbial sports car. On nominal terms, the increase in health spending grew in share of GDP by about 1 per cent. However, the price of minerals increased much faster than the price of health, and so minerals production grew its share of GDP in nominal terms. If economy-wide prices had increased at the same rate as health prices, health share of GDP would have increased by almost 2 per cent. For the coming decade, we do not expect another large terms of trade boom, and so expect economy-wide and health prices to be roughly matched. However, we also expect the trends in real health spending to continue. For this reason, we expect government health spending to increase in share of GDP by about 1.5 to 2 per cent.</td>
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8 Hall and Jones (2007)
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<td>Higher welfare costs</td>
<td>0.5% to 2.0%</td>
<td>Decreases in inequality per dollar spent on welfare were higher in Australia than in any other OECD country. We assume that this high level of targeting continues, and that the cost of decreasing inequality scales with GDP. This gives us a price of decreasing inequality in terms of welfare budget. Assuming that the counterfactual Gini index grows at the same rate as the last decade, this gives an increase in inequality, which is multiplied by the price in terms of welfare spending to arrive at a number of around 2 per cent of GDP. However, under a progressive taxation system and increasing incomes at the top, some of the decreases in inequality will be had by the tax system. Therefore we project a cost of 0.5% GDP as a sensible baseline. As a check, this is similar in magnitude to the increase in Age Pension expenditure as a share of GDP over the last decade that is not explained by CPI or ageing (Section 4.5.1).</td>
<td>Section 7.2.2</td>
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<td>Potential terms of trade fall</td>
<td>0.5% to 1.5%</td>
<td>We extended the McDonald et. al. model of structural budget position to include more recent data. This suggests there is currently a cyclical surplus or between 0.5 and 1.5 per cent of GDP—depending on the assumption of the level of “structural” terms of trade. A reversal of the cycle (which would almost certainly occur due to a sharp fall in the terms of trade) would decrease government revenue by this cyclical amount.</td>
<td>Section 7.1.1</td>
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<td>General assumption</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>We assume that all other revenues and costs grow proportionately with GDP</td>
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<td>Total decline in budget position</td>
<td>4.5% to 8.0%</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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9 OECD (2008); Greenville, et al. (2013)  
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