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NOTES

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MAIN FEATURES

CULTURAL FUNDING IN 1995-96

BY GOVERNMENTS

- Total government funding on culture was \$3,195.0 million which represents an increase of \$143.5 million (4.7%) from 1994-95. Funding to all four major groups increased, with the group Cultural facilities and services, whose funding grew by \$75.6 million (5.9%), being the major contributor.
- Of the total government funding, Commonwealth Government funding accounted for \$1,372.2 million (42.9%), State/Territory governments \$1,217.6 million (38.1%) and local government \$605.2 million (18.9%).
- Most funding (\$1,346.3 million or 42.1%) went to the group Cultural facilities and services, with libraries and archives being the main beneficiaries (\$588.9 million). State/Territory authorities contributed \$663.1 million, which was almost 50% of all government funding to Cultural facilities and services.

FUNDING PER HEAD

- Cultural funding was equivalent to \$176 per head of mean population of which Commonwealth funding was \$75 per head, State/Territory governments \$67 per head and local government \$33 per head.

FUNDING COMPOSITION

- Commonwealth cultural funding accounted for 1.4% of total Commonwealth 'own-purpose' general government outlays. The proportion of State/Territory cultural funding to total State/Territory general government outlays was a little higher (1.9%) but the proportion for local government was significantly higher at 8.1%. Funding on culture represented 1.9% of total general government outlays.
- The composition of cultural funding differs markedly between each level of government, with broadcasting and film accounting for 64.4% of Commonwealth cultural funding, whereas cultural facilities and services was the major component of both State/Territory and local government funding (54.5% and 63.6% respectively).
- Almost 60% of Commonwealth funding was for radio and television broadcasting, just under half of local government funding was for libraries and archives and nearly 40% of State/Territory funding was for national parks and wildlife services.

RECURRENT/CAPITAL FUNDING

- Most cultural funding was of a recurrent nature (\$2,756.1 million or 86.3%). Capital funding amounted to \$438.9 million or 13.7%, most of which was undertaken by State/Territory (\$215.9 million) and local governments (\$136.9 million).

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CULTURAL FUNDING, By Level of Government

Level of government	1993-94	1994-95.....	1995-96.....		
	Amount \$m	Amount \$m	Proportion of total %	Amount \$m	Proportion of total %
Commonwealth	1 260.5	1 289.9	42.3	1 372.2	42.9
State/Territory	995.8	1 162.0	38.1	1 217.6	38.1
Local	(a)	599.6	19.6	605.2	18.9
Total	(a)	3 051.5	100.0	3 195.0	100.0

(a) Details for local government were not collected for 1993-94.

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CULTURAL FUNDING, By Major Group

Major group	1994-95	1995-96.....	
	Amount \$m	Amount \$m	Change %
Recreational facilities and services	744.0	774.5	+4.1
Cultural facilities and services	1 270.7	1 346.3	+5.9
Broadcasting and film	902.7	914.2	+1.3
Recreation and culture n.e.c.	134.2	159.9	+19.2
Total	3 051.5	3 195.0	+4.7

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CULTURAL FUNDING, Per Head of Mean Population(a)—1995-96

Major group	LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.....			
	Commonwealth	State/Territory	Local	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recreational facilities and services	5.8	26.7	10.1	42.6
Cultural facilities and services	16.4	36.4	21.2	74.0
Broadcasting and film	48.6	1.6	—	50.3
Recreation and culture n.e.c.	4.7	2.2	1.9	8.8
Total	75.4	66.9	33.3	175.6

(a) Mean population for 1995-96, 18,191,300 from *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0).

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CULTURAL FUNDING, By Category—1995-96

LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.....

Category	Commonwealth	State/ Territory	Local	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Recreational facilities and services				
Public halls and civic centres	—	1.5	182.4	183.9
National parks and wildlife services	105.3	483.4	1.9	590.6
<i>Total</i>	105.3	484.9	184.3	774.5
Cultural facilities and services				
Zoological and botanic gardens	2.2	58.2	10.1	70.5
Libraries and archives	74.4	218.9	295.6	588.9
Literature and publishing	11.4	3.4	0.6	15.3
Museums	49.5	119.8	7.3	176.6
Art Galleries	24.7	68.7	16.8	110.2
Visual arts/crafts and photography	19.5	9.2	2.1	30.8
Performing arts venues and arts centres	—	88.3	39.7	128.1
Music (excluding opera)	19.8	10.7	2.9	33.3
Other performing arts	40.1	43.9	3.8	87.7
Cultural heritage	56.5	42.0	6.3	104.8
<i>Total</i>	298.0	663.1	385.2	1 346.3
Broadcasting and film				
Radio and television broadcasting	805.0	0.2	0.5	805.6
Film and video	77.2	29.6	0.1	106.9
Multimedia	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	1.8
<i>Total</i>	884.0	29.7	0.6	914.2
Recreation and culture n.e.c.				
Administration of culture	28.9	20.1	17.5	66.5
Community cultural activities	34.0	13.0	10.2	57.2
Other culture n.e.c.	22.1	6.8	7.4	36.3
<i>Total</i>	84.9	39.9	35.1	159.9
Total	1 372.2	1 217.6	605.2	3 195.0

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RECURRENT AND CAPITAL FUNDING—1995-96

Major group	Recurrent	Capital	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Recreational facilities and services	601.9	172.6	774.5
Cultural facilities and services	1 141.2	205.1	1 346.3
Broadcasting and film	864.3	49.9	914.2
Recreation and culture n.e.c.	148.6	11.3	159.9
<i>Total</i>	2 756.1	438.9	3 195.0
Of which			
Commonwealth	1 286.0	86.1	1 372.2
State/Territory	1 001.7	215.9	1 217.6
Local	468.3	136.9	605.2

EXPLANATORY NOTES

METHODOLOGY

- 1** Funding by Commonwealth authorities (other than the Australia Council) was compiled from data extracted from the Department of Finance Budget Management System sorted according to class code (equivalent to the ABS Government Purpose Classification (GPC)); supplementary information was obtained from the annual reports of the Australia Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.
- 2** Arts authorities in each State and Territory supplied details on current and capital expenditure undertaken by each arts authority. For other State/Territory public sector authorities, data were extracted from budget papers.
- 3** Estimates of local government funding on arts and cultural activities were based on the Local Government Finance Statistics collection undertaken by the ABS.

SCOPE

- 4** Government cultural funding in this report is categorised on the four major groups within the Recreation and Culture section of the GPC used by the ABS in compiling Government Finance Statistics. These are Recreational Facilities and Services, Cultural Facilities and Services, Broadcasting and Film, and Recreation and Culture not included in the previous categories.
- 5** The four groups were then further subdivided in accordance with the Cultural Ministers Council's Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework to present the data in Table 4.
- 6** Funding excluded from the overall analysis is that associated with sport, fitness, recreation and education (in particular, major educational institutions such as the National Institute of Dramatic Art, Conservatoria of Music and tertiary colleges specialising in visual arts/design). Also excluded are special libraries, libraries in higher education institutions and schools and activities which are an integral part of larger entities such as police and military bands.

COVERAGE

- 7** Statistics in this report for the Commonwealth Government and State/Territory Governments relate mainly to funding from Commonwealth/State budgets, thus excluding for some 'off-budget' agencies any expenditure financed from sources other than the annual appropriation from the budget.
- 8** Agencies classified (by the ABS) as public trading enterprises (e.g. most performing arts venues) are not included except to the extent of any subsidies (or capital funding) paid to them from the budget.
- 9** Specific purpose grants received from other levels of government have been netted out of the expenditure for the receiving government.

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- 10** More details of cultural funding in Australia are published by the Cultural Ministers Council's Statistics Working Group.
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