



# CULTURAL FUNDING

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# NOTES

## ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication contains estimates of public funding of arts and cultural activities in 1999–2000 for the three levels of government in Australia. The estimates have been compiled from data obtained by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from annual reports and budget papers, from information provided by selected Commonwealth authorities, including the Australia Council, and from State and Territory Governments and Local Government authorities.



## ABBREVIATIONS

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics  
GPC Government Purpose Classification  
n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

CULTURAL FUNDING	<p>Total government funding for cultural activities was \$3,977.7m in 1999–2000. Of this, the Commonwealth Government provided 36% (\$1,429.6m), State and Territory Governments provided 44% (\$1,733.5m) and Local Governments contributed 20% (\$814.6m).</p>
CHANGES OVER TIME	<p>Total government cultural funding increased by \$227.5m (6%) between 1998–99 and 1999–2000. This was mainly a result of increases in funding from the Commonwealth Government (12%) and from Local Governments (9%). At the State and Territory level, overall funding was similar to 1998–99.</p> <p>This increase in Commonwealth funding for cultural activities contrasts with the previous two years when there was negligible growth or a decrease. A major portion of the increase was due to an injection of funds from the \$1 billion Federation Fund which was established to finance major infrastructure projects associated with the Centenary of Federation.</p> <p>Similarly, increases in Local Government funding reversed patterns established over the two previous years. The 9% increase in 1999–2000 more than compensated for the 2% and 3% decreases observed in 1997–98 and 1998–99, respectively.</p> <p>While there was only a minor increase in funding at the State and Territory Government level in 1999–2000, this followed increases in the two previous years of 10% and 15% respectively.</p>
FUNDING PER PERSON	<p>In 1999–2000, total funding by governments for culture was \$209 per person. This consisted of Commonwealth funding of \$75, State and Territory funding of \$91 and Local Government funding of \$43 per person.</p> <p>Compared with the previous year, total per person funding for culture increased by approximately \$9 in both 1998–99 and 1999–2000.</p>
FUNDING BY CATEGORY	<p>In 1999–2000, over half (55% or \$789.5m) of the cultural funding provided by the Commonwealth Government was for Broadcasting and film. This was primarily for Radio and television broadcasting which received 50% (\$713.8m). Cultural facilities and services received a third (\$478.7m) of the Commonwealth funding with Museums (\$151.7m), Libraries and archives (\$81.4m) and Cultural heritage (\$74.9m) being the main recipients. The remaining Commonwealth funds (\$161.4m or 11%) were allocated to Culture n.e.c. which included National parks and wildlife services (\$60.2m).</p> <p>The largest single recipient of cultural funding by State and Territory Governments was National parks and wildlife services which received \$684.8m (40%) of the funding allocated. Other categories receiving large shares of funding included Libraries and archives (\$306.3m or 18%), Museums (\$207.0m or 12%) and Cultural venues (such as performing arts venues and arts centres) (\$108.3m or 6%).</p> <p>More than half of the Local Government cultural funding was for Libraries and archives (\$447.1m or 55%) while Public halls and civic centres received \$158.2m (19%).</p>

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

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### STATE AND TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Compared with the other categories, National parks and wildlife services attracted a considerably higher level of cultural funding from each of the State and Territory Governments with two exceptions, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory. In those two areas, Libraries and archives was the single largest recipient of funding ahead of National parks and wildlife services.

### RECURRENT/CAPITAL FUNDING

Most cultural funding was for recurrent activity (\$3,353.5m) although \$624.2m was allocated for capital works. Capital funding from the Commonwealth was boosted in 1999–2000 by contributions from the Federation Fund.

CULTURAL FUNDING, By Major Group and Level of Government—1997–98 to 1999–2000

	1997–98 . . . . .			1998–99 . . . . .			1999–2000 . . . . .		
	<i>Value of funding</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>Change from previous year</i>	<i>Value of funding</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>Change from previous year</i>	<i>Value of funding</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>Change from previous year</i>
	\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>r3 538.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>r3 750.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>3 977.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Major group									
Cultural facilities and services	r1 778.8	50.3	12.3	r1 882.2	50.2	5.8	2 038.7	51.3	8.3
Broadcasting and film	816.0	23.1	-10.4	r816.2	21.8	—	835.0	21.0	2.3
Culture n.e.c.	r943.8	26.7	2.5	r1 051.8	28.0	11.4	1 103.9	27.8	5.0
Level of government									
Commonwealth	r1 260.4	35.6	-3.3	r1 271.5	33.9	0.9	1 429.6	35.9	12.4
State and Territory	1 502.9	42.5	9.8	r1 727.8	46.1	15.0	1 733.5	43.6	0.3
Local	775.2	21.9	-2.0	750.9	20.0	-3.1	814.6	20.5	8.5

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

## CULTURAL FUNDING PER PERSON—1997–98 to 1999–2000

<i>Level of government and major group</i>	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000
	\$	\$	\$
.....			
Commonwealth			
Cultural facilities and services	18.22	r19.14	25.13
Broadcasting and film	41.47	r40.33	41.44
Culture n.e.c.	8.03	r8.03	8.47
<i>Total</i>	67.71	r67.49	75.05
State and Territory			
Cultural facilities and services	46.85	r51.60	49.70
Broadcasting and film	2.16	2.83	2.21
Culture n.e.c.	31.72	37.28	39.09
<i>Total</i>	80.74	r91.71	91.00
Local(a)			
Cultural facilities and services	30.48	29.16	32.19
Broadcasting and film	0.20	0.17	0.18
Culture n.e.c.	10.95	10.52	10.39
<i>Total</i>	41.64	39.86	42.76
Total			
Cultural facilities and services	r95.56	r99.91	107.03
Broadcasting and film	43.84	r43.32	43.83
Culture n.e.c.	r50.70	r55.83	57.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>r190.10</b>	<b>199.06</b>	<b>208.81</b>

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(a) Although the Australian Capital Territory does not have Local Government, their population has been included in calculations of per person funding (see Explanatory Notes).

## CULTURAL FUNDING, By Level of Government and Category (a)—1999–2000

Category	Commonwealth	State and Territory	Local	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Cultural facilities and services				
Zoological and botanic gardens	5.8	95.6	24.6	126.0
Libraries and archives	81.4	306.3	447.1	834.8
Literature and publishing	10.5	4.2	3.4	18.2
Museums	151.7	207.0	10.2	368.9
Art galleries	39.9	85.2	30.9	156.0
Visual arts, crafts and photography	14.3	10.6	4.9	29.8
Cultural venues	9.8	108.3	65.6	183.7
Music (excluding opera)	52.6	13.5	1.8	67.8
Other performing arts	37.7	67.2	5.3	110.2
Cultural heritage	74.9	49.0	19.6	143.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>478.7</i>	<i>946.8</i>	<i>613.3</i>	<i>2 038.7</i>
Broadcasting and film				
Radio and television broadcasting	713.8	0.5	0.6	714.9
Film and video	74.8	40.9	2.7	118.4
Multimedia	0.9	0.7	0.1	1.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>789.5</i>	<i>42.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>835.0</i>
Culture n.e.c.				
Administration of culture	41.0	31.0	12.7	84.7
Community cultural activities	35.7	13.0	9.9	58.6
Public halls and civic centres	—	0.1	158.2	158.3
National parks and wildlife services	60.2	684.8	7.1	752.1
Other culture n.e.c.	24.6	15.6	10.1	50.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>161.4</i>	<i>744.5</i>	<i>198.0</i>	<i>1 103.9</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 429.6</b>	<b>1 733.5</b>	<b>814.6</b>	<b>3 977.7</b>

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Categories based on the Cultural Ministers Council's National Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework (see Explanatory notes).

## CULTURAL FUNDING, By State and Territory Government and Category(a)(b)—1999–2000

<i>Category</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Cultural facilities and services</b>									
Zoological and botanic gardens	46.5	11.4	—	22.3	9.5	3.8	2.2	—	95.6
Libraries and archives	74.1	80.5	39.9	35.7	27.5	17.8	19.8	11.0	306.3
Literature and publishing	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	4.2
Museums	88.3	56.9	12.8	22.7	16.4	5.5	3.1	1.4	207.0
Art galleries	33.4	24.2	10.6	5.5	7.0	0.1	2.8	1.5	85.2
Visual arts, crafts and photography	1.0	2.4	1.1	1.6	3.0	0.4	0.3	0.9	10.6
Cultural venues	27.2	31.2	19.1	15.9	7.4	0.1	4.5	2.8	108.3
Music (excluding opera)	2.5	2.6	0.8	1.0	3.7	1.2	0.3	1.3	13.5
Other performing arts	20.8	11.1	11.2	12.1	9.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	67.2
Cultural heritage	19.5	11.9	0.1	5.6	4.8	2.2	3.7	1.2	49.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>314.7</i>	<i>232.5</i>	<i>96.5</i>	<i>122.9</i>	<i>89.1</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>37.6</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>946.8</i>
<b>Broadcasting and film</b>									
Radio and television broadcasting	—	—	—	0.4	0.1	—	—	—	0.5
Film and video	8.1	13.3	9.2	4.2	6.0	0.1	—	—	40.9
Multimedia	0.2	0.4	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>42.2</i>
<b>Culture n.e.c.</b>									
Administration of culture	5.9	4.2	5.2	2.9	11.0	0.8	—	0.9	31.0
Community cultural activities	3.1	3.5	0.4	0.5	4.5	0.1	0.4	0.6	13.0
Public halls and civic centres	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.1
National parks and wildlife services	267.3	125.8	93.3	72.1	67.3	10.5	38.6	9.9	684.8
Other culture n.e.c.	0.1	2.5	12.5	0.5	—	—	—	—	15.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>276.3</i>	<i>135.9</i>	<i>111.3</i>	<i>76.2</i>	<i>82.8</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>744.5</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>599.2</b>	<b>382.1</b>	<b>217.1</b>	<b>203.8</b>	<b>178.0</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>1 733.5</b>

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

- (a) Categories based on the Cultural Ministers Council's National Culture-Leisure Statistical Framework (see Explanatory notes).
- (b) Care should be taken when comparing categories between States and Territories (see Explanatory notes).



CULTURAL FUNDING, Recurrent and Capital Funding—1999–2000

<i>Major group and level of government</i>	<i>Recurrent</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Total</b>			
	<b>3 353.5</b>	<b>624.2</b>	<b>3 977.7</b>
Major group			
Cultural facilities and services	1 598.3	440.5	2 038.7
Broadcasting and film	790.4	44.6	835.0
Culture n.e.c.	964.8	139.1	1 103.9
Level of government			
Commonwealth	1 270.4	159.2	1 429.6
State and Territory	1 465.1	268.4	1 733.5
Local	618.1	196.5	814.6

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COVERAGE

- 1** This publication contains estimates of public funding for arts and cultural activities for the three levels of government in Australia in 1999–2000 and the preceding two years.
- 2** Statistics for the Commonwealth Government and State and Territory Governments relate mainly to funding from Commonwealth and State and Territory budgets. For some 'off-budget' agencies they exclude any expenditure financed from sources other than the annual appropriation from the budget.
- 3** Agencies classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (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.
- 4** Specific purpose grants received from other levels of government have been netted out of the expenditure for the receiving government.
- 5** Funding associated with sport, fitness, recreation and education (in particular, major educational institutions and tertiary colleges specialising in culture) is excluded from the overall analysis. Also excluded is funding for special libraries (e.g. parliamentary libraries), libraries in higher education institutions and schools, and cultural activities which are an integral part of larger entities (such as police and military bands).

### CLASSIFICATION

- 6** Government cultural funding in this publication is classified into three major groups. These are Cultural facilities and services, Broadcasting and film, and Culture not elsewhere classified (n.e.c.). The first two groups correspond with subgroups of the Government Purpose Classification (GPC) used by the ABS in compiling Government Financial Estimates, while Culture n.e.c. presents only the culture component of the two other subgroups in the GPC grouping, Recreation and Culture. The three groups used in this publication are then further subdivided in accordance with categories specified in the *National Culture/Leisure Industry Statistical Framework* (The Statistical Advisory Group of the Cultural Ministers Council, fourth edition, 1989).

### SOURCES AND METHODS

#### *Commonwealth Government*

- 7** Prior to 1999–2000, Commonwealth funding data were obtained from the *Department of Finance's* (DOF) Budget Management System. Total allocations to agencies and authorities for culture and recreation were used and these provided a reliable cash measure of funding by the Commonwealth Government.
- 8** From the commencement of the 1999–2000 financial year the Commonwealth Government expected all Commonwealth agencies and authorities to use accrual accounting as the basis for the budgeting and management of financial transactions. In addition, associated with the changed accounting, codes were no longer recorded on any information in the DOF Budget Management System that would allow the extraction of information relevant to 'culture and recreation'. Consequently, for 1999–2000 estimates of funding by Commonwealth agencies and authorities were sourced from annual reports and supplementary information was obtained from selected agencies and authorities.
- 9** Despite these changes in the Commonwealth's accounting practices the overall effect on estimates of cultural funding is considered to be minor.

#### *State and Territory Governments*

- 10** State and Territory Government information was obtained from a range of sources. Arts authorities supplied details of their current and capital expenditure. For other State and Territory public sector authorities, relevant data were extracted from budget papers. Details of funding provided were also obtained

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### *State and Territory Governments continued*

from other State and Territory government organisations such as health promotion foundations, major events organisations, Tourism NSW and the WA Lotteries Commission.

### *Local Governments*

**11** Estimates of Local Government funding on arts and cultural activities were based on the Local Government Finance Statistics collection undertaken by the ABS.

### CALCULATION OF PER PERSON FUNDING

**12** The population values used in calculating per person funding are the ABS estimates of the resident population at the mid-point of the collection year. These values were taken from *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0). The resident population estimates for December 1997, December 1998 and December 1999 were 18,615,168, 18,839,064 and 19,048,856, respectively.

**13** The Australian Capital Territory does not have Local Government. To maintain consistency between levels of government, the same resident population estimates are used for all estimates of per person funding (regardless of the level of government under consideration). This approach has been adopted to allow the aggregate of Commonwealth, State and Territory, and Local Government per person funding to add to total per person funding.

### STATE COMPARISONS

**14** Care should be taken when comparing values between States and Territories for some categories of funding as the funding provided by State and Territory Governments may vary according to the administrative arrangements existing in the respective States and Territories. For example, Zoological and botanic gardens in Queensland, unlike other States, are funded by Local Government and not the State Government. Further, the costs associated with the administration of culture (a category within Culture n.e.c.) may vary significantly amongst agencies.

### REVISIONS IN 1999–2000

**15** The new methodology used to collect Commonwealth data identified a small number of reporting variations in data for previous years. Improved sources of State and Territory information also identified some changes which needed to be made to previous years. This led to the revision of some values (as indicated by the 'r' within tables 1 and 2).

### FURTHER INFORMATION

**16** More details of cultural funding in Australia are published by the Cultural Ministers Council Statistics Working Group.

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