

CULTURAL FUNDING

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication contains estimates of public funding of arts and cultural activities in 1998-99 for the three levels of government in Australia. The estimates have been compiled from data collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from State and Territory arts authorities, the Australia Council and local government authorities. In addition, funding by Commonwealth authorities (other than the Australia Council) and other State and Territory public sector authorities was determined by examining output from various budget papers and annual reports.

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ABBREVIATIONS

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

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MAIN FEATURES

CULTURAL FUNDING

- Total government funding for cultural activities was \$3,750.7m in 1998-99, an increase of \$219.7m (6.2%) from 1997-98 (see table 1).
- Of the total government funding for cultural activities in 1998-99, the Commonwealth government provided 33.6% (\$1,260.2m), State and Territory governments provided 46.4% (\$1,739.6m) and local governments contributed 20.0% (\$750.9m) (see table 1).
- Commonwealth and State and Territory governments reported absolute increases in the value of contributions to cultural activities (0.6% and 15.7% respectively) between 1997-98 and 1998-99. In contrast, local government funding fell by 3.1% for the same period (see table 1).
- The increase in Commonwealth funding in 1998-99 reversed a decrease in funding for the previous period (a fall of 2.7% between 1996-97 and 1997-98). State and Territory funding continued its increase in line with the previous period while local government funding continued to fall (see table 1).
- Funding increased for Cultural facilities and services (up \$113.0m or 6.4%), and Culture n.e.c. (up \$115.3m or 12.1%) from 1997-98. During the same period, Broadcasting and film funding decreased by \$8.7m or 1.1% (see table 2).
- At the Commonwealth government level, in 1998-99 Radio and television broadcasting accounted for the largest share of funding for culture (\$684.4m or 54.3%) (see table 5).
- At the State and Territory government level, in 1998-99 National parks and wildlife services accounted for the largest share (\$635.4m or 36.5%) (see table 5).
- For local government, in 1998-99 Libraries and archives received the largest share of funding (\$412.1m or 54.9%) (see table 5).

FUNDING PER HEAD

- In 1998-99, cultural funding was equivalent to \$199.0 per head of population, of which Commonwealth government funding contributed \$66.9 per head, State and Territory government \$92.3 per head and local government \$39.8 per head (see table 3).
- Cultural funding increased by \$9.4 per head of population between 1997-98 and 1998-99, following an increase of \$2.5 per head between 1996-97 and 1997-98 (see table 4).
- Funding for Culture n.e.c. increased by \$5.5 per head between 1997-98 and 1998-99 while funding for Broadcasting and film decreased by \$1.0 for the same period (see table 4).

RECURRENT/CAPITAL FUNDING

- Most cultural funding was of a recurrent nature (\$3,170.7m or 84.5%) (see table 6).
- Capital funding (\$580.0m or 15.5%) was mostly provided by State and Territory governments (\$355.4m) and local governments (\$154.0m) (see table 6).

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CULTURAL FUNDING, by Level of Government—1996-97 to 1998-99

Level of government	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
	Value of funding	Proportion of total	Value of funding	Proportion of total	Value of funding	Proportion of total
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Commonwealth	1 288.2	37.4	1 252.9	35.5	1 260.2	33.6
State and Territory	1 368.5	39.7	1 502.9	42.6	1 739.6	46.4
Local	790.7	22.9	775.2	22.0	750.9	20.0
Total	3 447.4	100.0	3 531.0	100.0	3 750.7	100.0

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CULTURAL FUNDING, by Major Group—1996-97 to 1998-99

Major group	1996-97 . . .		1997-98 . . .		1998-99 . . .	
	Value of funding	Change from previous year	Value of funding	Change from previous year	Value of funding	Change from previous year
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Cultural facilities and services	1 568.1	10.0	1 760.6	12.3	1 873.6	6.4
Broadcasting and film	911.1	-0.4	816.0	-10.4	807.3	-1.1
Culture n.e.c.	968.3	4.2	954.5	-1.4	1 069.8	12.1
Total	3 447.5	5.5	3 531.1	2.4	3 750.7	6.2

CULTURAL FUNDING PER HEAD OF POPULATION(a), by Level of Government—1998-99

<i>Major group</i>	<i>Commonwealth</i>	<i>State and Territory</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cultural facilities and services	18.1	52.2	29.2	99.4
Broadcasting and film	39.8	2.8	0.2	42.8
Culture n.e.c.	9.0	37.3	10.5	56.8
Total	66.9	92.3	39.8	199.0

(a) Resident population estimate at 31 December 1998 was 18,848,016 according to Australian Demographic Statistics, December 1999 (Cat. no. 3101.0).

CULTURAL FUNDING PER HEAD OF POPULATION(a), by Major Group—1996-97 to 1998-99

<i>Major group</i>	<i>1996- 97</i>	<i>1997- 98</i>	<i>1998- 99</i>
	\$	\$	\$
Cultural facilities and services	85.1	94.5	99.4
Broadcasting and film	49.5	43.8	42.8
Culture n.e.c.	52.6	51.3	56.8
Total	187.1	189.6	199.0

(a) Resident population estimates for December 1996, December 1997 and December 1998 were 18,422,695, 18,623,034 and 18,848,016 respectively (Australian Demographic Statistics, December 1999, Cat. no. 3101.0).

CULTURAL FUNDING, by Category and Level of Government(a)—1998-99

<i>Category</i>	<i>Commonwealth</i>	<i>State and Territory</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Cultural facilities and services				
Zoological and botanic gardens	2.0	72.3	21.2	95.5
Libraries and archives	46.0	298.1	412.1	756.2
Literature and publishing	10.3	4.3	2.7	17.3
Museums	83.9	272.2	7.2	363.2
Art galleries	21.0	87.5	24.3	132.7
Visual arts/crafts and photography	15.8	9.6	4.4	29.8
Cultural venues	1.3	115.6	53.3	170.2
Music (excluding opera)	51.6	14.2	1.9	67.7
Other performing arts	36.1	59.8	4.9	100.8
Cultural heritage	72.4	50.3	17.6	140.3
<i>Total Cultural facilities and services</i>	<i>340.2</i>	<i>984.0</i>	<i>549.4</i>	<i>1 873.6</i>
Broadcasting and film				
Radio and television broadcasting	684.4	0.4	0.6	685.4
Film and video	62.5	52.4	2.6	117.5
Multimedia	4.0	0.4	0.1	4.4
<i>Total Broadcasting and film</i>	<i>750.9</i>	<i>53.3</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>807.3</i>
Culture n.e.c.				
Administration of culture	41.9	27.6	12.7	82.2
Community cultural activities	44.0	11.1	10.9	65.9
Public hall and civic centres	—	—	158.0	158.0
National parks and wildlife services	66.3	635.4	7.5	709.1
Other culture n.e.c.	17.0	28.3	9.2	54.5
<i>Total Culture n.e.c.</i>	<i>169.1</i>	<i>702.4</i>	<i>198.2</i>	<i>1 069.8</i>
Total cultural funding	1 260.2	1 739.6	750.9	3 750.7

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Categories based on the Cultural Ministers Council National Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework.

CULTURAL FUNDING, by Recurrent and Capital Funding—1998-99

<i>Major group and level of government</i>	<i>Recurrent</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Cultural facilities and services	1 488.7	384.9	1 873.6
Broadcasting and film	764.8	42.5	807.3
Culture n.e.c.	917.2	152.6	1 069.8
Total	3 170.7	580.0	3 750.7
Of which			
Commonwealth	1 189.6	70.7	1 260.2
State and Territory	1 384.2	355.4	1 739.6
Local	596.9	154.0	750.9

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 1998-99 and the preceding two years.
- 2** Statistics for the Commonwealth government and State and Territory governments relate mainly to funding from Commonwealth and State 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, 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 groups are then further subdivided in accordance with categories specified in the Cultural Ministers Council's Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework (see table 5).

SOURCES AND METHODS

- 7** Estimates of funding by Commonwealth authorities (other than the Australia Council) were compiled from data extracted from the Department of Finance Budget Management System and sorted according to class code (equivalent to the GPC); supplementary information was obtained from the annual reports of the Australia Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.
- 8** Arts authorities in each State and Territory supplied details of their current and capital expenditure. For other State and Territory public sector authorities, data were extracted from budget papers. Details of funding provided by health promotion foundations, major events organisations, Tourism NSW and the WA Lotteries Commission were collected from these organisations.
- 9** Estimates of local government funding on arts and cultural activities were based on the Local Government Finance Statistics collection undertaken by the ABS.

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