ESA – 563 GOVERNMENT SECTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary of Quality Assessment Results

Overall ESA Assessment	Institutional Environment	Relevance	Timeliness	Accuracy	Coherence	Interpretability	Accessibility
Green	Green	Green	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Green

List of Contributing Datasets and Custodians

- Central Government. Debt (AOFM)
- Government Finance Statistics (ABS)

ESA Elements

Pillar	Dimension	Description	Critical Frequency	Critical Spatial	Critical Disaggregation
Economy	National Wealth	Includes statistics on the fiscal position (actual and forecasted) by Australian governments and government participation in debt markets.	Quarterly	National, State/Territory	Institutional Sector, Assets/Liabilities, Level of Government

Overall ESA Assessment

The quality of ESA – 563 Government Sector Financial Information was assessed as a green traffic light for the purpose of ESA. The overall quality of this statistic met an acceptable standard for the quality indicators selected and the appropriate quality practices and processes were in place. This statistic quality assessment was based on quality information about the contributing datasets. Data custodians can be contacted for further information about the quality of the datasets which contributed to the statistic.

For more detailed quality information about each dimension, see over page

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Institutional Environment

The statistic scored a green traffic light for institutional environment. There were sufficient quality and risk management processes in place, protections for confidentiality in most cases and archiving processes. Staff were trained in data collation and the statistical purpose of the administrative records.

Relevance

The statistic scored a green traffic light for relevance. All key information identified in the description of the statistic was available. The critical disaggregations identified for the statistic were produced. Most critical spatial levels identified for the statistic were present, however, the critical spatial level, State and Territory was not available for some Information.

Timeliness

The statistic scored an amber traffic light for timeliness. The critical frequency for the statistic was met and users were able to access the release of new data when expected. In most cases the duration between collection and release of data was not timely.

Accuracy

The statistic scored a green traffic light for accuracy. The target population was represented sufficiently for the statistic, and there were either no known under or overcounts in the statistic, or they were managed. There were sufficient measures in place to adjust for missing values and non-response. The accuracy varied for some information collected within the datasets, in some cases.

Coherence

The statistic scored a green traffic light for coherence. Information for the statistic was able to be compared over time with minimal changes to collection procedures and population and characteristic definitions remaining consistent. External sources were available for data confrontation. There was some variation between data compiled from multiple administrative sources.

Interpretability

The statistic scored a green traffic light for interpretability. Data quality statements and information to help users to understand the data were available. Users were able to access additional support if needed. Descriptions of the conceptual limitations of the data were available in most cases.

Accessibility

The statistic scored a green traffic light for accessibility. The key information was publicly available, including most information with visualisations such as graphs or maps. Users could access data in Excel and other formats such as pdf. The key information was accessible for free with customised data available at a cost.

Areas for Improvement

- In most cases the duration between collection and release of data was not timely.
- The accuracy varied for some information collected within the datasets, in some cases.
- There was some variation between data compiled from multiple administrative sources which affected coherence.