

APPENDIX B: HISTORICAL FISCAL DATA

This appendix provides historical data for the Australian Government fiscal aggregates across the general government, public non-financial corporations and non-financial public sectors.

DATA SOURCES

Data are sourced from Australian Government *Final Budget Outcomes*, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), and Australian Government *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

- Accrual data from 1996-97 onwards and cash data, net debt data, net financial worth data and net worth data from 1999-2000 onwards are sourced from Australian Government *Final Budget Outcomes*. Back-casting adjustments for accounting classification changes and other revisions have been made from 1998-1999 onwards where applicable.
- Cash data prior to 1999-2000 are sourced from ABS data, which have been calculated using a methodology consistent with that used for data for later years in ABS cat. no. 5512.0 *Government Finance Statistics*.
- Net debt data prior to 1999-2000 are from ABS cat. no. 5512.0 *Government Finance Statistics 2003-04* in 1998-99, ABS cat. no. 5501.0 *Government Financial Estimates 1999-2000* and ABS cat. no. 5513.0 *Public Sector Financial Assets and Liabilities 1998* in 1987-88 to 1997-98, and Treasury estimates (see Treasury's *Economic Roundup*, Spring 1996, pages 97-103) prior to 1987-88.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA ACROSS YEARS

The data set contains a number of structural breaks owing to accounting classification differences and changes to the structure of the budget which cannot be eliminated through back-casting because of data limitations. These breaks can affect the comparability of data across years, especially when the analysis is taken over a large number of years. Specific factors causing structural breaks include:

- from 2005-06 onwards, underlying Government Finance Statistics (GFS) data are provided by agencies in accordance with Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AEIFRS). Prior to 2005-06, underlying GFS data are based on data provided by agencies in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AAS);

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- most recent accounting classification changes that require revisions to the historical series have been back-cast (where applicable) to 1998-1999, ensuring that data is consistent across the accrual period from 1998-1999 onwards. However due to data limitations these changes have not been back-cast to earlier years;
- prior to 1999-2000, Australian Government general government sector debt instruments are valued at historical cost, whereas from 1999-2000 onwards they are valued at market prices (consistent with accrual GFS standards). This affects net debt and net interest payments;
- cash data up to and including 1997-98 are calculated under a cash accounting framework, while cash data from 1998-99 onwards is derived from an accrual accounting framework.¹ Although the major methodological differences associated with the move to the accrual framework have been eliminated through back-casting, comparisons across the break may still be affected by changes to some data sources and collection methodologies;
- adjustments in the coverage of agencies included in the accounts of the different sectors. These include the reclassification of Central Banking Authorities from the general government to the public financial corporations sector in 1998-99, and subsequent back-casting to account for this change;
- changes in arrangements for transfer payments, where tax concessions or rebates are replaced by payments through the social security system. This has the effect of increasing both cash receipts and payments, as compared with earlier periods, but not changing cash balances. Changes in the opposite direction (tax expenditures replacing payments) reduce both cash payments and receipts; and
- classification differences in the data relating to the period prior to 1976-77 (which means that earlier data may not be entirely consistent with data for 1976-77 onwards).

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DATA

Under the accrual GFS framework and generally under AAS, flows are recorded in the period in which they occurred. As a result, prior period outcomes may be revised for classification changes relating to information that could reasonably have been expected to be known in the past, is material in at least one of the affected periods, and can be reliably assigned to the relevant period(s).

1 Prior to the 2008-09 Budget, cash data calculated under the cash accounting framework was used up to and including 1998-99. In the 2008-09 Budget, cash data for 1998-99 had been replaced by ABS data derived from the accrual framework.

REVISIONS AT THE 2009-10 BUDGET

The 2009-10 Budget included a number of changes to the measurement of historical series data. These changes improve the accuracy and comparability of the data through time, increasing its relevance to users. Further information is provided in Statement 10 of Budget Paper No. 1, *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2009-10*.

Table B1: Australian Government general government sector receipts, payments and underlying cash balance

	Receipts(a)		Payments(b)			Future Fund earnings	Underlying cash balance(c)		
	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent real growth (CPI)	Per cent real growth (NFGDP deflator)		\$m	Per cent of GDP	
1970-71	8,290	21.0	7,389	na	na	18.7	-	901	2.3
1971-72	9,135	20.9	8,249	4.1	4.4	18.9	-	886	2.0
1972-73	9,735	19.9	9,388	7.7	7.0	19.2	-	348	0.7
1973-74	12,228	20.7	11,078	4.2	3.3	18.7	-	1,150	1.9
1974-75	15,643	22.4	15,463	19.9	14.5	22.2	-	181	0.3
1975-76	18,727	22.9	20,225	15.7	13.5	24.8	-	-1,499	-1.8
1976-77	21,890	23.3	23,157	0.6	2.0	24.6	-	-1,266	-1.3
1977-78	24,019	23.4	26,057	2.7	3.4	25.3	-	-2,037	-2.0
1978-79	26,129	22.5	28,272	0.3	2.6	24.3	-	-2,142	-1.8
1979-80	30,321	23.0	31,642	1.5	2.2	24.0	-	-1,322	-1.0
1980-81	35,993	24.1	36,176	4.6	3.4	24.2	-	-184	-0.1
1981-82	41,499	24.1	41,151	2.9	0.7	23.9	-	348	0.2
1982-83	45,463	24.5	48,810	6.3	6.5	26.3	-	-3,348	-1.8
1983-84	49,981	23.9	56,990	9.4	9.4	27.2	-	-7,008	-3.3
1984-85	58,817	25.4	64,853	9.1	8.1	28.1	-	-6,037	-2.6
1985-86	66,206	26.0	71,328	1.5	3.5	28.0	-	-5,122	-2.0
1986-87	74,724	26.7	77,158	-1.1	1.1	27.6	-	-2,434	-0.9
1987-88	83,491	26.2	82,039	-0.9	-1.3	25.7	-	1,452	0.5
1988-89	90,748	25.1	85,326	-3.1	-4.6	23.6	-	5,421	1.5
1989-90	98,625	24.8	92,684	0.6	2.3	23.3	-	5,942	1.5
1990-91	100,227	24.5	100,665	3.1	3.4	24.6	-	-438	-0.1
1991-92	95,840	23.0	108,472	5.7	5.6	26.0	-	-12,631	-3.0
1992-93	97,633	22.3	115,751	5.6	5.4	26.4	-	-18,118	-4.1
1993-94	103,824	22.6	122,009	3.5	4.6	26.5	-	-18,185	-4.0
1994-95	113,458	23.3	127,619	1.4	3.4	26.2	-	-14,160	-2.9
1995-96	124,429	24.0	135,538	1.9	3.6	26.2	-	-11,109	-2.1
1996-97	133,592	24.5	139,689	1.7	1.4	25.6	-	-6,099	-1.1
1997-98	140,736	24.4	140,587	0.6	-0.6	24.3	-	149	0.0
1998-99	152,063	25.0	148,175	4.1	5.2	24.4	-	3,889	0.6
1999-00	166,199	25.8	153,192	1.0	1.3	23.7	-	13,007	2.0
2000-01	182,996	26.5	177,123	9.1	10.6	25.7	-	5,872	0.9
2001-02	187,588	25.5	188,655	3.5	4.1	25.6	-	-1,067	-0.1
2002-03	204,613	26.2	197,243	1.4	1.6	25.2	-	7,370	0.9
2003-04	217,775	25.9	209,785	3.9	2.3	24.9	-	7,990	0.9
2004-05	235,984	26.3	222,407	3.5	1.9	24.8	-	13,577	1.5
2005-06	255,943	26.5	240,136	4.6	3.0	24.8	51	15,756	1.6
2006-07	272,637	26.1	253,321	2.5	0.9	24.2	2,135	17,182	1.6
2007-08	294,917	26.0	271,843	3.8	2.9	24.0	3,370	19,704	1.7
2008-09	292,600	24.3	316,046	12.8	10.3	26.3	3,633	-27,079	-2.3

(a) Receipts are equal to receipts from operating activities and sales of non-financial assets.

(b) Payments are equal to payments for operating activities, purchases of non-financial assets and net acquisition of assets under finance leases.

(c) Underlying cash balance is equal to receipts less payments less Future Fund earnings. For the purposes of consistent comparison with years prior to 2005-06, Future Fund earnings should be added back to the underlying cash balance.

Table B2: Australian Government general government sector taxation receipts, non-taxation receipts and total receipts

	Taxation receipts		Non-taxation receipts		Total receipts(a)	
	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP
1970-71	7,193	18.2	1,097	2.8	8,290	21.0
1971-72	7,895	18.1	1,240	2.8	9,135	20.9
1972-73	8,411	17.2	1,324	2.7	9,735	19.9
1973-74	10,832	18.3	1,396	2.4	12,228	20.7
1974-75	14,141	20.3	1,502	2.2	15,643	22.4
1975-76	16,920	20.7	1,807	2.2	18,727	22.9
1976-77	19,714	20.9	2,176	2.3	21,890	23.3
1977-78	21,428	20.8	2,591	2.5	24,019	23.4
1978-79	23,409	20.1	2,720	2.3	26,129	22.5
1979-80	27,473	20.8	2,848	2.2	30,321	23.0
1980-81	32,641	21.8	3,352	2.2	35,993	24.1
1981-82	37,880	22.0	3,619	2.1	41,499	24.1
1982-83	41,025	22.1	4,438	2.4	45,463	24.5
1983-84	44,849	21.4	5,132	2.5	49,981	23.9
1984-85	52,970	22.9	5,847	2.5	58,817	25.4
1985-86	58,841	23.1	7,365	2.9	66,206	26.0
1986-87	66,467	23.8	8,257	3.0	74,724	26.7
1987-88	75,076	23.5	8,415	2.6	83,491	26.2
1988-89	83,452	23.1	7,296	2.0	90,748	25.1
1989-90	90,773	22.9	7,852	2.0	98,625	24.8
1990-91	92,739	22.7	7,488	1.8	100,227	24.5
1991-92	87,364	21.0	8,476	2.0	95,840	23.0
1992-93	88,760	20.3	8,873	2.0	97,633	22.3
1993-94	93,362	20.3	10,462	2.3	103,824	22.6
1994-95	104,921	21.6	8,537	1.8	113,458	23.3
1995-96	115,700	22.3	8,729	1.7	124,429	24.0
1996-97	124,559	22.8	9,033	1.7	133,592	24.5
1997-98	130,984	22.7	9,752	1.7	140,736	24.4
1998-99	138,420	22.8	13,643	2.2	152,063	25.0
1999-00	151,313	23.5	14,887	2.3	166,199	25.8
2000-01	170,354	24.7	12,641	1.8	182,996	26.5
2001-02	175,108	23.8	12,481	1.7	187,588	25.5
2002-03	192,131	24.6	12,482	1.6	204,613	26.2
2003-04	206,091	24.5	11,683	1.4	217,775	25.9
2004-05	223,314	24.9	12,669	1.4	235,984	26.3
2005-06	241,215	24.9	14,728	1.5	255,943	26.5
2006-07	257,392	24.6	15,245	1.5	272,637	26.1
2007-08	278,376	24.6	16,540	1.5	294,917	26.0
2008-09	272,627	22.7	19,973	1.7	292,600	24.3

(a) Receipts are equal to receipts from operating activities and sales of non-financial assets.

Table B3: Australian Government general government sector net debt and net interest payments

	Net debt(a)		Net interest payments(b)	
	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP
1970-71	344	0.9	-189	-0.5
1971-72	-496	-1.1	-245	-0.6
1972-73	-790	-1.6	-252	-0.5
1973-74	-1,851	-3.1	-286	-0.5
1974-75	-1,901	-2.7	-242	-0.3
1975-76	-341	-0.4	-330	-0.4
1976-77	898	1.0	-62	-0.1
1977-78	2,896	2.8	4	0.0
1978-79	4,983	4.3	254	0.2
1979-80	6,244	4.7	440	0.3
1980-81	6,356	4.3	620	0.4
1981-82	5,919	3.4	680	0.4
1982-83	9,151	4.9	896	0.5
1983-84	16,015	7.7	1,621	0.8
1984-85	21,896	9.5	2,813	1.2
1985-86	26,889	10.5	3,952	1.5
1986-87	29,136	10.4	4,762	1.7
1987-88	27,344	8.6	4,503	1.4
1988-89	21,981	6.1	4,475	1.2
1989-90	16,123	4.1	4,549	1.1
1990-91	16,915	4.1	3,636	0.9
1991-92	31,041	7.4	3,810	0.9
1992-93	55,218	12.6	3,986	0.9
1993-94	70,223	15.3	5,628	1.2
1994-95	83,492	17.2	7,292	1.5
1995-96	95,831	18.5	8,861	1.7
1996-97	96,281	17.6	9,489	1.7
1997-98	82,935	14.4	8,279	1.4
1998-99	72,065	11.9	8,649	1.4
1999-00	54,639	8.5	7,514	1.2
2000-01	43,533	6.3	6,195	0.9
2001-02	38,798	5.3	5,352	0.7
2002-03	29,757	3.8	3,758	0.5
2003-04	23,166	2.8	3,040	0.4
2004-05	11,660	1.3	2,502	0.3
2005-06	-3,743	-0.4	2,303	0.2
2006-07	-29,150	-2.8	228	0.0
2007-08	-44,820	-4.0	-1,015	-0.1
2008-09	-16,148	-1.3	-1,196	-0.1

(a) Net debt is equal to the sum of deposits held, advances received, government securities, loans and other borrowing, minus the sum of cash and deposits, advances paid and investments, loans and placements.

(b) Net interest payments are equal to the difference between interest paid and interest receipts.

Table B4: Australian Government general government sector revenue, expenses, net capital investment and fiscal balance

	Revenue		Expenses		Net capital investment		Fiscal balance(a)	
	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP
1996-97	141,688	26.0	145,809	26.7	90	0.0	-4,211	-0.8
1997-98	146,820	25.4	148,646	25.7	147	0.0	-1,973	-0.3
1998-99	152,106	25.0	146,777	24.2	1,433	0.2	3,896	0.6
1999-00	167,304	25.9	155,452	24.1	-69	0.0	11,922	1.8
2000-01	186,110	27.0	180,028	26.1	8	0.0	6,074	0.9
2001-02	190,488	25.9	192,959	26.2	382	0.1	-2,854	-0.4
2002-03	206,923	26.5	201,298	25.8	287	0.0	5,338	0.7
2003-04	222,168	26.4	215,377	25.6	660	0.1	6,131	0.7
2004-05	242,507	27.0	229,243	25.5	1,034	0.1	12,230	1.4
2005-06	261,238	27.0	242,177	25.0	2,498	0.3	16,563	1.7
2006-07	278,411	26.6	259,161	24.8	2,333	0.2	16,917	1.6
2007-08	303,729	26.8	280,109	24.7	2,593	0.2	21,027	1.9
2008-09	298,933	24.9	324,569	27.0	4,064	0.3	-29,700	-2.5

(a) Fiscal balance is equal to revenue less expenses less net capital investment.

Table B5: Australian Government general government sector net worth and net financial worth

	Net worth(a)		Net financial worth(b)	
	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP
1999-00	-6,824	-1.1	-67,956	-10.5
2000-01	-6,330	-0.9	-72,808	-10.6
2001-02	-11,285	-1.5	-78,642	-10.7
2002-03	-15,000	-1.9	-84,314	-10.8
2003-04	-839	-0.1	-73,845	-8.8
2004-05	14,873	1.7	-59,941	-6.7
2005-06	18,283	1.9	-63,129	-6.5
2006-07	46,659	4.5	-39,668	-3.8
2007-08	71,165	6.3	-17,765	-1.6
2008-09	19,721	1.6	-73,800	-6.1

(a) Net worth is equal to assets less liabilities.

(b) Net financial worth is equal to financial assets less liabilities.

Table B6: Australian Government general government sector taxation revenue, non-taxation revenue and total revenue

	Taxation revenue		Non-taxation revenue		Total revenue	
	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP	\$m	Per cent of GDP
1999-00	153,408	23.8	13,896	2.2	167,304	25.9
2000-01	175,881	25.5	10,228	1.5	186,110	27.0
2001-02	178,210	24.2	12,278	1.7	190,488	25.9
2002-03	195,203	25.0	11,720	1.5	206,923	26.5
2003-04	209,959	25.0	12,209	1.5	222,168	26.4
2004-05	229,943	25.6	12,564	1.4	242,507	27.0
2005-06	245,716	25.4	15,522	1.6	261,238	27.0
2006-07	262,511	25.1	15,900	1.5	278,411	26.6
2007-08	286,229	25.3	17,500	1.5	303,729	26.8
2008-09	278,653	23.2	20,280	1.7	298,933	24.9

Table B7: Australian Government cash receipts, payments and cash surplus by institutional sector

	General government			Public non-financial corporations			Non-financial public sector		
	Underlying cash			Cash surplus(c)			Underlying cash		
	Receipts(a)	Payments(b)	balance(c)	Receipts(a)	Payments(b)		Receipts(a)	Payments(b)	balance(c)
1988-89	90,748	85,326	5,421	4,177	6,035	257	93,923	90,312	5,678
1989-90	98,625	92,684	5,942	3,926	11,322	-5,261	101,495	102,883	681
1990-91	100,227	100,665	-438	4,804	9,351	-2,139	103,837	108,808	-2,577
1991-92	95,840	108,472	-12,631	3,899	7,713	101	97,937	114,369	-12,530
1992-93	97,633	115,751	-18,118	4,385	7,819	-196	100,512	122,042	-18,314
1993-94	103,824	122,009	-18,185	5,178	6,476	1,482	106,747	126,214	-16,703
1994-95	113,458	127,619	-14,160	5,262	7,318	1,956	116,751	132,965	-12,204
1995-96	124,429	135,538	-11,109	4,927	8,190	-527	126,593	140,963	-11,636
1996-97	133,592	139,689	-6,099	4,782	7,373	473	135,259	143,948	-5,626
1997-98	140,736	140,587	149	6,238	7,923	1,119	144,517	145,985	1,268
1998-99	152,063	148,175	3,889	na	na	-353	na	na	3,536
1999-00	166,199	153,192	13,007	na	na	-2,594	na	na	10,413
2000-01	182,996	177,123	5,872	na	na	391	na	na	6,264
2001-02	187,588	188,655	-1,067	na	na	1,210	na	na	143
2002-03	204,613	197,243	7,370	27,386	26,105	1,280	na	na	8,650
2003-04	217,775	209,785	7,990	27,718	26,142	1,575	238,236	227,099	9,564
2004-05	235,984	222,407	13,577	29,621	28,071	1,550	257,946	241,577	15,128
2005-06	255,943	240,136	15,756	30,875	31,874	-999	278,254	263,445	14,758
2006-07	272,637	253,321	17,182	16,882	18,641	-1,759	285,336	267,778	15,423
2007-08	294,917	271,843	19,704	7,758	8,232	-473	300,503	277,903	19,231
2008-09	292,600	316,046	-27,079	7,987	8,960	-973	297,421	321,841	-28,052

(a) Receipts are equal to receipts from operating activities and sales of non-financial assets.

(b) Payments are equal to payments for operating activities, purchases of non-financial assets and net acquisition of assets under finance leases.

(c) These items exclude Future Fund earnings from 2005-06 onwards. Future Fund earnings are shown in Table B1.

na Data not available.

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Table B8: Australian Government revenue, expenses and fiscal balance by institutional sector

	General government			Public non-financial corporations			Non-financial public sector		
	Revenue	Expenses	Fiscal balance(a)	Revenue	Expenses	Fiscal balance(a)	Revenue	Expenses	Fiscal balance(a)
1996-97	141,688	145,809	-4,211	27,431	26,015	-331	na	na	-4,542
1997-98	146,820	148,646	-1,973	29,618	26,999	2,360	na	na	387
1998-99	152,106	146,777	3,896	27,687	26,088	-816	175,891	168,963	3,080
1999-00	167,304	155,452	11,922	25,485	23,542	1,062	188,841	173,889	12,983
2000-01	186,110	180,028	6,074	25,869	24,762	-826	207,372	200,184	5,248
2001-02	190,488	192,959	-2,854	26,638	25,341	793	212,518	213,693	-2,060
2002-03	206,923	201,298	5,338	24,339	22,916	1,975	226,135	219,129	7,314
2003-04	222,168	215,377	6,131	25,449	23,444	2,143	241,873	233,077	8,275
2004-05	242,507	229,243	12,230	26,965	25,191	1,473	263,587	248,549	13,703
2005-06	261,238	242,177	16,563	28,143	29,531	-2,442	282,597	264,923	14,121
2006-07	278,411	259,161	16,917	15,443	16,360	-1,763	290,067	271,735	15,153
2007-08	303,729	280,109	21,027	6,854	6,686	-584	309,215	285,426	20,443
2008-09	298,933	324,569	-29,700	6,998	7,576	-1,495	303,733	329,948	-31,195

(a) Fiscal balance is equal to revenue less expenses less net capital investment. Net capital investment is not shown in this table.

na Data not available.