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MAIN FEATURES

ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS

STATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT The general government sector returned a \$17 million surplus in 1997–98. This follows deficits of \$39 million in 1996–97 and \$8 million in 1995–96. PTE repayment of advances back to the general government sector continue to reflect the accelerated repayment of advances. Since 1994–95 arrangements have been made with the PTEs to repay advances from general government which were sourced from Financial Agreement funds. These repayments from 1994–95 to 2005–6 are in accordance with a formula relating to Financial Agreement debt maturing each year. Total general government revenues increased by 1.9% in 1997–98 to \$1,975 million (from \$1,938 million). Grants received from the Commonwealth Government constituted the largest revenue item, increasing \$19 million, from \$1,124 million in 1996–97, to \$1,143 million in 1997–98. The proportion of revenue attributable to this source is virtually unchanged, having declined marginally, from 58% to 57.9% between 1996–97 and 1997–98.

STATE PUBLIC TRADING ENTERPRISES The PTE sector returned a surplus of \$36 million in 1997–98, the fourth consecutive surplus. A deficit of \$83 million in 1993–94 was influenced by capital outlays in that year of \$155 million for the purchase of the Bass Strait ferry, *Spirit of Tasmania*. Income transferred to general government has increased significantly in each of the last three periods, due primarily to significant changes in both dividend and tax equivalent payments by the Hydro Electric Corporation. Prior to 1995–96 prior year tax losses were being offset against taxes payable. These accumulated losses were eliminated in 1995–96.

STATE GOVERNMENT OUTLAYS BY PURPOSE Total outlays for 1997–98 totalled \$2,375 million. Public debt (interest) accounted for \$423 million or 17.8% of total outlays (19.8% in 1996–97), Education (\$521 million or 21.9%), Health (\$398 million or 16.8%). Capital outlays for 1997–98 totalled \$273 million, an increase of \$18 million or 7.1% over the 1996–97 figure of \$255 million.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE On 1 July 1997, West Tamar Water Authority and North Esk Regional Water Authority were amalgamated as Esk Water and transferred from the State PTE sector to the local government sector. The inclusion of this new PTE in the local government sector is reflected in tables 7,8,9 and 11. Other local government tables present data relating solely to the operations of local government councils.

Overall, total outlays in the local government sector decreased by \$9 million (3.7%). Current outlays grew by \$11 million, due mainly to final consumption expenditure increasing by \$7 million. Capital outlays decreased by \$19 million from the 1996–97 year, when capital expenditure was abnormally high due to major construction projects by the Hobart City Council, namely the Hobart Aquatic Centre and the Sandy Bay sewerage treatment project. Revenue increased by \$9 million or 3.8% in 1997–98. Consequently, the local government sector returned to a surplus finance position of \$14 million after a deficit in 1996–97.

MAIN FEATURES *continued*

Tasmanian local government councils raised \$150 million in taxes in 1997–98, compared with \$140 million in the previous year. Local government taxes constitute that portion of rates revenue not classified to user charges.

FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

STATE GOVERNMENT	Between 30 June 1997 and 30 June 1998, the net debt of the PTE sector decreased by \$57 million to \$1,745 million, whilst the net debt of the general government sector decreased by \$45 million to \$1,350 million. The consolidated result is a decrease in Tasmanian State Government net debt of \$145 million (from \$2,849 million in 1996–97 to \$2,704 million in 1997–98), consisting of an increase in gross debt of \$43 million offset by an increase of \$187 million in cash, deposits and lending.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Between 30 June 1997 and 30 June 1998, the net debt of the total Tasmanian local government sector increased by \$5 million, to \$85 million. This increase consisted of an increase in gross debt of \$11 million offset by an increase in total cash, deposits and lending of \$6 million.
COUNCIL BALANCE SHEETS	Flinders Island Council has the highest level of net worth per head of estimated resident population. This is due to Flinders Island's atypical road construction program which is municipal rather than State or Commonwealth based. Consequently these roads are part of council's non-financial assets. The council with the lowest equity per head of estimated resident population is Derwent Valley. Launceston Council, has the highest level of non-financial assets, worth \$603.9 million, 58.4% higher than the next council, Hobart, which has non-financial assets worth \$381.1 million. This is partly explained by the fact Launceston's infrastructure serves Tasmania's largest municipal population base of 63,237, whilst Hobart's serves a population of 46,502. Clarence and Glenorchy councils have the highest levels of borrowing and advances received (Central Highlands and Flinders, the lowest), whilst Clarence and Launceston have the highest level of cash, deposits and lending (West Coast and George Town the lowest).

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ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS OF TASMANIA STATE GOVERNMENT, GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Economic transactions</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OUTLAYS						
Current						
Gross expenditure on goods and services	1 308	1 369	1 395	1 469	1 549	1 539
Less Sales of goods and services	186	191	177	194	192	193
<i>Equals</i> Final consumption expenditure	1 121	1 178	1 218	1 275	1 358	1 346
Interest payments	266	272	241	222	212	200
Subsidies paid to public trading enterprises	63	56	51	40	50	77
Grants to non-profit institutions	109	114	124	123	124	130
Grants to local governments	80	42	42	45	49	47
Other transfer payments	16	16	24	36	49	29
<i>Total</i>	1 655	1 678	1 700	1 741	1 841	1 828
Capital						
Expenditure on new fixed assets	157	138	145	164	142	141
Plus Expenditure on secondhand assets (net)	-7	-31	-34	-38	-47	-46
<i>Equals</i> Gross fixed capital expenditure	151	107	111	126	95	95
Expenditure on land and intangible assets (net)	3	3	—	1	4	2
Grants	52	79	23	37	32	29
Other	—	—	—	—	5	3
<i>Total</i>	206	189	135	164	136	130
Total Outlays	1 861	1 867	1 835	1 906	1 977	1 958
REVENUE						
Taxes	518	567	601	625	631	632
Interest received from public trading enterprises	73	71	68	56	47	40
Interest received from public financial enterprises	6	6	4	1	1	3
Interest received from other enterprises	36	26	13	20	11	13
Grants received	1 101	1 029	1 035	1 113	1 124	1 143
Dividends received	31	34	35	38	48	60
Other	29	27	36	45	75	84
Total Revenue	1 794	1 761	1 792	1 897	1 938	1 975
FINANCING AND DEFICIT MEASURES (a)						
Borrowing and advances received (net)	85	-142	-59	-15	-51	-48
Other financing transactions (net)	-49	66	2	-40	5	-39
Less Net advances paid	-31	-183	-100	-64	-86	-70
<i>Total financing</i>	67	106	43	8	39	-17
Less Increase in provisions (net)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equals Deficit or surplus (-)	67	106	43	8	39	-17
Of which						
Current deficit	23	38	-22	-71	-29	-104
Capital deficit	44	68	65	79	68	87

(a) See Glossary on page 30

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TASMANIA STATE GOVERNMENT, GENERAL GOVERNMENT—OUTLAYS BY PURPOSE

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Purpose	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CURRENT OUTLAYS						
General public services	127	153	173	168	156	148
Public order and safety	102	105	107	117	152	151
Education						
Primary and secondary	310	321	322	327	344	359
Tertiary						
University	43	3	3	4	4	3
Technical and further education	38	48	53	54	65	67
Total tertiary	82	51	57	57	69	69
Other education	50	57	59	70	60	68
Total	441	429	438	454	473	496
Health						
Acute care institutions	291	214	218	245	293	307
Other health institutions	—	55	64	71	35	39
Other	69	60	55	59	48	39
Total	360	329	337	375	377	385
Social security and welfare	56	89	105	118	119	125
Housing and community amenities	33	36	37	31	30	31
Recreation and culture	51	47	50	55	70	75
Transport, communication and other economic affairs						
Road transport	76	80	86	94	100	93
Water transport	1	4	1	2	2	2
Other transport, communication and economic affairs	58	54	55	55	56	56
Total	136	137	142	150	158	151
Public debt	266	272	241	222	212	200
Other purposes	83	81	70	52	94	66
Total Current Outlays	1 655	1 678	1 700	1 741	1 841	1 828
CAPITAL OUTLAYS						
General public services	3	-1	-7	2	-13	-5
Public order and safety	13	12	16	16	14	11
Education						
Primary and secondary	14	16	23	21	29	20
Tertiary						
Technical and further education	7	6	9	10	7	4
Total	7	6	9	10	7	4
Other	3	2	2	2	2	3
Total	24	23	33	33	38	26
Health						
Acute care institutions	31	9	13	21	14	11
Other health institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	3	7	4	6	1	1
Total	35	16	17	27	15	12
Housing and community amenities	20	23	26	39	30	29
Recreation and culture	10	9	11	7	11	10
Transport, communication and other economic affairs						
Road transport	68	50	38	41	40	43
Other transport, communication and economic affairs	-1	53	—	-1	—	2
Total	67	103	38	40	40	46
Other purposes	34	5	—	1	1	1
Total Capital Outlays	206	189	135	164	136	130

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ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS OF TASMANIA STATE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC TRADING ENTERPRISES

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Economic transactions</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OUTLAYS						
Current Outlays						
Interest payments	241	226	221	210	210	181
Dividends paid	24	28	33	58	53	48
Other transfer payments	25	26	42	50	62	95
<i>Total</i>	290	281	296	317	324	323
Capital Outlays						
Expenditure on new fixed assets	150	302	116	159	158	183
<i>Plus</i> Expenditure on second-hand assets (net)	-1	-27	-6	-4	-9	-10
<i>Equals</i> Gross fixed capital expenditure	149	275	110	155	148	173
Expenditure on land and intangible assets (net)	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-2
Other	-4	5	1	4	-1	-1
<i>Total</i>	144	279	109	158	146	170
Total Outlays	433	559	405	475	470	493
REVENUE						
Sales of goods and services	743	775	816	839	882	887
<i>Plus</i> Subsidies received	46	51	49	43	38	35
<i>Less</i> Operating expenditure	-555	-572	-593	-607	-623	-659
<i>Equals</i> Net operating surplus	235	255	272	275	297	263
Interest received from general government	3	2	3	2	1	—
Interest received from public financial enterprises	1	1	1	1	1	—
Interest received from other sectors	14	10	8	8	11	6
Capital grants received	53	77	23	30	30	33
Other	5	5	5	6	8	5
Total Revenue	310	350	313	321	348	308
FINANCING AND DEFICIT MEASURES (a)						
Borrowing received (net)	17	56	24	-42	-10	-1
Advances received (net)	-13	-13	-109	-51	-84	-42
Advances paid (net)	-6	-4	-5	-2	-1	-2
Other financing transactions (net)	125	171	181	248	219	230
<i>Total financing</i>	123	209	92	153	123	185
<i>Less</i> Increase in provisions (net)	149	126	178	204	219	221
Equals Deficit or surplus (-)	-25	83	-86	-51	-97	-36
Of which						
Current deficit	-112	-114	-167	-174	-206	-168
Capital deficit	87	197	81	123	109	132

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ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS OF TASMANIA STATE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC FINANCIAL ENTERPRISES

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Economic transactions</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OUTLAYS						
Current						
Interest payments	420	402	428	426	406	364
Dividends paid	3	5	3	9	8	5
Other transfer payments	7	-3	3	-4	5	3
<i>Total</i>	430	404	434	432	419	371
Capital						
Gross fixed capital expenditure	3	3	2	5	6	1
Expenditure on land and intangible assets (net)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	3	3	2	5	6	2
Total Outlays	433	407	436	437	425	374
REVENUE						
Sales of goods and services	96	52	55	59	65	78
Plus Subsidies received	—	—	—	—	—	—
Less Operating expenditure	-129	-62	-81	-93	-107	-103
<i>Equals</i> Net operating surplus	-33	-10	-26	-34	-42	-25
Interest received from general government	130	156	139	149	144	143
Interest received from public trading enterprises	148	108	132	137	129	121
Interest received from other sectors	192	179	184	175	176	128
Other	—	—	2	2	3	3
Total Revenue	438	434	432	429	409	370
FINANCING AND DEFICIT MEASURES (a)						
Borrowing and deposits received	210	131	-124	-142	-170	74
Advances received (net)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other financing transactions (net)	-215	-158	128	149	186	-71
<i>Total financing</i>	-4	-26	4	8	16	3
Less Increase in provisions (net)	18	1	14	26	44	34
Equals Deficit or surplus (-)	-22	-27	-10	-18	-28	-31
Of which						
Current deficit	-25	-30	-13	-23	-34	-33
Capital deficit	3	3	2	5	6	2

a) See Glossary on page 30

5 ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS OF TASMANIA STATE GOVERNMENT, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC TRADING ENTERPRISES

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Economic transactions</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OUTLAYS						
Interest payments	433	426	391	374	373	342
Current grants to other sectors	189	156	166	168	172	178
Other current outlays	1 224	1 271	1 327	1 415	1 499	1 504
Capital grants to other sectors	2	3	2	4	—	—
Other capital outlays	297	389	220	285	250	271
Total Outlays	2 145	2 244	2 107	2 247	2 294	2 295
REVENUE						
Interest revenue	57	43	26	30	25	22
Grants received	1 104	1 030	1 037	1 109	1 124	1 172
Taxes	517	566	600	623	630	631
Net operating surplus	235	255	272	275	297	263
Other	41	33	38	43	59	54
Total Revenue	1 953	1 926	1 973	2 079	2 134	2 143
FINANCING AND DEFICIT MEASURES (a)						
Borrowing and advances received (net)	102	-86	-33	-56	-11	-49
Other financing transactions (net)	65	229	165	203	166	170
Less Net advances paid	-24	-175	-1	-20	-5	-31
<i>Total financing</i>	192	318	133	167	160	152
Less Increase in provisions (net)	149	126	178	204	219	221
Equals Deficit or surplus (-)	43	192	-44	-37	-60	-69

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ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS OF TASMANIA STATE GOVERNMENT,
CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC SECTOR

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Economic transactions</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OUTLAYS						
Interest payments	553	534	534	515	479	423
Current grants to other sectors	189	156	167	168	172	178
Other current outlays	1 224	1 266	1 321	1 411	1 509	1 501
Capital grants to other sectors	3	5	4	10	5	3
Other capital outlays	300	389	221	285	250	270
Total Outlays	2 268	2 350	2 246	2 389	2 416	2 375
REVENUE						
Interest revenue	243	216	206	202	199	147
Grants received	1 104	1 030	1 037	1 109	1 124	1 172
Taxes	517	566	600	623	630	631
Net operating surplus	202	245	247	241	255	238
Other	30	26	37	36	57	44
Total Revenue	2 095	2 083	2 126	2 211	2 264	2 232
FINANCING AND DEFICIT MEASURES (a)						
Borrowing and advances received (net)	145	140	-309	-114	-120	-53
Other financing transactions (net)	5	-45	450	295	274	171
Less Net advances paid	-24	-172	21	4	2	-25
<i>Total financing</i>	174	267	120	177	152	143
Less Increase in provisions (net)	166	127	192	230	263	256
Equals Deficit or surplus (-)	7	140	-72	-53	-112	-113

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ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS OF TASMANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Item	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OUTLAYS						
Current Outlays						
Current expenditure	216	221	236	258	271	287
Less Sales of goods and services	144	148	155	160	168	176
<i>Equals</i> Final consumption expenditure	72	73	82	97	103	110
Interest payments	25	20	19	16	20	19
Other transfer payments	8	10	11	12	12	16
Total Current outlays	105	104	112	125	135	146
Capital Outlays						
Expenditure on new fixed assets	86	91	96	110	123	104
Plus Expenditure on secondhand fixed assets (net)	-7	-10	-12	-12	-13	-13
<i>Equals</i> Gross fixed capital expenditure	80	81	84	97	110	91
Other capital outlays	—	2	3	2	—	1
Total Capital outlays	80	83	87	100	111	92
Total Outlays	185	187	199	225	246	237
REVENUE						
Taxes	117	119	125	135	140	150
Net operating surpluses of public trading enterprises	—	—	—	—	7	8
Interest received	9	9	11	12	10	8
Grants received	63	62	58	65	64	65
Other revenue	8	9	13	17	13	11
Total Revenue	197	198	207	229	234	243
FINANCING AND DEFICIT MEASURES (a)						
Advances received (net)	-5	—	-2	—	-3	-4
Advances paid (net)	—	—	—	-1	—	—
Borrowing (net)	1	-1	-13	-7	-11	1
Increase in provisions —	—	—	—	—	2	9
Other financing transactions	-8	-11	6	4	23	-11
Total Financing	-12	-12	-9	-4	12	-5
Less Increase in provisions	—	—	—	—	2	9
Equals Deficit or surplus (-)	-12	-12	-9	-4	9	-14
Of which						
Current deficit	-90	-79	-83	-89	-91	-92
Capital deficit	78	67	74	85	100	78

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TASMANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CURRENT OUTLAYS BY PURPOSE

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Legislative, executive, financial & fiscal affairs	35	39	41	44	45	47
Public order and safety	1	1	1	2	2	1
Health	5	5	5	6	5	6
Welfare	7	7	9	10	11	10
Garbage, sanitation, stormwater and environment	13	8	8	10	11	11
Water supply	-10	-15	-13	-15	-16	-13
Sewerage	-29	-30	-30	-30	-32	-32
Housing, community development and amenities	12	14	15	17	18	21
Recreation and culture	22	25	28	32	32	38
Transport and communication	29	26	26	28	32	33
Other purposes	19	23	22	23	27	24
Total Current Outlays	105	104	112	125	135	146

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TASMANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAYS BY PURPOSE

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Legislative, executive, financial & fiscal affairs	4	5	11	10	5	5
Water supply	9	8	10	10	13	11
Sewerage	21	19	15	19	21	16
Other housing and community amenities	5	8	8	8	8	6
Recreation and culture	6	7	6	10	19	9
Transport and communication	33	35	38	44	42	42
Other purposes	2	—	—	—	4	2
Total Capital Outlays	80	83	87	100	111	92

Item	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	STATE AUTHORITIES			LOCAL AUTHORITIES			STATE & LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
2 Employers' payroll taxes	142	146	144	—	—	—	142	146	144
3 Taxes on property	153	141	150	135	140	150	287	281	300
31 Taxes on immovable property	46	45	43	135	140	150	181	184	194
311 Land taxes	30	27	26	—	—	—	30	27	26
312 Municipal rates	—	—	—	135	140	150	135	140	150
314 Property owners' contribution to fire brigades	17	17	18	—	—	—	17	17	18
33 Taxes on financial and capital transactions	106	97	107	—	—	—	106	97	107
336 Stamp duties	60	53	60	—	—	—	60	53	60
332 Financial institutions' taxes	40	38	42	—	—	—	40	38	42
333 Government borrowing guarantee levies	7	5	4	—	—	—	7	5	4
4 Taxes on provision of goods and services	98	105	107	—	—	—	98	105	107
42 Excises (levies on statutory corporations)	14	14	15	—	—	—	14	14	15
44 Taxes on gambling	55	62	65	—	—	—	55	62	65
442 Taxes on private lotteries	21	19	19	—	—	—	21	19	19
444 Casino taxes	21	31	35	—	—	—	21	31	35
445 Race betting taxes	12	11	9	—	—	—	12	11	9
449 Taxes on gambling n.e.c.	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	1
45 Taxes on insurance	29	28	28	—	—	—	29	28	28
451 Insurance co's' contributions to fire brigades	9	7	7	—	—	—	9	7	7
452 Third party insurance taxes	2	2	2	—	—	—	2	2	2
459 Taxes on insurance n.e.c.	18	19	18	—	—	—	18	19	18
5 Taxes on use of goods and performance of activities	231	237	230	—	—	—	231	237	230
51 Motor vehicle taxes	82	87	92	—	—	—	82	87	92
515/516 Vehicle registration fees and taxes	53	60	64	—	—	—	53	60	64
512 Stamp duty on vehicle registration	29	27	27	—	—	—	29	27	27
514 Road transport and maintenance taxes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52 Franchise taxes	149	150	139	—	—	—	149	150	139
522 Petroleum products franchise taxes	48	47	47	—	—	—	48	47	47
523 Tobacco franchise taxes	83	85	74	—	—	—	83	85	74
524 Liquor franchise taxes	18	19	18	—	—	—	18	19	18
53 Other taxes on use of goods etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taxes	623	630	631	135	140	150	758	769	782

	1992-1993	1993-1994	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998
<i>Financial Assets and Liabilities</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
STATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Liabilities						
Deposits held	85	73	46	55	48	55
Advances received	1 220	1 069	927	846	730	635
Other borrowing (a)	1 375	1 382	1 434	1 515	1 547	1 608
<i>Gross debt</i>	2 679	2 524	2 408	2 416	2 324	2 298
Financial assets						
Cash and deposits	135	138	207	224	247	327
Advances paid	1 090	940	806	734	646	575
Other lending (b)	165	89	35	77	36	46
<i>Total cash, deposits and lending</i>	1 391	1 167	1 049	1 035	929	948
Net debt (c)	1 288	1 357	1 359	1 382	1 395	1 350
Unfunded employee entitlements	1 133	1 133	1 581	1 698	1 714	1 785
STATE PUBLIC TRADING ENTERPRISES						
Liabilities						
Deposits held	4	5	8	6	4	2
Advances received	786	772	668	618	522	481
Other borrowing (a)	1 494	1 507	1 554	1 496	1 440	1 431
<i>Gross debt</i>	2 284	2 284	2 230	2 119	1 965	1 914
Financial Assets						
Cash and deposits	123	138	153	106	76	84
Advances paid	38	34	28	26	26	26
Other lending (b)	180	104	93	95	61	59
<i>Total cash, deposits and lending</i>	341	276	274	227	163	169
Net debt (c)	1 943	2 008	1 956	1 893	1 802	1 745
Unfunded employee entitlements	373	377	340	341	315	346
STATE PUBLIC FINANCIAL ENTERPRISES						
Liabilities						
Deposits held	515	400	553	469	407	490
Advances received	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other borrowing (a)	3 592	3 934	3 936	3 767	3 709	3 809
<i>Gross debt</i>	4 106	4 334	4 489	4 236	4 117	4 299
Financial assets						
Cash and deposits	63	152	104	133	184	217
Advances paid	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other lending (b)	4 411	4 466	4 683	4 411	4 282	4 472
<i>Total cash, deposits and lending</i>	4 474	4 618	4 787	4 544	4 465	4 689
Net debt (c)	-368	-284	-298	-308	-349	-391
Unfunded employee entitlements	12	2	2	1	1	2

For footnotes see end of table.

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FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF TASMANIA STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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	1992-1993	1993-1994	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998
<i>Financial Assets and Liabilities</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CONSOLIDATED STATE GOVERNMENT						
Liabilities						
Deposits held	394	237	299	251	172	192
Advances received	1 216	1 065	930	848	721	629
Other borrowing (a)	3 553	3 972	3 954	3 757	3 713	3 828
<i>Gross debt</i>	5 163	5 275	5 183	4 856	4 607	4 649
Financial assets						
Cash and deposits	112	188	155	184	221	274
Advances paid	339	198	171	145	141	114
Other lending (b)	1 848	1 808	1 840	1 561	1 396	1 557
<i>Total cash, deposits and lending</i>	2 299	2 194	2 166	1 890	1 758	1 945
Net debt (c)	2 864	3 081	3 017	2 966	2 849	2 704
Unfunded employee entitlements	1 518	1 511	1 923	2 040	2 031	2 133
CONSOLIDATED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS						
Liabilities						
Deposits held	5	2	2	2	4	4
Advances received	18	6	3	4	13	10
Other borrowing (a)	185	189	176	165	191	205
<i>Gross debt</i>	208	197	181	172	208	219
Financial Assets						
Cash and deposits	120	128	120	123	105	82
Advances paid	4	4	3	5	4	5
Other lending (b)	8	8	19	9	19	47
<i>Total cash, deposits and lending</i>	132	140	143	137	128	134
Net debt (c)	76	57	38	34	80(d)	85(d)
Unfunded employee entitlements	8	15	19	25	31	33
CONSOLIDATED STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS						
Liabilities						
Deposits held	399	237	264	224	146	162
Advances received	1 219	1 058	931	848	733	629
Other borrowing (a)	3 658	4 057	4 011	3 807	3 760	3 878
<i>Gross debt</i>	5 275	5 352	5 206	4 879	4 639	4 669
Financial assets						
Cash and deposits	231	314	239	278	296	322
Advances paid	328	189	171	145	143	110
Other lending (b)	1 776	1 711	1 742	1 455	1 271	1 449
<i>Total cash, deposits and lending</i>	2 335	2 214	2 151	1 879	1 710	1 880
Net debt (c)	2 940	3 139	3 055	3 000	2 929	2 789
Unfunded employee entitlements	1 526	1 527	1 942	2 065	2 062	2 166

(a) Includes finance leases, loans and debt securities and derivatives in a net liability position. Excludes accounts payable and prepayments.

(b) Includes loan and debt securities and derivatives in a net asset position. Excludes accounts receivable, prepayments and equities.

(c) Gross debt less Total cash, deposits and lending.

(d) Tasmania local government net debt was significantly affected by the transfer of the regional water boards from the State to the local government sector, and the drawing down of cash reserves by Hobart City Council for the construction of the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS, 1997-98

	Rates	Sales of goods and services	Sales of land and fixed assets	Interest received	Grants received	Other revenue	Total revenue and grants received
<i>Local government council</i>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Break O'Day	2 933	556	434	54	1 731	—	5 708
Brighton	4 176	1 811	39	88	1 859	460	8 432
Burnie	12 090	5 082	1 308	868	2 460	448	22 255
Central Coast	8 957	3 689	307	547	2 148	565	16 214
Central Highlands	1 234	819	222	57	2 689	358	5 379
Circular Head	4 045	2 688	774	112	1 809	159	9 588
Clarence	22 612	3 763	1 316	739	3 698	155	32 283
Derwent Valley	4 327	1 018	317	43	1 363	14	7 083
Devonport	15 553	5 861	1 684	460	1 850	340	25 748
Dorset	2 597	1 074	102	205	1 916	—	5 893
Flinders	457	457	40	105	789	—	1 848
George Town	3 817	1 567	155	18	1 084	42	6 683
Glamorgan/ Spring Bay	2 685	791	132	73	1 849	—	5 531
Glenorchy	25 312	5 290	640	313	4 044	668	36 268
Hobart	35 541	15 323	1 213	448	2 872	3 234	58 632
Huon Valley	5 933	1 845	166	144	3 591	324	12 001
Kentish	1 342	553	589	36	1 192	—	3 712
King Island	1 068	959	97	88	930	—	3 143
Kingborough	13 041	2 247	607	434	2 442	2 354	21 125
Latrobe	4 081	1 262	856	51	688	—	6 938
Launceston	40 437	13 239	1 323	1 557	6 672	885	64 114
Meander Valley	6 285	1 049	205	235	2 135	636	10 544
Northern Midlands	4 765	1 440	381	358	2 793	209	9 945
Sorell	4 574	1 526	298	319	1 855	12	8 584
Southern Midlands	2 058	573	114	77	3 408	46	6 275
Tasman	888	479	87	20	1 807	—	3 280
Waratah/Wynyard	6 030	1 353	704	178	1 933	1	10 200
West Coast	2 806	1 396	181	24	1 242	14	5 662
West Tamar	7 017	2 218	20	163	2 282	203	11 903
Tasmania	246 662	79 927	14 311	7 813	65 131	11 128	424 972

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS, 1997-98 - *continued*

<i>Local government council</i>	<i>Current expenditure on goods and services</i>	<i>Interest paid</i>	<i>Levies paid to other government authorities</i>	<i>Purchase of land and fixed assets</i>	<i>Other outlays</i>	<i>Total outlays</i>	<i>Deficit (a)</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Break O'Day	3 614	228	114	2 411	—	6 367	658
Brighton	6 012	529	159	1 070	517	8 288	-145
Burnie	14 376	498	366	6 613	19	21 871	-384
Central Coast	10 838	671	344	4 831	118	16 801	587
Central Highlands	2 721	2	62	1 279	—	4 064	-1315
Circular Head	5 742	397	152	2 041	1—	8 346	-1242
Clarence	22 390	2 113	787	7 545	162	32 997	714
Derwent Valley	4 627	350	103	1 534	77	6 689	-394
Devonport	15 475	1 520	443	6 255	94	23 787	-1961
Dorset	3 542	48	125	1 480	150	5 345	-548
Flinders	1 712	3	19	302	9	2 045	197
George Town	4 107	774	99	1 059	24	6 063	-621
Glamorgan/ Spring Bay	4 125	142	111	1 342	—	5 720	189
Glenorchy	28 451	2 051	1 939	4 161	—	36 603	335
Hobart	42 244	1 123	1 475	17 936	495	63 274	4 642
Huon Valley	7 441	522	190	3 446	40	11 640	-362
Kentish	2 559	80	79	822	-23	3 517	-195
King Island	2 363	39	44	318	—	2 764	-379
Kingborough	12 160	346	439	6 707	103	19 755	-1370
Latrobe	4 460	133	147	1 211	109	6 059	-878
Launceston	44 082	985	1 200	16 361	185	62 813	-1301
Meander Valley	6 603	132	234	1 657	—	8 625	-1919
Northern Midlands	4 574	96	249	4 547	16	9 482	-463
Sorell	5 125	292	168	1 721	307	7 613	-971
Southern Midlands	4 799	179	93	1 125	13	6 209	-66
Tasman	2 543	17	46	163	2	2 771	-509
Waratah/Wynyard	7 042	469	186	2 348	23	10 067	-133
West Coast	4 571	156	90	782	—	5 599	-63
West Tamar	8 333	270	266	3 559	698	13 127	1 223
Tasmania	286 628	14 163	9 728	104 626	3 153	418 299	-6673

(a) See Glossary on page 30

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS,

CURRENT EXPENDITURE ON GOODS & SERVICES BY PURPOSE, 1997–98

<i>Local government council</i>	<i>Legislative, executive, financial and fiscal affairs</i>	<i>Public order and safety</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Welfare</i>	<i>Garbage, sanitation, urban stormwater and environment</i>	<i>Housing, community development and amenities</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Break O'Day	100	37	67	—	451	544
Brighton	2 196	34	7	484	512	173
Burnie	2 782	141	151	632	1 089	1 724
Central Coast	1 218	93	165	551	1 259	1 150
Central Highlands	516	8	146	—	353	326
Circular Head	1 175	23	65	—	549	394
Clarence	3 805	101	99	1 613	3 406	1 451
Derwent Valley	970	100	96	269	418	264
Devonport	2 462	224	232	261	1 734	1 748
Dorset	484	33	64	4	286	481
Flinders	542	32	7	26	34	49
George Town	943	30	16	150	372	287
Glamorgan/ Spring Bay	608	—	1 196	130	231	166
Glenorchy	7 293	278	382	2 636	1 876	1 917
Hobart	6 651	57	402	1 114	4 415	4 245
Huon Valley	1 454	60	1 106	327	622	415
Kentish	398	10	31	20	152	56
King Island	874	7	27	—	129	122
Kingborough	1 495	157	156	956	1 014	706
Latrobe	681	55	45	84	283	193
Launceston	3 985	388	495	24	5 459	4 774
Meander Valley	1 707	168	198	21	608	533
Northern Midlands	1 039	18	66	149	474	425
Sorell	499	131	259	346	611	469
Southern Midlands	667	38	1 280	214	252	542
Tasman	521	—	968	—	90	121
Waratah/Wynyard	1 066	55	130	464	855	314
West Coast	1 417	29	22	—	430	211
West Tamar	2 151	56	30	161	676	1 014
Tasmania	49 699	2 362	7 909	10 637	28 640	24 816

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS,

CURRENT EXPENDITURE ON GOODS & SERVICES BY PURPOSE, 1997-98 - *continued*

<i>Local government council</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Sewerage</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Transport and communication</i>	<i>Other purposes</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Break O'Day	415	466	104	1 354	77	3 614
Brighton	1 129	405	377	607	90	6 012
Burnie	887	694	2 898	1 905	1 473	14 376
Central Coast	2 511	1 016	1 459	1 184	231	10 838
Central Highlands	104	21	220	1 026	1	2 721
Circular Head	884	445	593	1 307	307	5 742
Clarence	4 539	1 750	3 312	2 231	85	22 390
Derwent Valley	1 039	320	629	374	148	4 627
Devonport	3 569	254	2 490	1 520	979	15 475
Dorset	383	430	381	977	18	3 542
Flinders	28	—	67	906	21	1 712
George Town	791	582	362	357	216	4 107
Glamorgan/ Spring Bay	535	242	170	596	252	4 125
Glenorchy	6 592	1 087	3 017	3 019	353	28 451
Hobart	6 611	2 954	7 943	6 491	1 362	42 244
Huon Valley	579	167	737	1 198	776	7 441
Kentish	259	255	311	969	98	2 559
King Island	68	20	104	940	74	2 363
Kingborough	2 301	1 581	1 485	2 197	111	12 160
Latrobe	1 011	370	493	714	531	4 460
Launceston	6 692	4 003	10 326	6 915	1 020	44 082
Meander Valley	1 043	211	701	1 367	45	6 603
Northern Midlands	385	463	413	853	289	4 574
Sorell	663	345	266	1 524	11	5 125
Southern Midlands	249	26	151	1 260	118	4 799
Tasman	—	—	319	389	135	2 543
Waratah/Wynyard	1 434	443	740	1 258	284	7 042
West Coast	509	211	606	562	574	4 571
West Tamar	1 504	311	712	1 198	520	8 333
Tasmania	46 716	19 072	41 384	45 196	10 197	286 628

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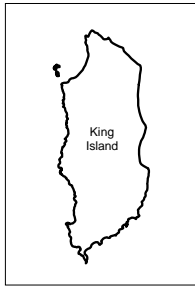
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS,

EXPENDITURE ON NEW FIXED ASSETS BY PURPOSE, 1997–98

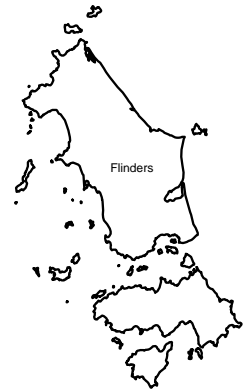
<i>Local government council</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Sewerage</i>	<i>Health, welfare, housing and community amenities</i>	<i>Recreation and Culture</i>	<i>Transport and communication</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
Break O'Day	1 072	572	20	101	514	132	2 411
Brighton	125	82	6	—	682	114	1 009
Burnie	773	393	545	680	3 296	926	6 613
Central Coast	277	337	853	894	1 872	502	4 735
Central Highlands	115	205	117	88	600	131	1 256
Circular Head	21	92	162	47	1 266	453	2 041
Clarence	328	4 287	416	75	2 214	225	7 545
Derwent Valley	146	33	85	73	1 113	84	1 534
Devonport	318	1 268	118	61	1 301	2 801	5 866
Dorset	268	7	102	417	607	63	1 462
Flinders	—	—	3	8	156	73	240
George Town	34	31	21	77	883	13	1 059
Glamorgan/ Spring Bay	669	19	71	17	544	22	1 342
Glenorchy	217	904	1 145	—	1 180	645	4 091
Hobart	1 152	1 180	1 299	3 543	7 980	2 757	17 911
Huon Valley	140	2 220	157	100	498	331	3 446
Kentish	12	57	9	41	659	30	808
King Island	—	—	—	—	318	—	318
Kingborough	632	1 331	903	398	3 148	119	6 531
Latrobe	121	133	12	19	852	74	1 211
Launceston	2 185	2 575	432	1 281	7 655	1 952	16 080
Meander Valley	241	—	208	70	497	533	1 548
Northern Midlands	84	274	342	69	3 509	208	4 486
Sorell	197	39	552	72	769	92	1 721
Southern Midlands	229	83	116	39	320	309	1 097
Tasman	—	—	—	—	136	13	148
Waratah/Wynyard	146	45	212	313	980	606	2 302
West Coast	42	30	228	30	190	263	782
West Tamar	264	369	502	385	1 382	435	3 337
Tasmania	9 806	16 566	8 634	8 898	45 121	13 903	102 929

15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH, 1997-98

Local government council	ASSETS.....			LIABILITIES.....		NET WORTH.....	
	Cash deposits and lending	Non-financial assets	Accounts receivable and other assets	Borrowing and advances received	Accounts payable and other liabilities	Net worth	Net worth per head of estimated resident population
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$
AT 30 JUNE 1998							
Break O'Day	941	52 372	537	2 810	675	50 365	8 646
Brighton	482	61 712	962	6 691	1 494	54 971	4 285
Burnie	13 014	207 490	1 382	6 448	3 656	211 782	10 769
Central Coast	9 120	146 800	1 139	6 563	1 643	148 853	7 047
Central Highlands	2 124	37 386	328	20	649	39 169	15 593
Circular Head	1 596	54 716	1 704	3 279	932	53 805	6 335
Clarence	21 359	286 634	1 573	31 320	4 126	274 120	5 576
Derwent Valley	494	28 545	796	4 514	1 306	24 015	2 440
Devonport	10 241	234 421	3 930	16 477	4 194	227 921	9 240
Dorset	3 998	70 984	573	502	929	74 124	10 017
Flinders	2 184	40 023	105	68	293	41 951	44 346
George Town	366	40 399	4 228	8 405	990	35 598	5 217
Glamorgan/ Spring Bay	1 698	43 415	380	1 703	728	43 062	10 341
Glenorchy	1 922	269 557	1 649	26 199	4 446	242 483	5 496
Hobart	5 858	381 121	4 904	11 603	9 834	370 446	7 966
Huon Valley	2 593	103 618	887	5 260	939	100 899	7 477
Kentish	489	25 548	189	721	523	24 982	4 569
King Island	1 878	20 675	199	448	545	21 759	12 022
Kingborough	7 913	156 404	482	2 917	2 459	159 423	5 641
Latrobe	653	37 098	667	1 465	1 639	35 314	4 444
Launceston	20 476	603 883	7 107	8 613	11 660	611 193	9 665
Meander Valley	2 374	94 838	835	1 079	1 043	95 925	5 548
Northern Midlands	5 849	99 085	414	732	882	103 734	8 779
Sorell	3 303	36 217	1 126	3 907	881	35 858	3 296
Southern Midlands	1 634	40 717	482	1 617	932	40 284	7 206
Tasman	913	17 943	444	284	533	18 483	8 237
Waratah/Wynyard	2 282	71 074	533	5 497	1 190	67 202	4 816
West Coast	362	46 458	791	1 699	902	45 010	7 581
West Tamar	1 261	103 883	1 204	3 840	1 126	101 382	5 096
Tasmania	127 377	3 413 016	39 550	164 681	61 149	3 354 113	7 108



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

CHANGES TO THIS ISSUE

- 1** Since the last issue of 5501.6, a new international statistical standard, *System of National Accounts 1993* (SNA93), has been introduced by the ABS. An overview of the changes arising from this standard is given below.
- 2** The concept of compulsory or regulatory fees is not used in SNA93. Where general government units undertake some work in return for a fee, the fee is treated as sales of goods and services, i.e. as user charges. However, where the level of the fee is out of all proportion to any work performed or if no work is performed, the fee is treated as a tax. To meet this requirement, the ABS has reclassified all regulatory fees as user charges as a class in this issue of the GFE. This has reduced taxes and general government final consumption expenditure.
- 3** SNA93 treats fines as other current transfers and not part of a broader taxes, fees and fines category. Because of this, the ABS has reclassified fines to other current revenue in this issue. This has reduced taxes and increased other revenue.
- 4** Driver's licences are treated in SNA93 as sales of government services. From this issue, driver's licences have been reclassified to user charges. This has reduced taxes and general government final consumption expenditure.
- 5** The Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation (TASCORP), Tasmania's central borrowing authority, has been reclassified from the general government sector to the public financial sector. The scope of GFS has also been extended to include all public sector financial enterprises (PFEs). PFEs now included in GFS (in addition to central borrowing authorities) are government banks and insurance offices, etc. Public sector employee superannuation funds have not been included because an ABS investigation showed that the application of SNA93 control rules excludes most of these bodies from the public sector.
- 6** In this issue, PFEs are presented as a separate subsector. They are also consolidated with their respective general government and PTE subsectors to provide a whole of government view.
- 7** The former netting or off-setting treatment of CBA transactions has been replaced by the usual GFS gross recording treatment.
- 8** The inclusion of PFEs has also made the coverage of GFS consistent with the Australian accounting standard for whole of government reporting (AAS31).

9 For Local Government statistics, the introduction of SNA 93 has eliminated the need for trading activities to be treated as separate entities. In Tasmania this means that council water supply and sewerage services are no longer part of the public trading enterprise sector but now form part of the general government sector along with the rest of the council. Some of the major aggregates for water and sewerage are still available in various government purpose tables. The local government trading enterprise sector now consists only of the previously State owned water utilities which have been turned over to their constituent councils, Hobart Regional Water Authority in 1996–97, and Esk Water in 1997–98.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES

10 The next issue of 5501.6 will present GFS on a full accruals basis. Currently, statistics are compiled on a cash basis for general government and on an accrual basis for PTEs. The most significant impact will be in provision for superannuation and depreciation.

11 Accrual GFS will introduce three new balances, i.e. net operating result (NOR), net lending (NL) and increase in net worth (INW). NOR is the difference between revenues and expenses and reflects the sustainability of government operations. NL represents the call on the financial sector and reflects the economic impact of government operations. INW is broadly equivalent to the NOR but includes the impact of revaluations and other changes in volume of assets and liabilities.

12 The cash-based deficit/surplus will continue to be available when GFS has been moved over to an accrual basis. However, a breakdown into its current and capital components will not be available.

13 The next issue of 5501.6 will also implement revised versions of three major classifications. The cash version of the principal ABS GFS classification, the Economic Transactions Framework, will be replaced by the accrual version. The old Fixed Asset Classification will be replaced by the Type of Asset Classification based on SNA93, and the old Taxes, Fees and Fines Classification will be replaced by the Taxes Classification which reflects the SNA93 reclassification of fees and fines.

14 The statistical presentation of GFS will also change in the next issue of 5501.6. This presentation will include an operating statement, a statement of cash flows and a balance sheet. To help users assess the economic policies of governments, the new GFS presentation will also bring together additional information on capital accumulation and financing and provide a reconciliation between opening and closing balance sheets.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

15 Statistics in this publication are shown for outlays, revenue and financing transactions, and stocks of financial assets and liabilities of enterprise units classified to the public sector i.e. owned and/or controlled by State and local government. Government financial enterprises are currently excluded from the scope of GFS (see 4 above).

16 The public sector is comprised of general government units, public trading enterprises, and public financial enterprises as follows:

- general government units - include statutory authorities, government departments and local government ordinary services areas that are mainly engaged in the production of goods and services outside the normal market mechanism. Costs of production are financed predominantly from public revenues, and goods and services are provided to the general public free of charge or at nominal charges well below costs of production.
- public trading enterprises (PTEs) - are resident publicly-owned and/or controlled enterprises engaged in the production of goods and services for sale in the market. PTEs operate with the intention of maximising profits and financial returns, or at least recovering a significant proportion of their incurred costs. PTEs in Tasmania include the Metro, TT-Line, HEC and port authorities.
- public financial enterprises (PFEs) - are undertakings which provide financial intermediation services or auxiliary financial services. They are able to incur financial liabilities on their own account, by taking deposits, issuing securities, providing insurance services, etc; Central borrowing authorities (TASCORP) of State Governments are included as public financial enterprises.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

17 The major transactions classifications used in this publication are:

- the economic transactions framework (ETF) - this is a hierarchical framework which categorises current and capital outlays, revenue and grants received and financing transactions according to economic character. This facilitates study of the macro-economic effect of government activity on the economy and provides the basic building blocks for grouping transactions to be incorporated into the Australian National Accounts;
- the government purpose classification (GPC) - is designed to facilitate the study of the impact of government transactions on the economy in terms of the purposes for which the transactions are made. In conjunction with the ETF, it provides information for the study of the socio-economic effect of government transactions;

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

- the taxes classification (TC) - is used to provide further detail on transactions classified within ETF as taxes.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

18 In general, for the State government level, transaction statistics are compiled on a cash basis for general government and on an accrual basis for PTEs, and care should be taken in comparing data for the two sectors.

19 Government Finance Statistics standards promulgated by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) specify that general government should be shown on a cash basis. However, due to the implementation of AAS27, cash data are no longer available in sufficient detail from Local Government Authorities. As a result, the statistics for local general government presented in this publication are accrual measure proxies for the cash based statistics. Any discrepancy in the statistics would be mainly caused by timing, such as the number of pay days occurring during a year, goods purchased or sold on account, and the occurrence of interest payments and receipts. In practice, the overall result of the differing treatments of these events, occurring for all councils at either end of the year, should be immaterial.

20 Changes in levels of financial assets and liabilities can be affected by revaluations and debt transfers which do not appear in the transaction statistics. The 'historical capital cost' valuation basis used for debt statistics is also different to the cash accounting basis of transaction statistics for the general government sector. As a result, full reconciliation between changes in debt levels and corresponding transaction statistics cannot be done. The introduction of accrual GFS will improve this situation considerably (see 10 above).

SOURCES

21 Since 1989, Tasmanian Treasury has prepared state GFS tables for presentation in Tasmanian Budget Papers. ABS has played a major role in assisting the Treasury to produce these tables, particularly in classification of data and editing of tables. Data are obtained directly from the Treasury ledger system, from budget statements and from questionnaires completed by authorities. In turn, after the Tasmanian Budget has been brought down these data are provided to the ABS for use in its national GFS series, and are subjected to further editing and updating from finalised accounts.

22 Local government authority data are collected electronically from their financial systems or through questionnaires completed by authorities based on their annual statements of accounts. These data are supplemented where appropriate by additional dissections of reported transactions and balances.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

23 Users may also wish to refer to the following related finance statistics publications:

Government Financial Estimates, Australia (5501.0)

Local Government Finance, Victoria (5501.2)

Taxation Revenue, Australia (5506.0)

Expenditure on Education, Australia (5510.0)

Government Finance Statistics, Australia (5512.0)

Government Finance Statistics Australia, Concepts, Sources and Methods (5514.0)

Information Paper: Developments in Government Finance Statistics (5516.0)

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGE'S

n.a. not available

- nil or rounded to zero

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

GLOSSARY

The major economic transaction categories used in this publication are defined below.

Advances paid (net)	<p>Lending by public authorities with the aim of achieving government policy objectives less repayment of past lending. This category includes the purchase of shares or other increases in equity in enterprises for the purposes of funding the activities of those enterprises. Conversely, sales of shares or a reduction of government equity in public or private enterprises are recorded as a reduction in advances paid. Most major asset sales involve sale of equity in government business undertakings and result in reductions in advances paid.</p> <p>Commencing with this issue, a revised treatment of net advances paid has been introduced. Previously, net advances paid were included in capital outlays. These have been removed from capital outlays and are now included in financing measures.</p>
Advances received (net)	<p>Borrowing, net of repayments, from other public authorities. The bulk of this item relates to borrowing formerly carried out by the Commonwealth on behalf of State and Territory Governments and passed on to those governments as advances from the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth government no longer borrows on behalf of other governments and State and Territory Governments are repaying past advances, giving rise to negative values for advances received in recent years.</p>
Borrowing (net)	<p>Borrowing, net of repayments, from both domestic and overseas sources.</p>
Capital deficit	<p>Capital outlays less capital revenues and capital grants received (see Deficit below).</p>
Capital grants	<p>Unrequited payments (see definition below) intended to contribute towards the cost of capital expenditure of the recipients.</p>
Capital outlays	<p>Expenditure on new fixed assets plus net purchases of other capital assets plus increase in stocks plus transfers to other bodies to fund capital expenditure.</p> <p>Commencing with this issue, net advances paid have been excluded from capital outlays. This item, which includes most asset sales as well as other government lending for policy purposes, is now included in financing measures.</p>
Current deficit	<p>Current outlays less current revenues and current grants received less increase in provisions (see Deficit below).</p>
Current expenditure	<p>Non-capitalised expenditure on wages, salaries and supplements plus purchases of goods and services plus employer contributions to superannuation schemes.</p>
Current grants paid	<p>Unrequited payments (see definition below) intended to finance the current operations of the recipients, except trading enterprises where all such transfers to finance current operations are classified as subsidies. This category mainly comprises grants to non-profit institutions (e.g. non-government schools), foreign governments and other general government authorities.</p>

GLOSSARY *continued*

Current outlays	Net current expenditure on goods and services plus current transfer payments. Current expenditure on goods and services is expenditure by general government authorities which does not result in the creation of fixed assets or acquisition of land, buildings, intangible assets or second-hand plant and equipment. Sales of goods and services are offset against gross expenditure in calculating current outlays. Current transfer payments include payments for property rights (e.g. interest payments) and unrequited transfers for which there are no returns for payment, such as subsidies, personal benefit payments and current grants.
Deficit	The sum of all outlays less revenue less increases (decreases) in provisions. Deficits are subdivided into current and capital deficits. The current deficit is equal to current outlays less current revenues less current grants received less increase in provisions. The capital deficit is made up of capital outlays less capital revenues and capital grants received.
Expenditure on land and intangible assets (net)	Purchases less sales of land and intangible assets such as patents and copyrights.
Expenditure on new fixed assets	Expenditure on tangible assets which are intended to be used in the production process for longer than a year. Such assets cover construction work and equipment (including transport equipment) but exclude defence equipment (which is classified by convention as current), land, mineral deposits and expenditure on goods or buildings which are intended for sale.
Expenditure on second-hand assets (net)	Purchase of second-hand assets less sales of used capital assets. It generally comprises the acquisition and disposal of non-residential buildings, previously rented dwellings and used plant and equipment. A negative value indicates that sales exceed purchases.
Final consumption expenditure	General government's expenditure on provision of goods and services less the value of its output sold to others.
Financing	The sum of transactions by which governments finance their deficits or invest their surpluses. Financing represents the difference between total outlays and revenue and grants.
Grants received	Current and capital unrequited payments (see definition below) received from other units in the non-financial public sector. This category is further classified for State and Territory governments to indicate whether grants received are used to fund those governments' operations or are Commonwealth grants to be passed on to designated government authorities (e.g. universities) or other bodies (e.g. non-government schools).
Gross fixed capital expenditure	Expenditure on new fixed assets less net sales of second-hand assets. The term gross in the title indicates that no depreciation allowances have been deducted in this category.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Income transferred to general government	That part of the income of public trading enterprises which is paid to their parent bodies or governments in the nature of dividends, transfers of profit, income tax equivalents and wholesale sales tax equivalents. Increase in provisions Increase in public trading enterprise provisions for depreciation and increase in provisions for superannuation, long service leave and the like.
Interest payments	Payments for the use of borrowed money. Interest payments include discounts and premiums incorporated into the sale price of securities. Interest payments by public trading enterprises to the general government sector are identified separately.
Interest received	Current receipts from government bank balances, investments and advances.
Levies paid to other government authorities	Compulsory contributions to other government authorities. Includes the library levy, the planning levy and levies paid to port authorities. Excludes the fire levy which is treated as having been a collection service on behalf of the State Fire Commission (see Rates below).
Net operating surplus	The excess of the value of a public trading enterprise's sales receipts over costs incurred in producing its output. These costs include depreciation charges and indirect taxes less subsidies but exclude interest, dividends, land rent, royalties and direct taxes.
Other capital outlays	This category includes capital outlays not shown elsewhere. It mainly comprises unrequited capital transfers and the net increase in stocks.
Other financing transactions	Net changes in balances of financial assets and liabilities other than borrowing, advances received, advances paid and provisions.
Other revenue	This category includes revenue not shown elsewhere. It mainly comprises income transfers from public trading and financial enterprises, land rent and royalties received, dividends from investments and reimbursements for work done on behalf of private bodies.
Other transfer payments	Unrequited payments (see definition below) not already included in current outlay categories. These include land rent and royalty payments, income transfers from trading enterprises to general government and taxes and levies paid by government authorities.
Rates	The annual revenue demands, including penalties, by local government councils from property owners. Also includes amounts received from State Government for pensioner rate remissions. Consists of water rates, sewerage rates, and that part of general rates not relating to garbage or the fire levy. Garbage rates are excluded from the general rates as they are treated as a charge for service rather than a tax (see Taxes below) while the fire levy is treated as not being council revenue, and is collected on behalf of the State Fire Commission.
Sales of goods and services	The value of current government output sold to other public and private bodies.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Subsidies paid to Public Trading Enterprises	Grants paid by general government to public trading enterprises to offset losses that are a consequence of government policy to maintain prices at a level that does not cover the cost of production.
Subsidies received	Unrequited payments (see definition below) made by public authorities to public trading enterprises to allow them to provide goods or services at reduced cost.
Taxes	Taxes are compulsory levies imposed by government to raise revenue. There is usually no clear and direct link between payment of taxes and the provision of goods and services. Council general rates based on the assessed annual property values are included as taxes.
Unrequited payments	Payments made for which nothing is received directly in return.

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