

# TAXATION REVENUE AUSTRALIA

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# NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION	-	cation contains statistics of revenue collected by all levels of nt in Australia in the form of taxes for 1998–99.
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TERMINOLOGY	of general financial co governme term 'State	vernment finance statistics (GFS), the consolidated total of transactions government, public non-financial corporations (PNFC) and public orporations (PFC) sector is referred to as total public sector. The term int in this publication refers to the total public sector. Wherever the s' is used, this term includes the two Territories. Therefore, 'State and ts to 'State, Territory and local' and 'State' refers to 'State and
CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE	accounting be noted to cash-based by public of consolidat accrual based equivalent statistics for revenue fig implement Notes. Als	first presentation of taxation revenue statistics on an accrual g basis and only data for 1998–99 are published in this issue. It should hat these data are not directly comparable with previously published d statistics for years prior to 1998–99. In addition, indirect taxes paid corporations are now separately identified and this makes it possible to e out indirect taxes paid by public corporations. Consequently, the sed taxation revenue statistics for the total public sector differ from the d series where the consolidated total public sector statistics were to statistics for the general government sector. Taxation revenue or general government can be derived from the intra-sector taxation gures in this publication. For further information regarding the tation of accrual accounting, refer to paragraphs 2–5 of the Explanatory to, refer to the publication <i>Information Paper: Accruals-based ent Finance Statistics</i> (Cat. no. 5517.0) published on 13 March 2000.
SYMBOLS AND OTHER	ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
USAGES	ASNA	Australian System of National Accounts
	ETF	Economic Type Framework
	GDP	gross domestic product
	GFS	government finance statistics
	LPG	liquid petroleum gas
	PFC	public financial corporation
	PNFC	public non-financial corporation
	n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
	n.p.	not published
	р	preliminary

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#### TOTAL TAXATION REVENUE

Components

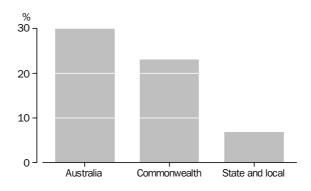
Total taxation revenue collected in Australia during 1998–99 was \$177,884 million. The main components of total taxation collected are shown in the following table.

#### MAJOR COMPONENTS OF TOTAL TAXATION

		Contribution to
	1998–99p	total taxes
	\$m	%
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••••••••••••••••	•••••	• • • • • • • • • •
Taxes on income		
Levied on individuals	76 898	43.2
Levied on enterprises	23 890	13.4
Employers' payroll taxes		
General taxes (payroll taxes)	7 904	4.4
Other employers' labour force taxes	3 114	1.8
Taxes on property		
Taxes on immovable property	8 487	4.8
Taxes on financial and capital transactions	8 245	4.6
Taxes on provision of goods and services		
Sales tax	15 083	8.5
Excises and levies	12 968	7.3
Taxes on international trade	3 645	2.0
Taxes on gambling	4 164	2.3
Taxes on the use of goods and performance of activities		
Motor vehicle taxes	3 921	2.2
Franchise taxes	5 632	3.2
Other taxes	3 933	2.2
Total	177 884	100.0

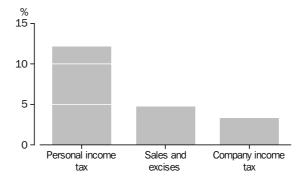
Proportion of gross domestic product (GDP)

Total taxation revenue, as a percentage of GDP, in 1998–99 was 30.0%. Taxation revenue, as a percentage of GDP, in 1998–99 for the Commonwealth was 23.1% while State and local taxation revenue was 6.9%.



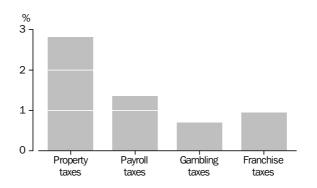
## COMMONWEALTH REVENUE

Commonwealth Government taxation revenue, including taxes received from other levels of government, during 1998–99 was \$137,345 million and comprised 77.2% of taxation revenue from all governments. The graph below shows Commonwealth taxation revenue derived from selected taxes, as a percentage of GDP, for 1998–99.



#### STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE

State and local government taxation revenue, including taxes received from other levels of government, during 1998–99 was \$40,775 million and comprised 22.9% of total taxation. The following graph shows percentages of State and local government taxation revenue derived from selected taxes, as a percentage of GDP, for 1998–99.



## PER CAPITA TAXATION

The amount of taxation per head of resident population, by jurisdiction, is shown in the following table.

-	1998–99p
Level of government	\$
State and local	
New South Wales	2 555
Victoria	2 203
Queensland	1 599
South Australia	1 904
Western Australia	2 027
Tasmania	1 695
Northern Territory	1 929
Australian Capital Territory	1973
Average	2 150
Commonwealth	7 241
Australia	9 391
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		1000 000
		\$m
1	Taxes on income	
11	Income taxes levied on individuals	76 898
12	Income taxes levied on enterprises(a)	23 890
13	Income taxes levied on nonresidents	1 079
	Total	101 867
2	Employers' payroll taxes	
21	General taxes (payroll tax)	7 904
23	Other employers' labour force taxes	3 114
	Total	11 019
3	Taxes on property	
31	Taxes on immovable property	8 487
33	Taxes on financial and capital transactions	8 245
	Total	16 732
4	Taxes on provision of goods and services	
41	General taxes (sales tax)	15 083
42	Excises and levies	
421	Crude oil and LPG	9 544
422-425		2 633
426	Agricultural production taxes	791
	Total	12 968
43	Taxes on international trade	3 645
44	Taxes on gambling	4 164
45	Taxes on insurance	2 012
	Total	37 871
5	Taxes on the use of goods and performance of activities	
51	Motor vehicle taxes	3 921
52	Franchise taxes	5 632
53	Other	842
	Total	10 395
	Total	177 884
•••••		• • • • • • • •

1998–99p

(a) Amounts collected under petroleum resource rent taxes are included in

Category 12 (Income taxes levied on enterprises).

VALUE (\$m)	
Commonwealth	137 345
Less Intergovernmental taxes	123
Tax revenue net of intergovernmental taxes	137 222
State	
New South Wales	13 804
Victoria	9 097
Queensland	4 497
South Australia	2 362
Western Australia	3 190
Tasmania	646
Northern Territory	336
Australian Capital Territory	612
Total	34 542
Less intergovernmental taxes	116
Tax revenue net of intergovernmental taxes	34 426
Local	
New South Wales	2 577
Victoria	1 286
Queensland	1 120
South Australia	481
Western Australia	583
Tasmania	152
Northern Territory	36
Total	6 236
Total	177 884
PROPORTION OF TAXES (%)	
Commonwealth	77.1
State	19.4
Local	3.5
	2.0

#### 1998–99p

#### 1998–99p

\$m

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	axes on income	
11 111–113	Income taxes levied on individuals Personal income tax	72 281
111-115	Prescribed payments by individuals	2 576
119	Other income levied on individuals	2 041
	Total	76 898
12	Income taxes levied on enterprises	
121	Company income tax(a)	19 797
122 124	Income tax paid by superannuation funds Prescribed payments by enterprises	3 870 224
124	Total	23 891
13	Income taxes levied on non-residents	
131	Dividend withholding tax	179
132	Interest withholding tax	540
133	Other income taxes levied on non-residents Total	360 1 079
	10tal	1079
	Total	101 868
	mployers' payroll taxes	
23	Other employers' labour force taxes	2 226
231 232	Fringe benefits tax Superannuation guarantee charge	3 226 10
202	Superannuation guarantee charge	10
	Total	3 236
3 Ta	axes on property	
333	Government borrowing guarantee levies	5
	axes on provision of goods and services	15 082
41 42	General taxes (sales tax) Excises and levies	15 083
421–425	Excises	12 177
426	Agricultural production taxes	791
	Total	12 968
43	Taxes on international trade	3 645
44	Taxes on gambling	3
	Total	31 698
	exes on use of goods and performance of activities	
51	Motor vehicle taxes	20
53	Other	518
	Total	538
Το	otal(b)	137 345
Та	axes received from public corporations(b)	2 034
Та	axes received from other levels of government	123
• • • • • • • •		
	collected under petroleum resource rent taxes are included in	

Category 121 (Company income tax).

(b) General government taxation can be calculated by adding to total taxes the taxes received from public corporations.

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Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • •
142	79	115	8 017
27		30	1 851
			6 334
18	_	4	303
196	36	134	8 488
			2 159
			4 573
			1 507
97	64	114	8 240
293	100	248	16 727
_	12	5	652
20	_	8	377
_	_	31	2 111
40	14	4	490
8	2	12	524
1	—	—	7
69	28	59	4 161
7		_	563
		_	162
19	8	29	1 287
28	8	29	2 012
97	35	88	6 173
28	13	18	1 318
68	16	54	2 583
96	28	73	3 901
	—	_	11
			1 484
			3 217
19 169	16 122	15 88	921 5 632
_	7	_	324
265	157	161	9 858
			40 775
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(a) The negative petroleum safety net tax for Queensland is due to greater reimbursement payments by the Queensland government to petroleum wholesalers than this State's share of the petroleum tax.

(b) General government taxation can be calculated by adding to total taxes the taxes received from public corporations.

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		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
		• • • • • • • •		• • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •		• • • • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • • •
2	Taxes on employers' payroll and labour force									
21–23	Employers' payroll taxes	3 393	2 145	903	518	722	142	79	115	8 017
3	Taxes on property									
31	Taxes on immovable property									
311	Land taxes	948	369	232	67	178	27	—	30	1 851
312	Municipal Rates	—		_		_	-	_	100	100
313–319	Other	26	73	142	10	29	18	_	4	303
	Total	974	442	374	77	208	45	_	134	2 254
33	Taxes on financial and capital transactions		500			0.05	10			0.450
332	Financial institutions' transactions taxes	879	592	207	148	235	43	21	34	2 159
334	Stamp duties on conveyances	1 899	1 246	630	227	443	38	33	58	4 573
335–336	•	704	401	169	58	127	16	10	22	1 507
	Total	3 482	2 238	1 007	434	804	97	64	114	8 240
	Total	4 456	2 680	1 381	510	1 012	142	64	248	10 494
<b>4</b> 44	Taxes on provision of goods and services Taxes on gambling									
441	Taxes on government lotteries	278	_	190	82	85		12	5	652
442	Taxes on private lotteries	16	333	_	_	_	20	_	8	377
443	Taxes on gambling machines	812	820	259	188	1	_	_	31	2 111
444	Casino taxes	120	155	89	20	48	40	14	4	490
445	Race betting taxes	190	135	84	54	39	8	2	12	524
449	Taxes on gambling n.e.c.	2	4			170	1			7
	Total	1 419	1 447	622	345	172	69	28	59	4 161
45	Taxes on insurance									
451	Insurance companies' contributions to	000	470				-			500
452	fire brigades Third party insurance taxes	269 16	176 77		55 46	57	7 2	_	_	563 162
452	Taxes on insurance n.e.c.	566	282	21 160	40 113	110	19	8	29	1 287
400	Total	850	535	181	215	167	28	8	29	2 012
	Totol	0.000	1 000				07	25	00	0 1 7 0
	Total	2 269	1 982	803	560	339	97	35	88	6 173
5	Taxes on use of goods and performance of activities									
51	Motor vehicle taxes									
512	Stamp duty on vehicle registration	444	408	167	103	138	28	13	18	1 318
514–516		1 055	440	540	169	241	68	16	54	2 583
	Total	1 499	847	707	272	379	96	28	73	3 901
52	Franchise taxes									
521	Gas taxes	3	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	11
522	Petroleum products taxes	619	433	-116	144	280	47	46	32	1 484
523	Tobacco taxes	1 046	700	620	289	357	104	60	42	3 217
524	Liquor taxes	313	206	192	58	102	19	16	15	921
	Total	1 981	1 339	696	498	739	169	122	88	5 632
53	Other(a)	205	104	6	2	_	—	7	_	324
	Total	3 685	2 290	1 409	773	1 118	265	157	161	9 858
	Total(b)	13 804	9 097	4 497	2 362	3 190	646	336	612	34 542
	Taxes received from public corporations(b)	341	72	67	111	45	21	3	14	676
	Taxes received from other levels of government	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	116

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(a) As the electricity corporations in Victoria have been privatised they are now liable to pay franchise taxes.

(b) General government taxation can be calculated by adding to total taxes the taxes received from public corporations.

#### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains statistics of revenue collected by all levels of government in Australia in the form of taxes for 1998–99 only.

CHANGES DUE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING AND REVISED METHODOLOGY

**2** This publication presents, for the first time, GFS taxation statistics on an accrual accounting basis. Please note that due to changes associated with the introduction of accrual accounting, data for 1998–99 have been compiled on a different methodological basis to that of previous years which are compiled under a cash accounting methodology. Consequently, data prior to 1998–99 are not directly comparable with the data for 1997–98 and earlier periods which have been compiled on a cash accounting basis.

**3** Under the new accrual accounting framework, revenue statistics recorded for 1998–99 represent taxes accruing to general government during the financial year. The amount of tax revenue accruing in a period is the amount generated when the underlying transactions or events which give rise to a government's right to collect the taxes occur in that period. In practice, this is determined by the amounts due for payment when evidenced by either tax assessments, declarations or other instruments, such as sales invoices or customs declarations, which create liabilities in the form of obligations to pay on the part of taxpayers. For example, the liability to pay tax on the transfer of an asset will arise when the relevant taxation authority is notified of the change in ownership. For income tax payable to the Commonwealth government, the type of accrual basis used is the amount of self-assessed tax payable which is recorded at the time of lodgement of the tax payer's return.

**4** The timing of recording of taxation revenue statistics for 1997–98 and previous periods, which are compiled on a cash accounting basis, is the time at which taxes were actually received.

**5** With the introduction of accrual based GFS, indirect taxes paid by public corporations are now separately identified for jurisdictions and are eliminated on consolidation. Consequently, the coverage of the total public sector accrual based taxation revenue statistics for jurisdictions will differ to that in the cash based series where the total public sector statistics were equivalent to the statistics for the general government sector.

#### CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

**6** To assist users in understanding some aspects of the statistics presented in this and related publications, a separate manual, *Government Finance Statistics—Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5514.0) is available. This manual relates to the previously used cash accounting Economic Type Framework (ETF). A new publication *Information Paper: Accrual-based Government Finance Statistics* (Cat. no. 5517.0) released on 13 March 2000 describes the implementation of accrual accounting in the GFS.

#### CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS continued

**7** The Information Paper outlines the major GFS concepts and two of the transaction classifications used in the compilation and presentation of the statistics in this publication:

- *Economic Type Framework* (ETF) for GFS, which is used to:
  - categorise expenses, revenues, cash flows, assets and liabilities according to their economic character to facilitate study of the macro-economic effect of government activity on the economy; and
  - provide the basic building blocks for grouping transactions which need to be incorporated into the Australian System of National Accounts (ASNA).
- Taxes Classification, which dissects this major form of government revenue according to type of tax collected.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF TAXES IN THE ETF

- **8** The Taxes Classification is used to classify in detail all transactions in governments' operating statements classified to the following categories:
- taxes on income;
- other current taxes;
- taxes on products;
- other taxes on production; and
- capital taxes.

**9** A tax is a compulsory levy imposed by the government, mainly to raise revenue. There is usually no clear and direct link between payment of taxes and the provision of particular goods and services by government. Taxes are levied, inter alia, on income, wealth, production, sale and use of goods and services and the performance of activities. For National Accounts purposes, a distinction is made between the taxes categories listed in the previous paragraph.

**10** Governments may regulate certain activities by issuing licences for which fees are payable. If the issue of such licences involves little or no work by the government then the revenue raised is deemed to be taxation revenue. However, if the government uses the issue of licences to exercise some proper regulatory function, such as checking the competency or qualifications of a would-be licensee, then the revenue raised is deemed not to be taxation revenue, but revenue from the sale of services by government unless it is clearly out of all proportion to the costs of providing the services.

**11** Taxes that are levied on a regular or periodic basis are deemed to be current taxes. Taxes that are levied infrequently and at irregular intervals or under exceptional circumstances are deemed to be capital taxes.

#### TAXES CLASSIFICATION

**12** The Taxes Classification has been developed to present, in a systematic way and in sufficient detail for international reporting, the relationships that exist between taxes in terms of taxation criteria adopted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. The first five groups of the Taxes Classification, which represent the broad bases on which taxes are levied in Australia, are:

- taxes on income;
- employers' payroll taxes;
- taxes on property;
- taxes on provision of goods and services; and
- taxes on use of goods and performance of activities.

**13** These tax groups are divided into seventeen subgroups according to type of entities, property, activities, goods or services being taxed. The subgroups, which are further subdivided into sixty classes, generally describe the specific type of tax actually collected in Australia. A full description of each of the tax categories is given in the *Government Finance Statistics—Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5514.0).

**14** In the tables presented in this publication, tax codes are shown to enable users to quickly identify the items and their definitions from the GFS manual.

#### OTHER AGGREGATES USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

**15** Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is defined as the total market value of goods and services produced in Australia within a given period after deducting the cost of goods used up in the process of production, but before deducting allowances for the consumption of fixed capital (depreciation).

#### INTERSTATE COMPARISONS

**16** As well as showing the variety of types of taxes levied in Australia, the tables in this publication have been designed to show the relative importance of the tax system of the Commonwealth, State and local levels of government. They have also been designed to show the extent and composition of taxation levied by each State Government (including its subsidiary authorities). In this latter connection, it should be noted that interstate comparison of tax collections by State or local governments separately can be misleading unless account is taken of State to State variations in the range of activities for which these two levels of government are responsible. In the Australian Capital Territory, for example, only a State level of government currently exists and a number of functions performed by it are undertaken by local government authorities elsewhere.

#### REVISIONS

**17** GFS are revised progressively as new or improved data become available. For this reason differences can occur between equivalent aggregates published at different times.

#### UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

**18** In some cases, the ABS can make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: photocopy; computer printout; floppy disk; CD-ROM; and clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. Inquiries should be made to the officer whose name appears in the Inquiries section of this publication, or to Information Services in the nearest ABS office.

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