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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication contains estimates of public funding of arts and cultural activities in 1994-95 for the three levels of government in Australia. The estimates have been compiled from data provided to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) by State/Territory arts authorities, the Australia Council and a survey of 207 local government authorities. Funding by Commonwealth authorities (other than the Australia Council) and other State/Territory public sector authorities was determined by examining output from various budget papers.

The statistics are based on the four major groups within the Recreation and Culture Section of the ABS Government Purpose Classification used by the ABS in compiling Government Finance Statistics. It includes cultural funding on recreational and cultural facilities and services, broadcasting and film, and recreation and cultural funding for a variety of purposes not included in the above. Excluded from the statistics are organisations primarily associated with sport, fitness, recreation and education, specialised libraries and libraries in higher education institutions and schools, and cultural activities part of larger entities such as police and military bands. The explanatory notes provide more detail on the scope and coverage of the information included in the analysis.

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n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
n.p. not available for publication but included in totals where applicable

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MAIN FEATURES

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CULTURAL FUNDING IN 1994-95

BY GOVERNMENTS

- Total government funding on culture was \$3,051.5 million, which represents an annualised increase of 9.6% from 1992-93 when comparable data were last collected. Most of the increase was attributable to the two groups Recreational facilities and services and Cultural facilities and services, funding of which increased by \$261.7 million and \$182.1 million respectively.
- Of the total government funding, Commonwealth Government funding accounted for \$1,290 million (42.3%), State/Territory governments \$1,162 million (38.1%) and local government \$600 million (19.6%).
- State/Territory arts authorities accounted for 17.3% of total cultural funding. Cultural funding through 'Other State/Territory Authorities' was 20.7%, almost three-quarters of which was for national parks and wildlife services.
- Local government funding contributed 19.6% of the total, almost half of which was for libraries and archives.

FUNDING PER HEAD

- Cultural funding was equivalent to \$170 per head of mean population of which Commonwealth funding was \$72 per head, State/Territory governments \$65 per head and local government \$33 per head.

FUNDING COMPOSITION

- Commonwealth cultural funding accounted for 1.4% of total Commonwealth 'own-purpose' general government outlays. The proportion of State/Territory cultural funding to total State/Territory general government outlays was a little higher (1.9%) but the proportion for local government was significantly higher at 8.0%.
- The composition of cultural funding differs markedly between each level of government, with broadcasting and film accounting for 68.2% of Commonwealth cultural funding, whereas cultural facilities and services was the major component of both State/Territory and local government funding (55.0% and 65.8% respectively).

RECURRENT/CAPITAL FUNDING

- Most cultural funding was of a recurrent nature (\$2,568 million or 84.2%). Capital funding amounted to \$483 million or 15.8%, most of which was undertaken by State/Territory (\$196 million) and local governments (\$170 million).

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CULTURAL FUNDING, By Level of Government

Level of government	1992-93.....		1993-94	1994-95.....	
	Amount	Proportion of total	Amount	Amount	Proportion of total
	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	%
Commonwealth	1 212.7	47.7	1 260.5	1 289.9	42.3
State/Territory	864.0	34.0	995.8	1 162.0	38.1
Local	463.0	18.2	(a)	599.6	19.6
Total	2 539.7	100.0	(a)	3 051.5	100.0

(a) Details for local government were not collected for 1993-94.

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CULTURAL FUNDING, By Major Group

Major group	1992-93	1994-95.....	
	Amount	Amount	Change
	\$m	\$m	%
Recreational facilities and services	482.3	744.0	+54.3
Cultural facilities and services	1 088.6	1 270.7	+16.7
Broadcasting and film	842.3	902.7	+7.2
Recreation and culture n.e.c.	126.5	134.2	+6.1
Total	2 539.7	3 051.5	+20.2

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CULTURAL FUNDING, Per Head of Mean Population(a)—1994-95

Major group	LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.....			
	Commonwealth	State/Territory	Local	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recreational facilities and services	5.6	26.2	9.7	41.5
Cultural facilities and services	13.3	35.6	22.0	70.8
Broadcasting and film	49.0	1.2	—	50.3
Recreation and culture n.e.c.	4.0	1.7	1.7	7.5
Total	71.9	64.8	33.4	170.1

(a) 1994-95 mean population, 17,942,000.

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CULTURAL FUNDING, By Category—1994-95

LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.....

Category	Commonwealth	State/ Territory	Local	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<i>Recreational facilities and services</i>				
Public halls and civic centres	—	0.1	171.8	171.8
National parks and wildlife services	100.5	470.0	1.7	572.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.5</i>	<i>470.0</i>	<i>173.5</i>	<i>744.0</i>
<i>Cultural facilities and services</i>				
Zoological and botanic gardens	1.9	54.4	9.4	65.7
Libraries and archives	66.1	218.3	284.8	569.2
Literature and publishing	9.8	3.1	0.8	13.6
Museums	45.1	116.6	7.8	169.5
Art Galleries	19.7	72.7	17.2	109.6
Visual arts/crafts and photography	14.3	9.8	2.0	26.2
Performing arts venues and arts centres	0.0	77.2	60.2	137.5
Music (excluding opera)	16.8	10.0	2.4	29.2
Other performing arts	38.0	35.3	3.4	76.8
Cultural heritage	26.0	41.1	6.3	73.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>237.8</i>	<i>638.6</i>	<i>394.3</i>	<i>1 270.7</i>
<i>Broadcasting and film</i>				
Radio and television broadcasting	751.1	0.2	0.5	751.8
Film and video	80.2	22.1	0.1	102.4
Multimedia	48.5	n.a.	n.a.	48.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>879.9</i>	<i>22.3</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>902.7</i>
<i>Recreation and culture n.e.c.</i>				
Administration of culture	19.8	20.1	15.9	55.8
Community cultural activities	32.6	9.8	8.5	50.9
Other culture n.e.c.	19.4	1.3	6.7	27.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>71.8</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>134.2</i>
Total	1 289.9	1 162.0	599.6	3 051.5

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RECURRENT AND CAPITAL FUNDING—1994-95

Major group	Recurrent	Capital	Total	Capital proportion
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
Recreational facilities and services	584.8	159.2	744.0	21.4
Cultural facilities and services	1 045.8	224.9	1 270.7	17.7
Broadcasting and film	807.6	95.1	902.7	10.5
Recreation and culture n.e.c.	130.1	4.0	134.2	3.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 568.3</i>	<i>483.2</i>	<i>3 051.5</i>	<i>15.8</i>
Of which				
Commonwealth	1 173.2	116.7	1 289.9	9.0
State/Territory	965.9	196.1	1 162.0	16.9
Local	429.2	170.4	599.6	28.4

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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METHODOLOGY

1 Funding by Commonwealth authorities (other than the Australia Council) was compiled from data extracted from the Department of Finance Budget Management System sorted according to class code (equivalent to the ABS Government Purpose Classification (GPC)); supplementary information was obtained from the annual reports of the Australia Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

2 Arts authorities in each State and Territory completed a questionnaire which sought details on current and capital expenditure undertaken by each arts authority. For other State/Territory public sector authorities, data were extracted from budget papers.

3 Estimates of local government funding on arts and cultural activities were based on a survey of 207 municipal councils stratified by State and size.

SCOPE

4 Government cultural funding in this report is based on the four major groups within the Recreation and Culture section of the GPC used by the ABS in compiling Government Finance Statistics. These are Recreational Facilities and Services, Cultural Facilities and Services, Broadcasting and Film and Recreation and Culture not included in the previous categories.

5 The four groups were then further subdivided in accordance with the Cultural Ministers Councils' Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework to present the data in Table 4.

6 Categories excluded from the overall analysis are those associated with sport, fitness, recreation and education (in particular, major educational institutions such as the National Institute of Dramatic Art), Conservatoria of Music and tertiary colleges specialising in visual arts/design). Also excluded are special libraries, libraries in higher education institutions and schools and activities which are an integral part of larger entities such as police and military bands.

COVERAGE

7 Statistics in this report for the Commonwealth Government and State/Territory Governments relate mainly to funding from Commonwealth/State budgets, thus excluding for some 'off-budget' agencies any expenditure financed from sources other than the annual appropriation from the budget.

8 Agencies classified (by the ABS) as public trading enterprises (e.g. performing arts venues) are not included except to the extent of any subsidies (or capital funding) paid to them from the budget.

9 Specific purpose grants received from other levels of government have been netted out of the expenditure for the receiving government.

FURTHER INFORMATION

10 Details of cultural funding in Australia have previously been published by the Australia Council (1992-93) and the Cultural Industries Statistics Working Group to the Cultural Ministers Council (1993-94).

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