

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Committee Inquiries Question on Notice

Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport

Local government sustainability

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Division/Agency: DIV - Regional Development and Local Government

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Topic: Financial assistance grants in the last 10 years

Tony Pasin asked:

Mr PASIN: Given that we have received a lot of evidence from local government on this question, I wonder if the department could give us the last 10 years of financial assistance grants nationally. That will show us the increase over time. That will be a really good tool to go back to.

Mr Mackay: Yes.

Answer:

The table below shows the Financial Assistance (FA) Grant allocations over the period 2014-2024 as well as the forward estimates as at the 2024-25 Budget. This demonstrates the Australian Government's commitment to FA Grants and its annual indexation.

Year	General Purpose Component	Local Road Component	Total
2014-15*	\$1,585,269,379	\$703,430,675	\$2,288,700,054
2015-16*	\$1,585,181,877	\$703,391,849	\$2,288,573,726
2016-17*	\$1,585,252,883	\$703,423,357	\$2,288,676,240
2017-18	\$1,640,023,142	\$727,726,531	\$2,367,749,673
2018-19	\$1,702,129,869	\$755,285,115	\$2,457,414,984
2019-20	\$1,757,045,760	\$779,652,913	\$2,536,698,673
2020-21	\$1,773,180,330	\$786,811,385	\$2,559,991,715
2021-22	\$1,840,473,772	\$816,672,379	\$2,657,146,151
2022-23	\$1,951,099,583	\$865,760,307	\$2,816,859,890
2023-24	\$2,155,779,522	\$956,582,827	\$3,112,362,349
2024-25 ^	\$2,265,629,655	\$1,005,326,461	\$3,270,956,116
2025-26 ^	\$2,372,793,938	\$1,052,878,402	\$3,425,672,340
2026-27 ^	\$2,464,146,505	\$1,093,414,220	\$3,557,560,725
2027-28 ^	\$2,560,987,463	\$1,136,385,399	\$3,697,372,862
Total	\$27,238,993,678	\$12,086,741,820	\$39,325,735,498

Source notes. * Indexation pause ^ Estimate at 2024-25 Budget.

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Further information

National Financial Assistance Grant Allocations from 1974-75 onwards are published in the Local Government National Report 2021-22, refer Table 6 at:

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/local-government/publications/national-reports>

Payments made to local governments under the Financial Assistance Grant program from 2017-18 to 2023-24 can be viewed at: <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/local-government/financial-assistance-grant-local-government>