Apologies for the long delay. I have not been able to update my measures tracking document as I need the 2019-20 annual reports of the Departments of Health and Infrastructure together with that of the Australian Sports Commission, and I am not sure when these will be available.

Broader context

On 28 April 2020 the Australian Bureau of Statistics issued **Government Finance Statistics, Australia, 2018-19** (Catalogue No. 5512 0). My submission (no. 9) referred to the 2017-18 edition of this publication.

The 2018-19 ABS data show that the Local Government General Government Sector continued to report a net lending position (accruals basis) in contrast to the net borrowing positions of the State and Commonwealth General Government Sectors (see table below).

The ABS data also indicate that the Local Government General Government Sector reported a cash surplus position (including finance leases) for 2018-19, as for the previous four years. In contrast, sharp increases in cash deficits were reported for the State Government General Government Sector. The Commonwealth Government General Government Sector deficits fell sharply from 2016-17 and turned into a small surplus in 2018-19.

The Australian Capital Territory local government data are included in the State Government data as the ACT does not have a separate local government sector.

General Government Sectors	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GFS NET LENDING(+)/BORROWING(-)	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Local Government (under six States and the NT)	-1,335	-365	403	329	-42	2,356	<mark>2,488</mark>	<mark>4,019</mark>	2,728	1,857
State Government	-14,349	-15,275	-13,476	-18,138	-6,494	-3,595	-4,317	-7,467	-13,226	-19,365
Commonwealth Government	-53,043	-53,201	-46,138	-21,177	-35,131	-41,608	-38,206	-30,615	-8,622	-1,099
GFS CASH SURPLUS (+) / DEFICIT (-) incl. finance leases										
Local Govt. (under the six States and the NT)	-1,307	-192	-132	-956	-784	<mark>2,750</mark>	<mark>2,214</mark>	<mark>3,344</mark>	2,631	<mark>1,215</mark>
State Government	-11,046	-12,114	-14,418	-19,072	-4,940	-127	-759	-5,212	-10,979	-14,020
Commonwealth Government	-52,402	-44,196	-41,265	-15,472	-36,109	-33,556	-36,480	-31,023	-5,926	5,292

Kind regards

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