



Commonwealth Grants Commission

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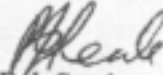
Dear Mr Rowe

In response to your letter of 17 September, there are no changes I think necessary to the transcript of evidence given to your committee on 4 September 2002.

In relation to the request for information (see page 84 of the transcript), I must start by repeating what I told the Committee. It is only possible to provide details of standard levels of local government services in the quantitative terms used by the State Local Government Grants Commissions. That is, by taking expenditure per capita as a measure of the level of service.

With this in mind, I have looked at the total local government expenditure in Australia and attach a list which shows the Australian average level of expenditure on each function of local government, grouped according to the standard Government Finance Statistics categories.

Yours sincerely


 Bob Searle
 Secretary

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(Attachment)

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ATTACHMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AVERAGE PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES
2000-01

<u>Function</u>	<u>\$ per capita</u>
General Public Services	135.10
Public Order and Safety	16.60
Education	2.20
Health	13.90
Social security and welfare	43.20
Housing and community amenities	191.40
Recreation and culture	110.50
Fuel and energy	0.50
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.30
Mining, manufacturing and construction	8.30
Transport and communications	238.90
Other economic affairs	26.10
Public debt transactions	21.90
Other	19.50
<u>Total local government expenditure</u>	<u>829.50</u>