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Australian Government General Government Sector Monthly Financial Statements for July and August 2025

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KEY POINTS:

- The Monthly Financial Statements for July and August 2025 report the budget position against the expected monthly profile for the 2025-26 financial year through to 31 August 2025, based on the 2025-26 estimates published in the 2025-26 Budget in March 2025.
- The underlying cash balance for the 2025-26 financial year to 31 August 2025 was a deficit of \$11.6 billion.
- The fiscal balance for the 2025-26 financial year to 31 August 2025 was a deficit of \$12.5 billion.

AGGREGATES(a)					
	ACTUAL 2025-2026 July \$b	ACTUAL 2025-2026 August \$b	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD August \$b	Budget Profile 2025-2026 YTD August \$b	BUDGET ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$b
Receipts(b)	58.7	60.6	119.2	115.2	735.4
Payments(c)	72.4	58.5	130.8	129.9	777.5
Underlying cash balance	-13.7	2.1	-11.6	-14.7	-42.1
Headline cash balance	-14.7	1.7	-13.0	-16.9	-65.2
Revenue	58.6	61.7	120.4	119.0	750.3
Expenses	70.2	62.1	132.3	133.6	785.7
Net operating balance	-11.5	-0.4	-11.9	-14.6	-35.4
Net capital investment	0.8	-0.2	0.6	0.7	8.8
Fiscal balance	-12.4	-0.2	-12.5	-15.3	-44.2
Total assets	911.1		923.2		906.1
Total liabilities	1,531.1		1,542.7		1,527.9
Net worth(d)	-620.0		-619.5		-621.8
Net debt(e)	542.5		543.3		620.3

*As published in the 2025-26 Budget.

(a) Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

(b) Cash receipts for operating activities and sales of non-financial assets.

(c) Cash payments for operating activities, purchases of non-financial assets and principal payments of lease liabilities.

(d) Net worth is calculated as total assets minus total liabilities.

(e) Net debt is the sum of interest bearing liabilities less the sum of selected financial assets (cash and deposits, advances paid, and investments, loans and placements).

Monthly results are generally volatile due to timing differences between revenue and receipts, and expenses and payments. Care needs to be taken when comparing monthly or cumulative data across years and to full-year estimates, as revenue and receipts and expenses and payments vary from month to month.

FISCAL OUTCOMES

Underlying Cash Balance

The underlying cash balance for the financial year to 31 August 2025 was a deficit of \$11.6 billion.

- **Receipts**

Total receipts were \$4.0 billion higher than the 2025-26 Budget profile.

- **Payments**

Total payments were \$1.0 billion higher than the 2025-26 Budget profile.

Net Operating Balance

The net operating balance for the financial year to 31 August 2025 was a deficit of \$11.9 billion.

Fiscal Balance

The fiscal balance for the financial year to 31 August 2025 was a deficit of \$12.5 billion.

Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 August 2025:

- net worth is negative \$619.5 billion
- net debt is \$543.3 billion
- net financial liabilities are \$895.2 billion

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Australian Government general government sector operating statement

		ACTUAL 2025-2026 July \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 August \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	Budget Profile 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	BUDGET ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Note						
Revenue						
Taxation revenue	1,2	51,749	58,554	110,304	109,054	694,304
Sales of goods and services		4,048	770	4,819	4,641	22,256
Interest income		855	575	1,430	1,512	10,619
Dividend and distribution income		505	419	924	1,183	7,434
Other		1,484	1,415	2,899	2,572	15,648
Total revenue		58,641	61,734	120,375	118,962	750,262
Expenses						
Gross operating expenses						
Wages and salaries(a)		2,682	2,483	5,165	5,132	30,450
Superannuation		780	755	1,535	1,478	8,771
Depreciation and amortisation		1,063	1,077	2,140	2,428	14,196
Supply of goods and services		18,833	17,529	36,362	38,029	229,440
Other operating expenses(a)		1,631	1,437	3,068	2,095	12,485
Total gross operating expenses		24,989	23,280	48,269	49,162	295,342
Superannuation interest expense		1,232	1,232	2,464	2,533	15,198
Interest expenses		2,570	5,344	7,914	7,880	38,696
Current transfers						
Current grants		22,599	15,761	38,360	38,293	223,378
Subsidy expenses		1,734	1,619	3,354	3,416	21,352
Personal benefits		16,339	14,118	30,457	30,449	169,410
Total current transfers		40,672	31,498	72,170	72,158	414,140
Capital transfers						
Mutually agreed write-downs		146	161	307	490	2,930
Other capital grants		560	590	1,150	1,384	19,364
Total capital transfers		706	751	1,458	1,874	22,294
Total expenses	3	70,170	62,105	132,275	133,608	785,670
Net operating balance		-11,529	-370	-11,900	-14,646	-35,408
Other economic flows						
- included in operating result						
Net write-downs of assets		-564	-760	-1,324	-3,433	-12,239
Assets recognised for the first time		12	14	25	33	393
Actuarial revaluations		-6	-5	-11	-6	-1,060
Net foreign exchange gains		80	-90	-9	0	183
Net swap interest received		188	27	215	-1	-7
Market valuation of debt		3,844	-910	2,934	-2,343	-13,119
Other gains/(losses)		2,237	2,587	4,823	1,601	9,860
Total other economic flows		5,791	863	6,654	-4,150	-15,989
- included in operating result						
Operating result(b)		-5,738	493	-5,246	-18,796	-51,396
Non-owner movements in equity						
Revaluation of equity investments		0	0	0	0	203
Actuarial revaluations		0	0	0	0	-228
Other economic revaluations		231	45	277	-3	145
Total other economic flows - included in equity		231	45	277	-3	120
Comprehensive result						
- Total change in net worth		-5,507	538	-4,969	-18,799	-51,277
Net operating balance		-11,529	-370	-11,900	-14,646	-35,408
Net acquisition of non-financial assets						
Purchases of non-financial assets		1,663	922	2,585	3,266	22,224
less Sales of non-financial assets		3	4	7	1	117
less Depreciation		1,063	1,077	2,140	2,428	14,196
plus Change in inventories		228	-24	203	-141	859
plus Other movements in non-financial assets		18	-18	0	0	0
Total net acquisition of non-financial assets		843	-202	641	695	8,771
Fiscal balance (Net lending/borrowing)(c)		-12,372	-169	-12,541	-15,341	-44,178

*As published in the 2025-26 Budget.

(a) Consistent with the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Government Finance Statistics (GFS) classification, other employee related expenses are classified separately from wages and salaries under other operating expenses. Total employee expenses equal wages and salaries plus other operating expenses.

(b) Operating result under Australian Accounting Standards.

(c) The term fiscal balance is not used by the ABS.

Australian Government general government sector balance sheet

	ACTUAL as at 31 July 2025 \$m	ACTUAL as at 31 August 2025 \$m	BUDGET ESTIMATE* as at 30 June 2026 \$m
Assets			
Financial assets			
Cash and deposits	85,881	95,346	73,579
Advances paid	78,493	78,056	77,939
Investments, loans and placements	253,915	254,795	248,576
Other receivables	96,437	97,614	92,762
Equity investments			
Investments in other public sector entities	47,728	47,839	57,342
Equity accounted investments	6,534	6,600	6,485
Investments - shares	113,930	115,093	121,108
<i>Total financial assets</i>	<i>682,918</i>	<i>695,342</i>	<i>677,792</i>
Non-financial assets			
Land	15,659	15,665	14,756
Buildings	53,640	53,473	50,875
Plant, equipment and infrastructure	118,224	118,058	120,634
Inventories	13,163	13,185	12,691
Intangibles	13,825	13,902	16,212
Investment properties	299	264	221
Biological assets	5	5	5
Heritage and cultural assets	13,266	13,257	12,803
Assets held for sale	48	48	81
Other non-financial assets	24	6	6
<i>Total non-financial assets</i>	<i>228,155</i>	<i>227,863</i>	<i>228,283</i>
Total assets	911,073	923,205	906,074
Liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities			
Deposits held	296	259	418
Government securities	907,845	918,936	968,449
Loans	33,424	33,252	33,885
Lease liabilities	19,223	19,088	17,689
<i>Total interest bearing liabilities</i>	<i>960,788</i>	<i>971,535</i>	<i>1,020,440</i>
Provisions and payables			
Superannuation liability(a)	314,183	314,952	313,806
Other employee liabilities	94,528	94,894	60,538
Suppliers payables	13,758	11,901	15,127
Personal benefits payables	3,978	4,299	4,759
Subsidies payables	784	666	672
Grants payables	4,170	4,136	5,667
Other payables	11,358	9,961	5,866
Provisions	127,551	130,349	100,993
<i>Total provisions and payables</i>	<i>570,310</i>	<i>571,158</i>	<i>507,430</i>
Total liabilities	1,531,098	1,542,693	1,527,870
Net worth(b)	-620,025	-619,487	-621,796
<i>Net financial worth(c)</i>	<i>-848,180</i>	<i>-847,351</i>	<i>-850,079</i>
<i>Net financial liabilities(d)</i>	<i>895,908</i>	<i>895,189</i>	<i>907,420</i>
<i>Net debt(e)</i>	<i>542,499</i>	<i>543,338</i>	<i>620,345</i>

*As published in the 2025-26 Budget.

(a) For budget reporting purposes, a discount rate of 5.0 per cent determined by actuaries is used to value the superannuation liability. This reflects the average annual rate estimated to apply over the term of the liability and it reduces the volatility in reported liabilities that would occur from year to year if the spot rates on long-term government bonds were used. Consistent with Australian Accounting Standards, the superannuation liability for the 2025-26 Monthly Financial Statements was calculated using the spot rates on long-term government bonds as at 30 June 2025 that best matched each individual scheme's liability duration. These rates were between 3.8 and 5.0 per cent per annum.

(b) Net worth equals total assets minus total liabilities.

(c) Net financial worth equals total financial assets minus total liabilities.

(d) Net financial liabilities equals total liabilities less financial assets other than investments in other public sector entities.

(e) Net debt is the sum of interest bearing liabilities less the sum of selected financial assets (cash and deposits, advances paid, and investments, loans and placements).

Australian Government general government sector cash flow statement^(a)

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 July \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 August \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	Budget Profile 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	BUDGET ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Cash receipts from operating activities					
Taxes received	50,593	57,484	108,078	104,179	676,086
Receipts from sales of goods and services	3,550	971	4,521	4,704	21,921
Interest receipts	889	893	1,782	1,879	9,389
Dividends, distributions and income tax equivalents	643	378	1,021	1,177	7,416
Other receipts	2,834	842	3,676	3,130	20,286
Total operating receipts	58,509	60,568	119,078	115,069	735,098
Cash payments for operating activities					
Payments for employees(b)	-5,270	-3,776	-9,046	-8,900	-48,917
Payments for goods and services	-20,757	-19,019	-39,776	-39,569	-228,248
Grants and subsidies paid	-24,720	-18,346	-43,065	-43,515	-266,344
Interest paid	-248	-426	-674	-697	-27,885
Personal benefit payments	-17,229	-14,166	-31,395	-31,120	-169,556
Other payments(b)	-1,241	-1,189	-2,429	-2,492	-13,739
Total operating payments	-69,464	-56,922	-126,386	-126,293	-754,689
Net cash flows from operating activities	-10,955	3,647	-7,308	-11,224	-19,590
Cash flows from investments in non-financial assets					
Sales of non-financial assets	146	6	152	131	254
Purchases of non-financial assets	-2,659	-1,284	-3,943	-3,080	-20,040
Net cash flows from investments in non-financial assets	-2,514	-1,278	-3,792	-2,949	-19,786
Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for policy purposes	-964	-440	-1,405	-2,205	-23,076
Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for liquidity purposes	-1,174	-397	-1,571	-3,047	-4,839
Cash flows from financing activities					
Borrowing (net)	22,527	8,142	30,669	26,003	72,773
Other financing (net)	24	-144	-120	-367	-4,911
Net cash flows from financing activities	22,551	7,998	30,549	25,637	67,863
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	6,944	9,529	16,474	6,212	571
GFS cash surplus(+)/deficit(-)(c)	-13,469	2,369	-11,100	-14,173	-39,376
<i>plus</i> Principal payments of lease liabilities(d)	-237	-252	-489	-483	-2,746
Equals underlying cash balance(e)	-13,706	2,117	-11,589	-14,656	-42,122
<i>plus</i> Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for policy purposes	-964	-440	-1,405	-2,205	-23,076
Equals headline cash balance	-14,670	1,676	-12,994	-16,861	-65,198

*As published in the 2025-26 Budget.

(a) A positive number denotes a cash inflow; a negative number denotes a cash outflow.

(b) Consistent with the ABS GFS classification, other employee related payments are classified separately from wages and salaries under other payments.

(c) GFS cash surplus/deficit equals net cash flows from operating activities and investments in non-financial assets.

(d) Principal payments of lease liabilities, which are financing cash payments, are deducted in the calculation of the underlying cash balance to maintain consistency of measure following the implementation of AASB 16.

(e) The term underlying cash balance is not used by the ABS.

Note 1: Income Tax

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 July \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 August \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	Budget Profile 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	BUDGET ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Individuals and other withholding taxes					
Gross income tax withholding	23,583	27,876	51,460	51,545	314,100
Gross other individuals	9,017	6,509	15,526	13,996	84,500
Less Refunds	9,099	6,575	15,674	16,629	40,800
Total individuals and other withholding taxation	23,501	27,810	51,312	48,912	357,800
Fringe benefits tax	963	245	1,207	1,048	5,150
Company tax	11,783	11,411	23,194	24,614	143,500
Superannuation fund taxes	3,597	2,393	5,990	4,093	25,580
Petroleum resource rent tax	2	781	783	784	1,980
Total income taxation revenue	39,846	42,639	82,485	79,452	534,010

*As published in the 2025-26 Budget.

Note 2: Indirect Tax

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 July \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 August \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	Budget Profile 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	BUDGET ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Goods and services tax	6,877	10,951	17,827	18,219	99,300
Wine equalisation tax	74	112	186	188	1,210
Luxury car tax	108	99	207	228	1,210
Excise duty	2,399	2,315	4,713	4,838	32,450
Customs duty	1,546	970	2,517	3,826	11,350
Other indirect tax	899	1,469	2,368	2,303	14,774
Total indirect taxation revenue	11,903	15,915	27,818	29,602	160,294

*As published in the 2025-26 Budget.

Note 3: Total expenses by function

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 July \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 August \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD August \$m	BUDGET ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Expenses by function				
General public services	2,223	2,036	4,260	31,418
Defence	3,709	3,473	7,182	51,483
Public order and safety	1,015	668	1,683	9,145
Education	7,749	2,804	10,553	54,030
Health	11,617	10,236	21,854	124,803
Social security and welfare	27,991	23,681	51,672	290,966
Housing and community amenities	364	582	946	8,952
Recreation and culture	502	404	906	5,867
Fuel and energy	1,065	4,064	5,129	19,237
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	213	411	624	4,427
Mining, manufacturing and construction	408	419	827	5,522
Transport and communication	251	390	642	16,557
Other economic affairs	1,165	1,045	2,210	13,558
Other purposes				
Public debt interest	2,088	2,187	4,276	28,429
Nominal superannuation interest	1,232	1,232	2,464	15,198
General purpose inter-government transactions	7,979	8,414	16,393	104,363
Natural disaster relief	598	58	656	874
Contingency reserve	0	0	0	842
Total expenses	70,170	62,105	132,275	785,670

*As published in the 2025-26 Budget.

NOTES:

AASB 1049 *Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting* (AASB 1049)

The Australian Government monthly financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with the Budget as required under section 47 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013. The statements are prepared in accordance with AASB 1049, which require treatment based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Government Finance Statistics (GFS) except where Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) provide a better conceptual treatment for specific items. Departures are limited to complying with either ABS GFS or AAS.

Taxation revenue

While total tax collections are known with certainty at the end of each month, the distribution across the relevant heads of revenue cannot be finalised until all business activity statements are received and processed. The outcomes for some revenue items provided in this statement are therefore estimates, in accordance with the best judgement of the Commissioner of Taxation, and subject to revision. The taxation revenue items not affected are: petroleum resource rent tax, excise duty, customs duty, other taxes and individuals refunds.

Style conventions

Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

International Monetary Fund Special Data Dissemination Standards

The Government is committed to releasing the monthly financial statements in a timely fashion and will endeavour to do so in accordance with International Monetary Fund (IMF) Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS). Under these standards the timeframe for releasing the monthly financial statements is by the end of the following month. Australia applies a special flexibility option which allows it to publish late the last and first month of a financial year.

In accordance with the IMF SDDS, the approximate date of release of the data on debt guaranteed by the Australian Government (central government), is given on the IMF's Data Dissemination Advance Release Calendar <http://dsbb.imf.org>. Monthly and quarterly data on debt guaranteed by the Australian Government (central government) that meet the coverage and timeliness requirements of the SDDS are published on the Australian Office of Financial Management website at <https://www.aofm.gov.au/data-hub>.

Electronic access to monthly financial statements

The Australian Government general government sector monthly financial statements and the historical series are available in electronic format at:

<https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/australian-government-general-government-sector-monthly-financial-statements-tables-and-data>