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Australian Government General Government Sector Monthly Financial Statements for January 2026

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KEY POINTS:

- The Monthly Financial Statements for January 2026 report the budget position against the expected monthly profile for the 2025-26 financial year through to 31 January 2026, based on the 2025-26 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) estimates published in December 2025.
- The underlying cash balance for the 2025-26 financial year to 31 January 2026 was a deficit of \$48.6 billion.
- The fiscal balance for the 2025-26 financial year to 31 January 2026 was a deficit of \$51.4 billion.

AGGREGATES(a)

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 January \$b	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD January \$b	MYEFO Profile 2025-2026 YTD January \$b	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$b
Receipts(b)	47.6	410.4	408.4	749.8
Payments(c)	62.4	458.9	462.4	786.6
Underlying cash balance	-14.8	-48.6	-54.0	-36.8
Headline cash balance	-16.6	-56.1	-63.2	-58.6
Revenue	54.1	425.2	421.3	765.6
Expenses	67.5	472.0	474.2	809.2
Net operating balance	-13.5	-46.8	-53.0	-43.6
Net capital investment	0.7	4.6	4.5	11.2
Fiscal balance	-14.2	-51.4	-57.5	-54.8
Total assets		925.2		925.8
Total liabilities		1,553.9		1,570.1
Net worth(d)		-628.6		-644.3
Net debt(e)		573.4		587.5

* As published in the 2025-26 MYEFO.

(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 January 2026 was a deficit of \$48.6 billion.

- **Receipts**

Total receipts were \$2.0 billion higher than the 2025-26 MYEFO profile.

- **Payments**

Total payments were \$3.4 billion lower than the 2025-26 MYEFO profile.

Net Operating Balance

The net operating balance for the financial year to 31 January 2026 was a deficit of \$46.8 billion.

Fiscal Balance

The fiscal balance for the financial year to 31 January 2026 was a deficit of \$51.4 billion.

Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 January 2026:

- net worth is negative \$628.6 billion
- net debt is \$573.4 billion
- net financial liabilities are \$909.7 billion

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Australian Government general government sector operating statement

		ACTUAL 2025-2026 January \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO Profile 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
	Note				
Revenue					
Taxation revenue	1,2	48,263	391,360	387,254	709,980
Sales of goods and services		3,890	15,113	15,027	21,987
Interest income		653	4,810	4,704	10,159
Dividend and distribution income		227	3,933	4,344	7,591
Other		1,026	10,004	9,926	15,876
Total revenue		54,059	425,219	421,255	765,593
Expenses					
Gross operating expenses					
Wages and salaries(a)		2,335	17,902	17,981	31,147
Superannuation		777	5,413	5,385	9,433
Depreciation and amortisation		1,192	8,198	8,165	14,154
Supply of goods and services		14,680	129,326	131,596	230,174
Other operating expenses(a)		1,223	9,834	9,696	14,990
Total gross operating expenses		20,207	170,674	172,823	299,898
Superannuation interest expense		1,232	8,624	8,627	14,803
Interest expenses		2,953	21,952	22,088	39,245
Current transfers					
Current grants		26,875	140,323	140,328	227,136
Subsidy expenses		1,276	11,627	11,635	20,003
Personal benefits		13,549	101,203	100,864	170,693
Total current transfers		41,700	253,153	252,827	417,832
Capital transfers					
Mutually agreed write-downs		290	12,207	12,137	13,294
Other capital grants		1,133	5,400	5,740	24,161
Total capital transfers		1,423	17,607	17,878	37,455
Total expenses	3	67,515	472,010	474,243	809,232
Net operating balance		-13,456	-46,791	-52,988	-43,639
Other economic flows					
- included in operating result					
Net write-downs of assets		95	-5,949	-7,014	-12,609
Assets recognised for the first time		13	158	180	388
Actuarial revaluations		7	34	36	1,564
Net foreign exchange gains		-321	-511	-7	97
Net swap interest received		247	649	326	350
Market valuation of debt		1,788	24,296	8,449	3,096
Other gains/(losses)		1,007	14,059	12,558	12,630
Total other economic flows		2,836	32,735	14,528	5,516
- included in operating result					
Operating result(b)		-10,620	-14,055	-38,460	-38,124
Non-owner movements in equity					
Revaluation of equity investments		1	0	0	-526
Actuarial revaluations		0	0	0	-630
Other economic revaluations		9	-63	-296	118
Total other economic flows - included in equity		10	-63	-296	-1,038
Comprehensive result					
- Total change in net worth		-10,610	-14,118	-38,755	-39,162
Net operating balance		-13,456	-46,791	-52,988	-43,639
Net acquisition of non-financial assets					
Purchases of non-financial assets		1,816	12,533	12,652	24,701
less Sales of non-financial assets		7	32	57	440
less Depreciation		1,192	8,198	8,165	14,154
plus Change in inventories		93	302	112	1,066
plus Other movements in non-financial assets		-1	-2	-1	0
Total net acquisition of non-financial assets		709	4,603	4,542	11,173
Fiscal balance (Net lending/borrowing)(c)		-14,165	-51,394	-57,530	-54,812

*As published in the 2025-26 MYEFO.

(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 January 2026 \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* as at 30 June 2026 \$m
Assets		
Financial assets		
Cash and deposits	72,088	73,588
Advances paid	69,067	73,794
Investments, loans and placements	258,065	260,862
Other receivables	111,295	93,453
Equity investments		
Investments in other public sector entities	49,774	52,886
Equity accounted investments	6,534	6,871
Investments - shares	127,138	126,891
<i>Total financial assets</i>	693,962	688,345
Non-financial assets		
Land	15,462	15,436
Buildings	54,725	54,248
Plant, equipment and infrastructure	120,076	124,399
Inventories	13,163	13,691
Intangibles	14,390	16,171
Investment properties	229	222
Biological assets	4	5
Heritage and cultural assets	13,164	13,201
Assets held for sale	48	40
Other non-financial assets	4	6
<i>Total non-financial assets</i>	231,265	237,421
Total assets	925,227	925,766
Liabilities		
Interest bearing liabilities		
Deposits held	355	416
Government securities	919,461	942,518
Loans	33,332	34,181
Lease liabilities	19,450	18,599
<i>Total interest bearing liabilities</i>	972,598	995,715
Provisions and payables		
Superannuation liability(a)	319,169	314,706
Other employee liabilities	95,856	97,146
Suppliers payables	12,725	14,185
Personal benefits payables	4,305	4,845
Subsidies payables	515	635
Grants payables	3,876	6,876
Other payables	14,455	6,757
Provisions	130,367	129,212
<i>Total provisions and payables</i>	581,266	574,362
Total liabilities	1,553,864	1,570,077
Net worth(b)	-628,637	-644,311
<i>Net financial worth(c)</i>	-859,902	-881,731
<i>Net financial liabilities(d)</i>	909,676	934,618
<i>Net debt(e)</i>	573,378	587,471

*As published in the 2025-26 MYEFO.

(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

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

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 January \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO Profile 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Cash receipts from operating activities				
Taxes received	43,106	375,946	373,769	691,142
Receipts from sales of goods and services	2,476	14,624	14,468	21,528
Interest receipts	666	5,547	5,494	9,103
Dividends, distributions and income tax equivalents	237	4,254	4,537	7,558
Other receipts	1,136	9,840	9,950	20,251
Total operating receipts	47,621	410,211	408,218	749,582
Cash payments for operating activities				
Payments for employees(b)	-3,964	-29,926	-29,779	-50,237
Payments for goods and services	-13,385	-131,389	-133,576	-226,686
Grants and subsidies paid	-28,742	-159,269	-160,445	-274,740
Interest paid	-144	-14,023	-14,198	-27,390
Personal benefit payments	-13,686	-102,126	-101,806	-170,745
Other payments(b)	-1,241	-8,271	-8,124	-11,500
Total operating payments	-61,163	-445,003	-447,928	-761,299
Net cash flows from operating activities	-13,542	-34,793	-39,709	-11,716
Cash flows from investments in non-financial assets				
Sales of non-financial assets	2	149	178	209
Purchases of non-financial assets	-1,023	-12,348	-12,878	-22,453
Net cash flows from investments in non-financial assets	-1,021	-12,199	-12,700	-22,244
Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for policy purposes	-1,782	-7,519	-9,171	-21,796
Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for liquidity purposes	-266	-5,495	-5,497	-4,289
Cash flows from financing activities				
Borrowing (net)	24,481	54,918	45,948	59,355
Other financing (net)	261	-1,697	-2,092	-4,594
Net cash flows from financing activities	24,742	53,222	43,857	54,761
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	8,132	-6,784	-23,220	-5,284
GFS cash surplus (+)/deficit (-)(c)	-14,562	-46,992	-52,409	-33,960
<i>plus</i> Principal payments of lease liabilities(d)	-209	-1,598	-1,582	-2,804
Equals underlying cash balance(e)	-14,771	-48,589	-53,991	-36,764
<i>plus</i> Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for policy purposes	-1,782	-7,519	-9,171	-21,796
Equals headline cash balance	-16,553	-56,109	-63,162	-58,560

*As published in the 2025-26 MYEFO.

(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 January \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO Profile 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Individuals and other withholding taxes				
Gross income tax withholding	21,961	180,087	180,615	315,800
Gross other individuals	3,915	45,721	44,888	91,600
<i>less</i> Refunds	1,711	31,389	31,342	40,600
Total individuals and other withholding taxation	24,165	194,419	194,160	366,800
Fringe benefits tax	930	3,494	3,473	5,560
Company tax	11,177	83,008	79,959	147,800
Superannuation fund taxes	1,951	21,687	21,222	29,880
Petroleum resource rent tax	322	1,043	1,103	1,820
Total income taxation revenue	38,545	303,651	299,917	551,860

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Note 2: Indirect Tax

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 January \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO Profile 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Goods and services tax	5,500	55,591	55,000	101,030
Wine equalisation tax	174	638	616	1,110
Luxury car tax	88	664	655	1,130
Excise duty	2,286	18,349	18,319	31,760
Customs duty	628	4,334	4,808	8,780
Other indirect tax	1,042	8,133	7,939	14,310
Total indirect taxation revenue	9,718	87,709	87,337	158,120

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Note 3: Total expenses by function

	ACTUAL 2025-2026 January \$m	ACTUAL 2025-2026 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2025-2026 FULL YEAR \$m
Expenses by function			
General public services	3,249	17,706	33,637
Defence	3,217	28,449	51,598
Public order and safety	1,035	5,655	9,432
Education	13,342	50,447	65,259
Health	9,535	72,491	126,637
Social security and welfare	20,625	172,997	295,963
Housing and community amenities	518	3,627	10,365
Recreation and culture	566	3,290	6,039
Fuel and energy	1,221	12,609	21,237
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	241	2,000	4,828
Mining, manufacturing and construction	420	3,032	5,673
Transport and communication	586	4,149	16,264
Other economic affairs	1,084	7,861	14,814
Other purposes			
Public debt interest	2,417	15,643	27,741
Nominal superannuation interest	1,232	8,624	14,803
General purpose inter-government transactions	8,203	63,185	105,187
Natural disaster relief	24	245	1,183
Contingency reserve	0	0	-1,429
Total expenses	67,515	472,010	809,232

*As published in the 2025-26 MYEFO.

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.

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Electronic access to monthly financial statements

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