

Errata – Report on Government Services 2003

The following data were amended after the Report went to print.

Education Preface

Page B.15 - table B.9: unit costs for the ACT, the NT and Australian government primary schools, and Australian government secondary schools are incorrect. As a consequence the percentage differences from the national averages are also incorrect. The correct data are shown in the table below.

Table B.9 **Education institution recurrent unit costs, 2000-01^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>Government primary schools</i>										
In-school cost per FTE student ^c	\$	5 976	5 862	6 051	6 162	6 893	6 811	6 359	9 975	6 148
Difference from national average	%	-2.8	-4.7	-1.6	0.2	12.1	10.8	3.4	62.2	-
<i>Government secondary schools</i>										
In-school cost per FTE student ^c	\$	8 211	7 683	7 703	8 499	8 828	7 986	8 901	13 667	8 120
Difference from national average	%	1.1	-5.4	-5.1	4.7	8.7	-1.6	9.6	68.3	-
<i>VET^d</i>										
Cost per adjusted annual curriculum hour ^e	\$	13.03	10.75	12.91	13.73	11.37	14.32	12.46	19.74	12.42
Difference from national average	%	4.9	-13.4	3.9	10.6	-8.5	15.3	0.4	58.9	-

^a Based on accrual data. ^b Includes recurrent costs only, for information on capital costs (such as the user cost of capital), see chapters 3 and 4 ^c Excludes capital charges for Victoria, Queensland and the ACT, and includes payroll tax estimates for WA and the ACT ^d Data are based on 2001 calendar year. ^e Includes payroll tax estimates for the ACT. FTE students are full time equivalents. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Sources: Chapters 3 and 4.

Protection and Support Services

Child protection efficiency data

An error has been identified in the 2001-02 child protection efficiency data presented in the 2003 Report. The error reflects the inadvertent use of 2000-01 data

as the denominator for the indicators and affects the commentary on pages 15.30 and 15.32, figure 15.13 and table 15A.2 (see revised content below). The expenditure, notification, investigation and substantiation data for 2001-02 are correct and unchanged.

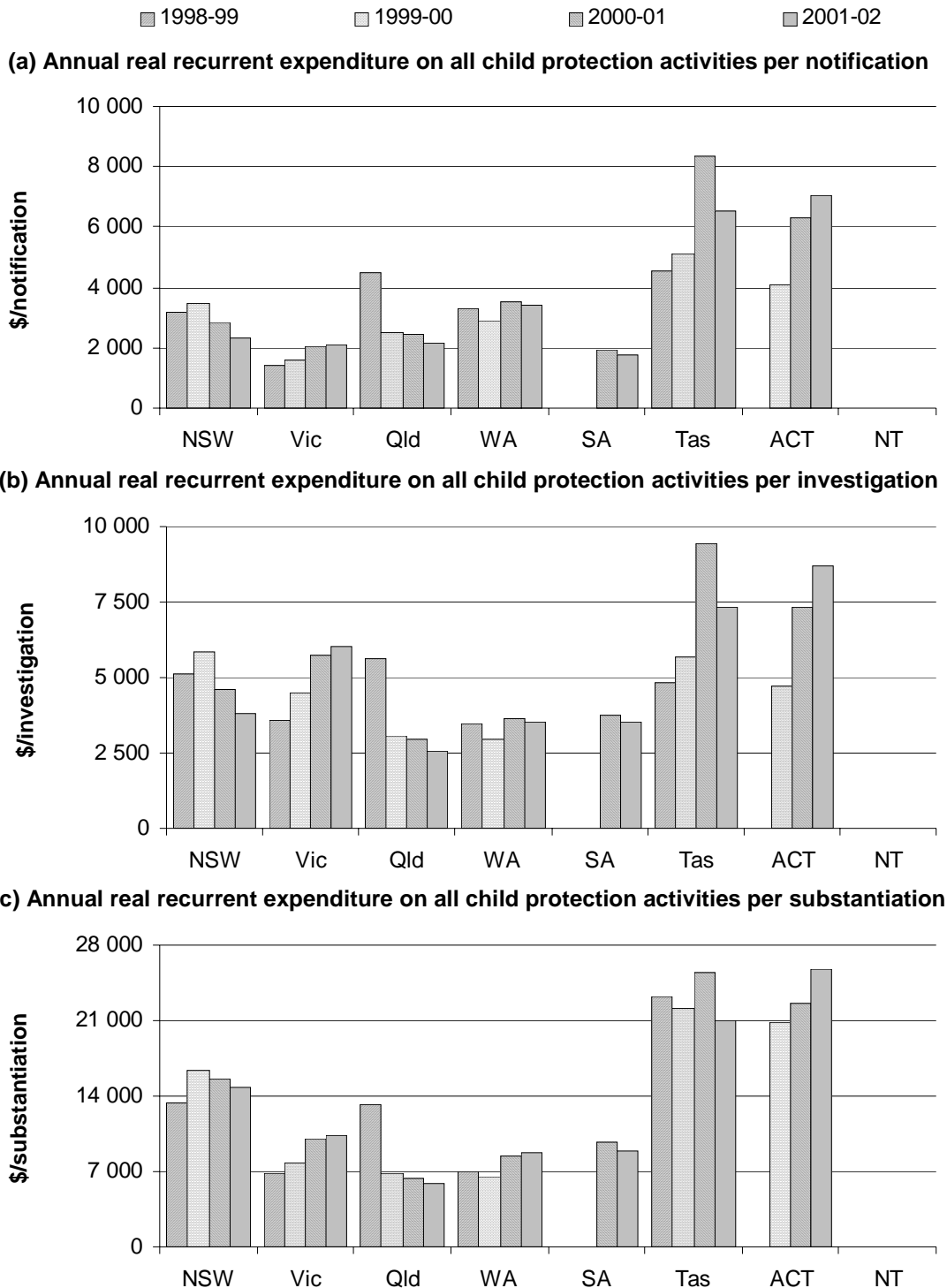
The revised 2001-02 child protection efficiency data are lower for all jurisdictions than the erroneously published data. This reflects an increase in the reported number of notifications, investigations and substantiations between 2000-01 and 2001-02.

Revised content

Child protection efficiency indicator results

Total expenditure on child protection per notification in 2001-02 ranged from \$3420 in WA to \$1769 in SA (excluding Tasmania and the ACT) (figure 15.12a). Total expenditure on child protection per investigation in 2001-02 ranged from \$6007 in Victoria to \$2585 in Queensland (excluding Tasmania and the ACT) (figure 15.12b). Total expenditure on child protection per substantiation in 2001-02 ranged from \$14 827 in NSW to \$5933 in Queensland (excluding Tasmania and the ACT) (figure 15.12c).

Figure 15.1 **Child protection efficiency indicators (2001-02 dollars)^{a, b}**



^a Real expenditure based on ABS GDP price deflator 2001-02 = 100 (table A.26). ^b These data should not be interpreted as the 'cost per notification', 'cost per investigation' or 'cost per substantiation' because each is based on the total cost of all child protection activities. Differences across jurisdictions reflect the quantity of the three activities rather than a difference in unit costs.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.2.

Table 15A.2

State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation, Australia (2001-02 dollars) (a)

2001-02 revised

Real expenditure on child protection services per notification	
NSW	2 311
Vic	2 090
Qld	2 158
WA	3 420
SA	1 769
Tas	6 555
ACT	7 066
NT	na
Real expenditure on child protection services per investigation	
NSW	3 796
Vic	6 007
Qld	2 585
WA	3 546
SA	3 519
Tas	7 351
ACT	8 708
NT	na
Real expenditure on child protection services per substantiation	
NSW	14 827
Vic	10 324
Qld	5 933
WA	8 773
SA	8 888
Tas	21 076
ACT	25 727
NT	na

(a) Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.20.