

Indigenous expenditure in  
Tasmania, 2010-11

The *2012 Indigenous Expenditure Report* was released on **4 September 2012**. The Report is the second in a series that provides *estimates* of expenditure on services provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by the Australian Government, and State and Territory governments. Estimates are provided for each level of government, Australia as a whole, and on a state and territory geographical basis, for 2008-09 and 2010-11.

The printed report provides an overview of six broad areas of expenditure — early child development and education and training; healthy lives; economic participation; home environment; safe and supportive communities; and other government expenditure — which are mapped at a high level to COAG's *National Indigenous Reform Agreement* building blocks. More detailed estimates for 86 expenditure categories are available electronically from the project website.

### Expenditure patterns in the Tasmania

The *2012 Indigenous Expenditure Report* found that in Tasmania in 2010-11:

- total government direct Indigenous expenditure was estimated to be \$564 million, accounting for 4.9 per cent of total government direct expenditure in Tasmania. Indigenous Australians make up 4.0 per cent of the Tasmanian population
- the Australian Government accounted for \$304 million (54 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$260 million (46 per cent) provided by the Tasmanian Government
- mainstream services accounted for \$499 million (88 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$65.4 million (12 per cent) provided through Indigenous specific (targeted) services.

Estimated expenditure per head of population was \$27 414 for Indigenous Australians, compared with \$22 285 for non-Indigenous Australians (a ratio of 1.23:1). The \$5129 per person difference reflected the combined effects of:

- *greater intensity of service use (\$2580 or 50.3 per cent)* — Indigenous Australians use more services per capita because of greater need, and because of population characteristics such as the younger age profile of the Indigenous population
- *additional costs of providing services (\$2549 or 49.7 per cent)* — it can cost more to provide services to Indigenous Australians if mainstream services are more expensive to provide (for example, because of location), or if Indigenous Australians receive targeted services in addition to mainstream services (for example, liaison officers in hospitals). Targeted services received in addition to mainstream services accounted for \$2110 per person, (83 per cent) of the additional costs of providing services to Indigenous Australians in Tasmania (web-table W-F.16).

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There were significant variations in levels and patterns of expenditure across expenditure categories:

- *early child development, and education and training* — includes expenditure on preschool and childcare; school education; and tertiary education. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Tasmania was 1.69:1 (\$5564 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$3287 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *healthy lives* — includes expenditure on hospital services; public and community health services; and other health care subsidies and support services. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Tasmania was 0.81:1 (\$3822 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$4693 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *economic participation* — includes expenditure on labour and employment services and social security support. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Tasmania was 1.00:1 (\$5608 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$5624 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *home environment* — expenditure on housing services; community and environment services; and transport and communications services. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Tasmania was 1.35:1 (\$2019 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$1495 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *safe and supportive communities* — includes expenditure on public order and safety; community support and welfare; and recreation and culture. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Tasmania was 2.03:1 (\$6156 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$3033 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *other government expenditure* — includes expenditure on general government (such as the operations of legislative and executive affairs and defence services); and support to industry. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Tasmania was 1.02:1 (\$4246 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$4153 per non-Indigenous Australian).

## Interpreting the results

Estimating the Indigenous component of expenditure — especially for mainstream services — is a complex exercise, and many data quality and methodological challenges are yet to be resolved. Some of these challenges are state-specific. The interpretation of the estimates provided in the Report requires an understanding of the strengths and limitations of the data and method, as well as the context within which Indigenous services are provided. Chapters 2 and 3 of the report provide an overview of these issues, with detailed observations of issues specific to each jurisdiction provided in section 3.3.

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# Indigenous expenditure in Tasmania, 2010-11

Table 1 Australian Government *plus* Tasmanian Government direct expenditure, Tasmania, 2010-11<sup>a, b, c</sup>

	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population <sup>d</sup>		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio <sup>e</sup>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$/person	\$/person	ratio
<b>Early child development, and Education and training (Report chapter 4 and web-tables W-F.3 and W-F.4)</b>							
Early childhood	5	134	139	3.9	262	274	0.96
School education	93	1 063	1 156	8.1	4 536	2 178	2.08
Tertiary education	16	408	423	3.7	766	835	0.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1 604</b>	<b>1 719</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5 564</b>	<b>3 287</b>	<b>1.69</b>
<b>Healthy lives (Report chapter 5 and web-tables W-F.5 and W-F.6)</b>							
Hospital services <sup>f</sup>	31	1 124	1 155	2.7	1 508	2 302	0.65
Public and community health	25	423	448	5.6	1 215	866	1.40
Health care subsidies and support	23	744	767	2.9	1 099	1 525	0.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2 291</b>	<b>2 369</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3 822</b>	<b>4 693</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>Economic participation (Report chapter 6 and web-tables W-F.7 and W-F.8)</b>							
Labour & employment	14	217	230	5.9	662	444	1.49
Social security support	102	2 529	2 630	3.9	4 946	5 181	0.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2 745</b>	<b>2 861</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5 608</b>	<b>5 624</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Home environment (Report chapter 7 and web-tables W-F.9 and W-F.10)</b>							
Housing	18	232	250	7.4	895	475	1.88
Community and environment	11	217	227	4.7	516	444	1.16
Transport & communications	13	281	293	4.3	608	575	1.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>2 019</b>	<b>1 495</b>	<b>1.35</b>
<b>Safe and supportive communities (Report chapter 8 and web-tables W-F.11 and W-F.12)</b>							
Public order and safety	51	471	522	9.8	2 483	964	2.57
Community support & welfare	60	768	828	7.2	2 896	1 574	1.84
Recreation and culture	16	242	258	6.2	777	495	1.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1 480</b>	<b>1 607</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>6 156</b>	<b>3 033</b>	<b>2.03</b>
<b>Other government expenditure (Report chapter 9 and web-tables W-F.13 and W-F.14)</b>							
General govt and defence	81	1 869	1 950	4.1	3 919	3 830	1.02
Support to industry	7	158	164	4.1	327	323	1.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2 027</b>	<b>2 114</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4 246</b>	<b>4 153</b>	<b>1.02</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>10 877</b>	<b>11 441</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>27 414</b>	<b>22 285</b>	<b>1.23</b>

<sup>a</sup> Direct expenditure includes government outlays on services and programs (including income support) that are paid directly to individuals, non-government service providers, or local governments. <sup>b</sup> Refer to relevant chapters for more detail on the estimates and specific guidelines for the use and interpretation of these data. <sup>c</sup> Totals may not sum due to rounding. <sup>d</sup> Per head of population expenditure is not the same as expenditure per user, and should not be interpreted as a proxy for unit cost. The population data used for these calculations is provided in appendix C, table C.1. <sup>e</sup> The ratio of total Indigenous expenditure per person to total non-Indigenous expenditure per person. <sup>f</sup> Expenditure estimates on 'hospital services' should be interpreted with care due to concerns regarding recording of Indigenous status in Tasmanian hospitals.

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<b>Early child development, and Education and training (Report chapter 4 and web-tables W-F.3 and W-F.4)</b>							
Australian Government	25	409	434	5.8	1 223	837	1.46
Tasmanian Government	89	1 195	1 285	7.0	4 341	2 449	1.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1 604</b>	<b>1 719</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5 564</b>	<b>3 287</b>	<b>1.69</b>
<b>Healthy lives (Report chapter 5 and web-tables W-F.5 and W-F.6)<sup>f</sup></b>							
Australian Government	41	1 039	1 080	3.8	2 001	2 128	0.94
Tasmanian Government	37	1 252	1 289	2.9	1 821	2 565	0.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2 291</b>	<b>2 369</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3 822</b>	<b>4 693</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>Economic participation (Report chapter 6 and web-tables W-F.7 and W-F.8)</b>							
Australian Government	112	2 662	2 774	4.0	5 453	5 454	1.00
Tasmanian Government	3	83	86	3.7	155	170	0.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2 745</b>	<b>2 861</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5 608</b>	<b>5 624</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Home environment (Report chapter 7 and web-tables W-F.9 and W-F.10)</b>							
Australian Government	17	286	303	5.6	821	586	1.40
Tasmanian Government	25	443	468	5.3	1 199	908	1.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>2 019</b>	<b>1 495</b>	<b>1.35</b>
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Australian Government	60	1 410	1 470	4.1	2 916	2 889	1.01
Tasmanian Government	27	617	644	4.2	1 330	1 264	1.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2 027</b>	<b>2 114</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4 246</b>	<b>4 153</b>	<b>1.02</b>
<b>All direct expenditure (web-tables W-F.1 and W-F.2)</b>							
Australian Government	304	6 392	6 695	4.5	14 760	13 095	1.13
Tasmanian Government	260	4 485	4 746	5.5	12 654	9 190	1.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>10 877</b>	<b>11 441</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>27 414</b>	<b>22 285</b>	<b>1.23</b>

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