

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 Australian Capital Territory

The *2012 Indigenous Expenditure Report* found that in the Australian Capital Territory in 2010-11:

- total government direct Indigenous expenditure was estimated to be \$231 million, accounting for 3.0 per cent of total government direct expenditure in the Australian Capital Territory. Indigenous Australians make up 1.4 per cent of the Australian Capital Territory population
- the Australian Government accounted for \$100 million (43 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$131 million (57 per cent) provided by the ACT Government
- mainstream services accounted for \$176 million (76 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$55.2 million (24 per cent) provided through Indigenous specific (targeted) services.

Estimated expenditure per head of population was \$47 960 for Indigenous Australians, compared with \$21 311 for non-Indigenous Australians (a ratio of 2.25:1). The \$26 648 per person difference reflected the combined effects of:

- *greater intensity of service use (\$15 046 or 56 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 (\$11 602 or 44 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 \$10 346 per person, (89 per cent) of the additional costs of providing services to Indigenous Australians in the Australian Capital Territory (web-table W-G.16).

Indigenous expenditure in the Australian Capital Territory, 2010-11

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 the Australian Capital Territory was 2.20:1 (\$7792 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$3544 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 the Australian Capital Territory was 2.10:1 (\$9863 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$4707 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 the Australian Capital Territory was 1.80:1 (\$6440 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$3568 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 the Australian Capital Territory was 1.87:1 (\$3287 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$1753 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 the Australian Capital Territory was 5.96:1 (\$15 323 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$2571 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 the Australian Capital Territory was 1.02:1 (\$5255 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$5168 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 the Australian Capital Territory, 2010-11

Table 1 Australian Government *plus* ACT Government direct expenditure, Australian Capital Territory, 2010-11^{a, b, c}

	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population ^d		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio ^e
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$/person	\$/person	ratio
Early child development, and Education and training (Report chapter 4 and web-tables W-G.3 and W-G.4)							
Early childhood	3	118	121	2.4	591	336	1.76
School education	25	722	748	3.4	5 266	2 055	2.56
Tertiary education	9	405	414	2.3	1 934	1 153	1.68
Total	38	1 245	1 283	2.9	7 792	3 544	2.20
Healthy lives (Report chapter 5 and web-tables W-G.5 and W-G.6)							
Hospital services ^f	30	831	861	3.5	6 211	2 366	2.63
Public and community health	11	270	281	3.8	2 200	768	2.86
Health care subsidies and support	7	553	560	1.3	1 452	1 573	0.92
Total	48	1 654	1 702	2.8	9 863	4 707	2.10
Economic participation (Report chapter 6 and web-tables W-G.7 and W-G.8)							
Labour & employment	6	100	106	5.7	1 240	284	4.37
Social security support	25	1 154	1 179	2.1	5 201	3 285	1.58
Total	31	1 254	1 285	2.4	6 440	3 568	1.80
Home environment (Report chapter 7 and web-tables W-G.9 and W-G.10)							
Housing	8	96	104	8.1	1 743	273	6.39
Community and environment	4	239	243	1.5	744	680	1.09
Transport & communications	4	281	285	1.4	800	800	1.00
Total	16	616	632	2.5	3 287	1 753	1.87
Safe and supportive communities (Report chapter 8 and web-tables W-G.11 and W-G.12)							
Public order and safety	24	378	402	6.0	5 020	1 075	4.67
Community support & welfare	41	373	414	9.8	8 427	1 062	7.93
Recreation and culture	9	152	161	5.6	1 876	433	4.33
Total	74	903	977	7.6	15 323	2 571	5.96
Other government expenditure (Report chapter 9 and web-tables W-G.13 and W-G.14)							
General govt and defence	24	1 728	1 752	1.4	5 001	4 918	1.02
Support to industry	1	88	89	1.4	254	250	1.02
Total	25	1 816	1 841	1.4	5 255	5 168	1.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	231	7 489	7 720	3.0	47 960	21 311	2.25

^a 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. ^b Refer to relevant chapters for more detail on the estimates and specific guidelines for the use and interpretation of these data. ^c Totals may not sum due to rounding. ^d 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. ^e The ratio of total Indigenous expenditure per person to total non-Indigenous expenditure per person. ^f Expenditure estimates on 'hospital services' should be interpreted with care due to concerns regarding the accounting for cross border flows between NSW and the ACT.

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	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio ^e
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$/person	\$/person	ratio
Early child development, and Education and training (Report chapter 4 and web-tables W-G.3 and W-G.4)							
Australian Government	9	393	402	2.2	1 828	1 118	1.64
ACT Government	29	853	881	3.3	5 964	2 426	2.46
Total	38	1 245	1 283	2.9	7 792	3 544	2.20
Healthy lives (Report chapter 5 and web-tables W-G.5 and W-G.6)^f							
Australian Government	12	666	679	1.8	2 513	1 897	1.33
ACT Government	35	988	1 023	3.5	7 350	2 811	2.62
Total	48	1 654	1 702	2.8	9 863	4 707	2.10
Economic participation (Report chapter 6 and web-tables W-G.7 and W-G.8)							
Australian Government	31	1 235	1 266	2.4	6 389	3 516	1.82
ACT Government	–	19	19	1.3	52	53	0.98
Total	31	1 254	1 285	2.4	6 440	3 568	1.80
Home environment (Report chapter 7 and web-tables W-G.9 and W-G.10)							
Australian Government	4	160	164	2.6	886	455	1.95
ACT Government	12	456	468	2.5	2 401	1 298	1.85
Total	16	616	632	2.5	3 287	1 753	1.87
Safe and supportive communities (Report chapter 8 and web-tables W-G.11 and W-G.12)							
Australian Government	30	303	333	9.0	6 208	861	7.21
ACT Government	44	601	645	6.8	9 115	1 710	5.33
Total	74	903	977	7.6	15 323	2 571	5.96
Other government expenditure (Report chapter 9 and web-tables W-G.13 and W-G.14)							
Australian Government	14	1 015	1 029	1.4	2 943	2 889	1.02
ACT Government	11	801	812	1.4	2 311	2 279	1.01
Total	25	1 816	1 841	1.4	5 255	5 168	1.02
All direct expenditure (web-tables W-G.1 and W-G.2)							
Australian Government	100	3 772	3 872	2.6	20 768	10 735	1.93
ACT Government	131	3 717	3 848	3.4	27 192	10 576	2.57
Total	231	7 489	7 720	3.0	47 960	21 311	2.25

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