

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Topic: Western Australia**

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**Senator Webber asked:**

**Senator WEBBER**—I have one last question on this, which you will need to take on notice. Going back, say, over the last five years, can you give me the projection of what you think you are going to give Western Australia and what you end up giving them, so I can try to work out where we are going.

**Mr Ray**—Yes.

**Answer:**

Estimates of GST payments to Western Australia, as published annually in Budget Paper No. 3 between 2003-04 and 2007-08, are outlined in the table below together with actual payments to Western Australia. Actual payments are as published in the Final Budget Outcomes for 2003-04 to 2006-07 and as determined in June 2008 for the 2007-08 payment.

**GST payments to Western Australia**

\$million	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
2003-04 Budget estimate of GST payments	3,008.5				
2004-05 Budget estimate of GST payments	3,159.8	3,528.9			
2005-06 Budget estimate of GST payments		3,643.6	3,660.1		
2006-07 Budget estimate of GST payments			3,822.1	3,783.4	
2007-08 Budget estimate of GST payments			3,764.7	3,925.3	4,172.9
2007-08 Budget estimate of GST payments				3,921.8	4,080.3
2007-08 Budget estimate of GST payments				3,977.9	3,945.4
GST payment outcomes	3,157.9	3,623.9	3,803.7	3,968.0	3,984.0