

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Senator Bob Brown asked:

312. Can you provide annual estimates of the amount provided for each state under horizontal fiscal equalisation or similar principles since the Commission was established in 1933?

Answer:

The Commonwealth Budget papers for each year report all payments made by the Commonwealth to the States and Territories. This includes the source of funding used for HFE and the amount provided to each State and Territory.

The funding provided to each state under horizontal fiscal equalisation (HFE) is currently distributed from the pool of Good and Services Tax (GST) revenue.

The pool of funding distributed by HFE has changed several times since the Commonwealth Grants Commission was established in 1933. Table 1 shows the source of the funding used for HFE from 1959-60 to the present.

Table 1: Source of funding from 1959-60 to the present

Years	Method/source of funding
2007-08 to current	GST
2003-04 to 2006-07	GST and Health Care Grants
2002-03	Financial Assistance Grants foregone and Hospital Funding Grants
2001-02	Guaranteed Minimum Amount
2000-01	GST and Health Care Grants
1998-99 to 1999-00	Financial Assistance Grants and Health Care Grants
1993-94 to 1997-98	Financial Assistance Grants and Hospital Funding Grants
1988-89 to 1992-93	Financial Assistance Grants
1985-86 to 1987-88	Financial Assistance Grants and Identified Health Grants
1983-84 to 1984-85	Tax Sharing Grants and Identified Health Grants

1976-77 to 1982-83	Personal Income Tax Sharing
1959-60 to 1975-76	Financial Assistance Grants, Special Grants and Special Revenue Assistance

Source: Commonwealth Budget papers.