



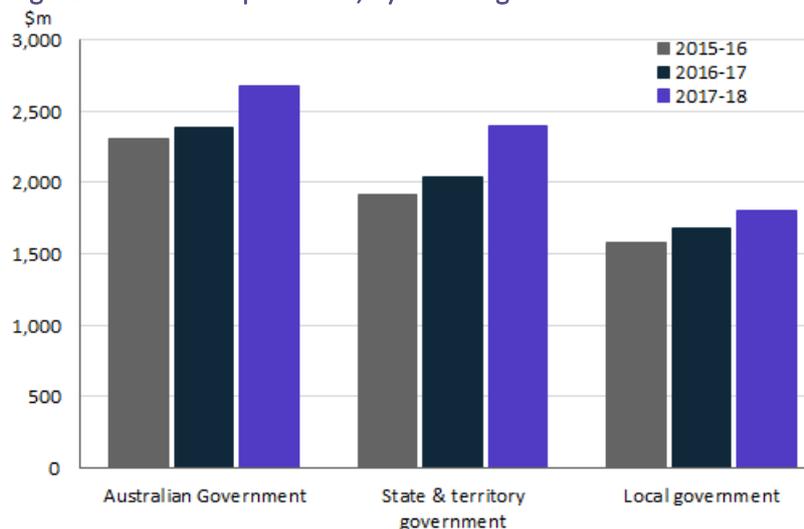
Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

Overview

The estimate of total expenditure funded by the three tiers of government was **\$6,863.0m** for cultural activities. This comprised:

- \$2,674.9m (39% of total) from the Australian Government
- \$2,390.6m (35%) from State and territory government
- \$1,797.5m (26%) from Local government.

Figure 1. Cultural expenditure, by level of government



Total expenditure rose 13% (or \$764.5m) from 2016–17. Expenditure increased across all levels of governments.

Table 1—Total Government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$5,796.4m	\$6,098.5m ↑ 5%	\$6,863.0m ↑ 13%

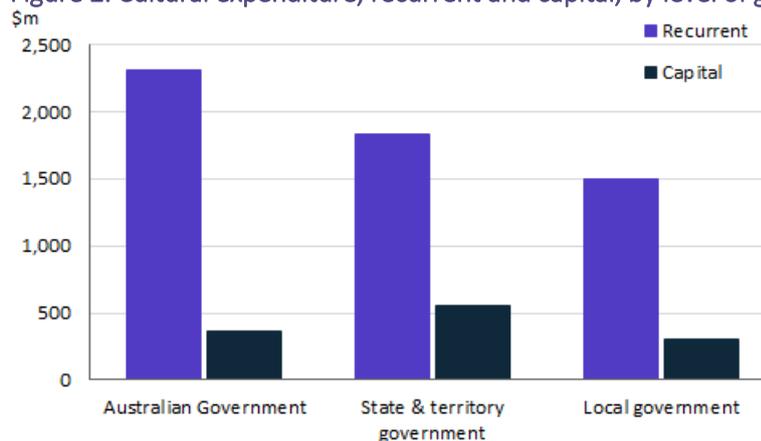
Recurrent expenditure rose 6% (or \$304.1m) to \$5,638.8m.

- Recurrent expenses accounted for 82% of total funded cultural expenditure.
- Recurrent expenditure by the Australian Government was \$2,307.6m, the largest amount of the three levels of government (41%).

Capital expenditure by all levels of government was \$1,224.2m in 2017–18, an increase of 60% from 2016–17 (\$763.8m).

- Most capital expenditure was funded by the state and territory governments at \$552.9m (45% of total capital expenditure).

Figure 2. Cultural expenditure, recurrent and capital, by level of government—2017–18



The five categories with the highest expenditure funded by the Australian Government in 2017–18 were:

1. *Radio and television services*—\$1,418.5m
2. *Other museums and cultural heritage*—\$290.3m
3. *Archives*—\$122.1m
4. *Film and video production and distribution*—\$110.9m
5. *Libraries*—\$110.8m.

The five categories with the highest expenditure funded by State and territory government in 2017–18 were:

1. *Other museums and cultural heritage*—\$565.8m
2. *Libraries*—\$460.7m
3. *Performing arts venues*—\$355.9m
4. *Art museums*—\$216.4m
5. *Arts education*—\$118.5m.

The estimate of per person cultural funding by the three tiers of government was \$277.01. This comprised:

- Australian Government—\$107.96
- State and territory government—\$96.49
- Local government—\$72.55.

Table 2—Per Person cultural expenditure, by level of government

	Australian Government	State & territory government	Local government
Heritage	\$24.67	\$52.45	NA
Arts	\$83.29	\$44.04	NA
Total	\$107.96	\$96.49	\$72.55

- South Australia had the highest local government per person expenditure with \$99.94, followed by New South Wales (\$77.47) and Victoria (\$76.81).