



Cultural Funding by Government—2019–20

Local government

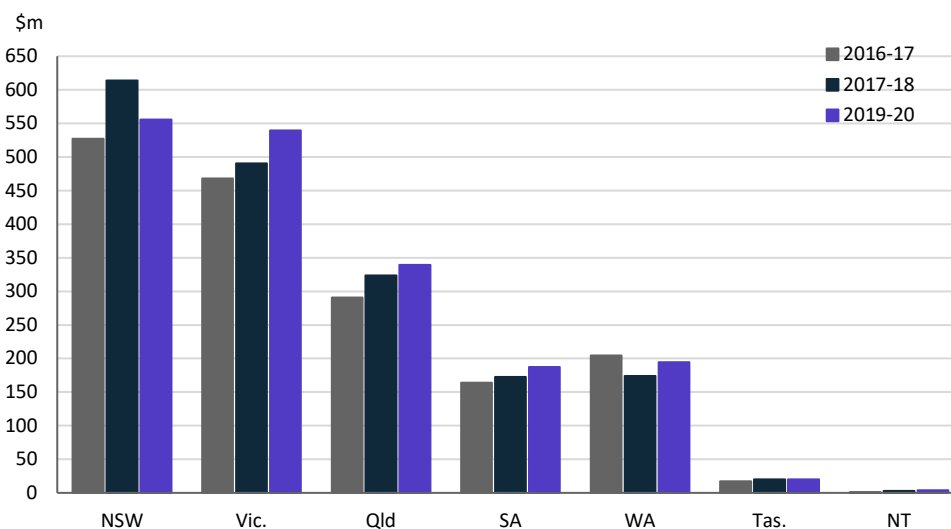
The estimate of expenditure funded by Local government in 2019–20 for cultural activities was **\$1,840.5m**. This represented 16% of the total government funded expenditure on cultural activities.

Table 1. Local government cultural expenditure, 2016–17 to 2019–20¹

2016–17	2017–18	2019–20
1,673.2m	\$1,797.5m ↑7%	\$1,840.5m ↑2%

- Local government cultural expenditure rose 2% (or \$43.0m) between 2017–18 and 2019–20.
- Expenditure on cultural activities generally reflected the size of the population (New South Wales—\$555.7m, Victoria—\$539.4m and Queensland—\$339.2m).

Figure 1. Local government cultural expenditure, by state and territory(a)(b)



- (a) Care should be taken when comparing expenditure between states and territories due to different administrative arrangements and responsibilities.
- (b) Australian Capital Territory does not have local governments.

Recurrent expenses rose 4% (or \$65.4m) to \$1,558.9m.

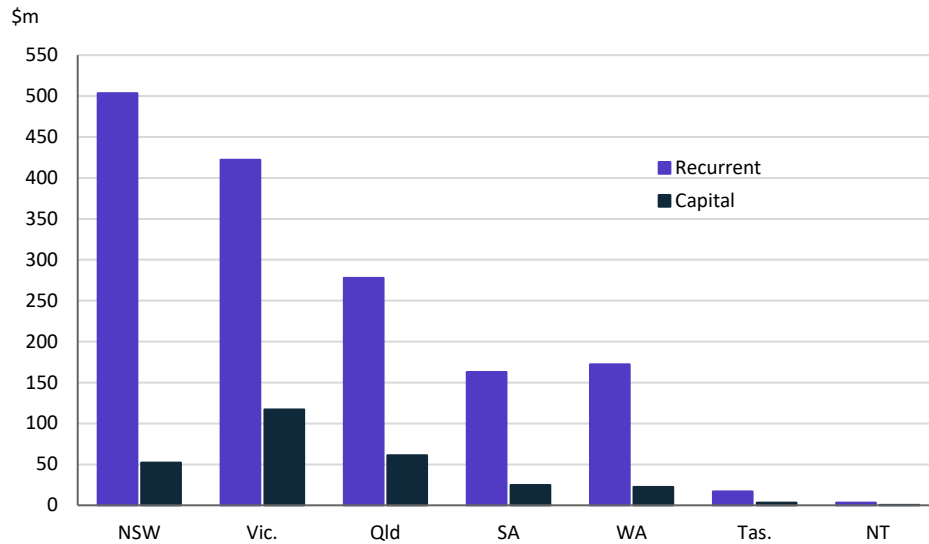
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 85% (\$1,558.9m) of funded cultural expenditure. New South Wales had the largest amount of recurrent expenditure at \$503.7m, followed by Victoria (\$422.1m) and Queensland (\$277.9m).

¹ *Cultural Funding by Government* survey not conducted in 2018–19, as it changed to a biennial collection.

Total Local government capital expenditure was \$281.6m.

- Victoria and Queensland spent the largest amounts of capital (\$117.3m and \$61.3m respectively).

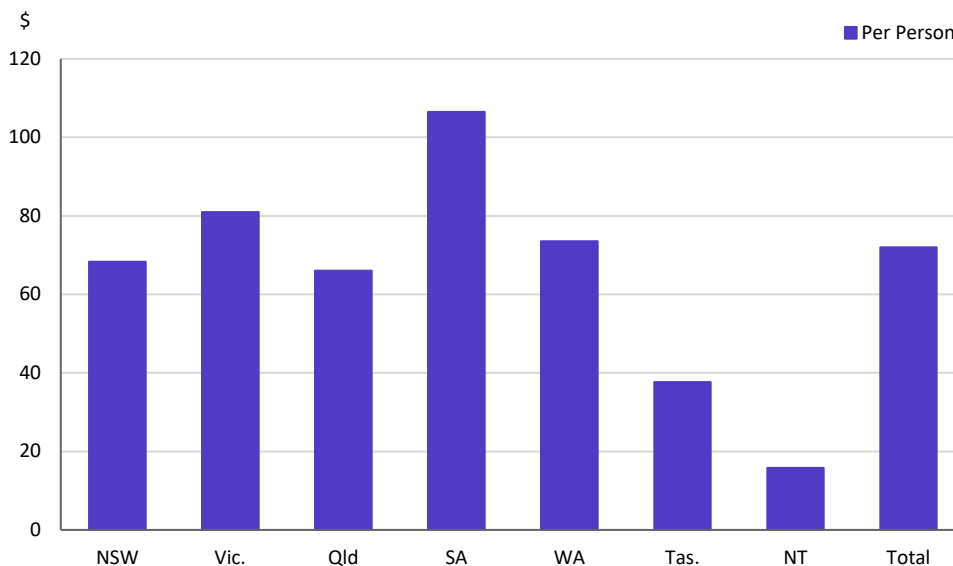
Figure 2. Local government cultural expenditure, recurrent and capital, by state and territory(a)(b)—2019–20



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The estimate of total Local government per person cultural funding was \$72.01.

Figure 3. Local government cultural expenditure per person, by state and territory(a)(b)—2019–20



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- South Australia had the highest per person expenditure of \$106.47 followed by Victoria (\$80.97) and Western Australian (\$73.53).