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Australian Government General Government Sector Monthly Financial Statements for January 2025

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KEY POINTS:

- The Monthly Financial Statements for January 2025 report the budget position against the expected monthly profile for the 2024-25 financial year through to 31 January 2025, based on the 2024-25 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) estimates published in December 2024.
- The underlying cash balance for the 2024-25 financial year to 31 January 2025 was a deficit of \$37.1 billion.
- The fiscal balance for the 2024-25 financial year to 31 January 2025 was a deficit of \$25.1 billion.

AGGREGATES(a)				
	ACTUAL 2024-2025 January \$b		MYEFO Profile 2024-2025 YTD January \$b	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2024-2025 FULL YEAR \$b
Receipts(b)	45.1	387.5	385.6	704.2
Payments(c)	61.5	424.6	426.3	731.1
Underlying cash balance	-16.4	-37.1	-40.7	-26.9
Headline cash balance	-18.2	-43.3	-47.5	-47.8
Revenue	53.4	400.4	395.1	718.3
Expenses	65.6	424.4	425.6	758.6
Net operating balance	-12.1	-24.0	-30.5	-40.4
Net capital investment	0.9	1.1	1.5	5.5
Fiscal balance	-13.1	-25.1	-32.0	-45.9
Total assets		854.0		851.5
Total liabilities		1,408.6		1,422.1
Net worth(d)		-554.5		-570.6
Net debt(e)		541.4		540.0

*As published in the 2024-25 MYEFO.

(a) Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

(b) Cash receipts for operating activities and sales of non-financial assets.

(c) Cash payments for operating activities, purchases of non-financial assets and principal payments of lease liabilities.
 (d) Net worth is calculated as total assets minus total liabilities.

(e) Net debt is the sum of interest bearing liabilities less the sum of selected financial assets (cash and deposits, advances paid, and investments, loans and placements).

Monthly results are generally volatile due to timing differences between revenue and receipts, and expenses and payments. Care needs to be taken when comparing monthly or cumulative data across years and to full-year estimates, as revenue and receipts and expenses and payments vary from month to month.

FISCAL OUTCOMES

Underlying Cash Balance

The underlying cash balance for the financial year to 31 January 2025 was a deficit of \$37.1 billion.

- **Receipts** Total receipts were \$1.9 billion higher than the 2024-25 MYEFO profile.
- Payments
 Total payments were \$1.8 billion lower than the 2024-25 MYEFO profile.

Net Operating Balance

The net operating balance for the financial year to 31 January 2025 was a deficit of \$24.0 billion.

Fiscal Balance

The fiscal balance for the financial year to 31 January 2025 was a deficit of \$25.1 billion.

Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 January 2025:

- net worth is negative \$554.5 billion;
- net debt is \$541.4 billion; and
- net financial liabilities are \$819.3 billion.

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Australian Government general government sector operating statement

	Note	ACTUAL 2024-2025 January \$m	ACTUAL 2024-2025 YTD January \$m	MYEFO Profile 2024-2025 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2024-2025 FULL YEAR \$m
Revenue	-				· · ·
Taxation revenue	1,2	47,194	367,002	362,736	663,609
Sales of goods and services		3,535	14,339	14,237	21,067
Interest income		754	5,747	5,364	11,046
Dividend and distribution income		486	4,276	4,328	7,137
Other		1,467	8,998	8,412	15,394
Total revenue		53,437	400,363	395,077	718,253
Expenses					· · · ·
Gross operating expenses					
Wages and salaries(a)		2,238	16,581	16,653	29,452
Superannuation		762	5,339	5,183	8,791
Depreciation and amortisation		1,065	8,208	8,011	13,708
Supply of goods and services		13,741	118,237	120,172	214,694
Other operating expenses(a)		1,063	7,878	7,782	12,674
Total gross operating expenses		18,869	156,243	157,801	279,319
Superannuation interest expense		1,180	8,263	8,246	14,241
Interest expenses		2,396	16,369	16,301	31,499
Current transfers		2,000	10,000	10,001	01,400
Current grants		27,095	130,634	130,711	217,606
Subsidy expenses		1,603	10,897	10,871	18,955
Personal benefits		13,777	96,288	95,423	161,933
Total current transfers		42,475	237,818	237,005	398,495
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Capital transfers		00	4 507	4 405	44.004
Mutually agreed write-downs		-66	1,537	1,405	14,894
Other capital grants		725	4,152	4,809	20,200
Total capital transfers		659	5,689	6,214	35,093
Total expenses	3	65,581	424,382	425,567	758,648
Net operating balance		-12,144	-24,019	-30,490	-40,394
Other economic flows					
- included in operating result			0.000	7.007	10.050
Net write-downs of assets		-742	-6,902	-7,837	-13,350
Assets recognised for the first time		112	252	173	368
Actuarial revaluations		-2	-12	-13	-806
Net foreign exchange gains		-70	304	-74	273
Net swap interest received		-349	-911	-467	-187
Market valuation of debt		723	-6,074	-1,050	-7,018
Other gains/(losses)		4,989	15,481	10,183	7,005
Total other economic flows - included in operating result		4,661	2,138	914	-13,715
Operating result(b)		-7,483	-21,880	-29,576	-54,109
Non-owner movements in equity		1,400	21,000	20,010	04,100
Revaluation of equity investments		-72	-72	-72	-1,052
Actuarial revaluations		-12	-12	-72	-7,520
Other economic revaluations		-1,016	770	620	719
Total other economic flows - included in equity		-1,010	698	548	-7,853
Comprehensive result		-1,000	030	540	-7,000
- Total change in net worth		-8,571	-21,182	-29,028	-61,962
Net operating balance		-12,144	-24,019	-30,490	-40,394
Net acquisition of non-financial assets					
Purchases of non-financial assets		1,866	10,826	11,169	21,875
less Sales of non-financial assets		3	2,176	2,161	2,503
less Depreciation		1,065	8,208	8,011	13,708
plus Change in inventories		117	627	469	-171
plus Other movements in non-financial assets		0	3	3	0
Total net acquisition of non-financial assets			1,072	1,469	5,493
Total net acquisition of non-inancial assets		915	1,072	1,403	

 Fiscal balance (Net lending/borrowing)(c)
 -13,058
 -25,091
 -31,959
 -45,88

 *As published in the 2024-25 MYEFO.

 (a) Consistent with the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Government Finance Statistics (GFS) classification, other employee related expenses are classified separately from wages and salaries under other operating expenses. Total employee expenses equal wages and salaries plus other operating expenses.

 (b) Operating result under Australian Accounting Standards.
 (c) The term fiscal balance is not used by the ABS.

Australian Government general government sector balance sheet

	ACTUAL as at 31 January 2025 \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* as at 30 June 2025 \$m
Assets		
Financial assets		
Cash and deposits	56,464	72,301
Advances paid	74,546	67,346
Investments, loans and placements	240,585	250,888
Other receivables	98,464	85,311
Equity investments		
Investments in other public sector entities	48,726	51,407
Equity accounted investments	6,219	6,311
Investments - shares	113,000	97,372
Total financial assets	638,005	630,937
Non-financial assets		
Land	14,680	14,733
Buildings	49,981	51,798
Plant, equipment and infrastructure	112,843	114,601
Inventories	11,910	11,477
Intangibles	13,455	14,836
Investment properties	239	233
Biological assets	5	5
Heritage and cultural assets	12,812	12,792
Assets held for sale	83	86
Other non-financial assets	9	5
Total non-financial assets	216,015	220,566
Total assets	854,020	851,503
Liabilities		
Interest bearing liabilities		
Deposits held	278	418
Government securities	862,965	879,842
Loans	31,402	32,250
Lease liabilities	18,353	18,066
Total interest bearing liabilities	912,998	930,575
Provisions and payables		
Superannuation liability(a)	314,445	302,602
Other employee liabilities	60,471	62,260
Suppliers payables	12,954	15,815
Personal benefits payables	3,546	4,327
Subsidies payables	568	680
Grants payables	3,128	5,957
Other payables	12,176	6,372
Provisions	88,274	93,515
Total provisions and payables	495,561	491,527
Total liabilities	1,408,559	1,422,102
Net worth(b)	-554,539	-570,599
Net financial worth(c)	-770,554	-791,164
Net financial liabilities(d)	819,281	842,571
Net debt(e)	541,402	540,039

*As published in the 2024-25 MYEFO.

(a) For budget reporting purposes, a discount rate of 5.0 per cent determined by actuaries is used to value the superannuation liability. This reflects the average annual rate estimated to apply over the term of the liability and it reduces the volatility in reported liabilities that would occur from year to year if the spot rates on long-term government bonds were used. Consistent with Australian Accounting Standards, the superannuation liability for the 2024-25 Monthly Financial Statements was calculated using the spot rates on long-term government bonds as at 30 June 2024 that best matched each individual scheme's liability duration. These rates were between 4.2 and 4.8 per cent per annum.

(b) Net worth equals total assets minus total liabilities.

(c) Net financial worth equals total financial assets minus total liabilities.

(d) Net financial liabilities equals total liabilities less financial assets other than investments in other public sector entities.

(e) Net debt is the sum of interest bearing liabilities less the sum of selected financial assets (cash and deposits, advances paid, and investments, loans and placements).

Australian Government general government sector cash flow statement^(a)

	ACTUAL 2024-2025 January	ACTUAL 2024-2025 YTD January	MYEFO Profile 2024-2025 YTD January	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2024-2025 FULL YEAR
Cash receipts from operating activities	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m_
Taxes received	40,092	349,799	348,613	645,565
Receipts from sales of goods and services	2.102	14,910	15.132	22.039
Interest receipts	794	6,489	6,193	9,968
Dividends, distributions and income tax equivalents	794 544	4,568	4,475	7,206
	1,586	,	10,984	
Other receipts		11,456	385,397	<u>19,142</u> 703,919
Total operating receipts	45,118	387,221	305,397	703,919
Cash payments for operating activities	4 404	27.002	27.400	40.000
Payments for employees(b)	-4,484	-27,893	-27,408	-46,906
Payments for goods and services	-12,591	-119,677	-121,323	-211,530
Grants and subsidies paid	-27,502	-146,317	-147,326	-251,369
Interest paid	-228	-12,267	-12,195	-24,579
Personal benefit payments	-13,683	-97,843	-97,230	-162,616
Other payments(b)	-1,460	-7,610	-7,457	-11,800
Total operating payments	-59,949	-411,607	-412,939	-708,799
Net cash flows from operating activities Cash flows from investments in non-financial assets	-14,830	-24,386	-27,542	-4,880
Sales of non-financial assets	2	243	197	266
Purchases of non-financial assets	-1,355	-11,392	-11,833	-19,562
Net cash flows from investments in non-financial assets	-1,352	-11,149	-11,636	-19,296
Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for policy purposes	-1,794	-6,237	-6,735	-20,816
Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for liquidity purposes	256	-6,396	-6,301	-4,842
Cash flows from financing activities				
Borrowing (net)	5,798	11,134	19,158	29,989
Other financing (net)	-544	-3,820	-3,214	-5,172
Net cash flows from financing activities	5,254	7,315	15,944	24,817
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	-12,466	-40,853	-36,271	-25,016
GFS cash surplus(+)/deficit(-)(c)	-16,183	-35,535	-39,178	-24,176
<i>plus</i> Principal payments of lease liabilities(d)	-210	-1,555	-1,548	-2,772
Equals underlying cash balance(e)	-16,392	-37,090	-40,725	-26,949
plus Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for policy purposes	-1,794	-6,237	-6,735	-20,816
Equals headline cash balance	-18,186	-43,327	-47,461	-47,764

 Equals headline cash balance
 -18,186
 -43,327
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 *As published in the 2024-25 MYEFO.
 (a) A positive number denotes a cash inflow; a negative number denotes a cash outflow.
 (b) Consistent with the ABS GFS classification, other employee related payments are classified separately from wages and salaries under other payments.
 (c) GFS cash surplus/deficit equals net cash flows from operating activities and investments in non-financial assets.
 (d) Principal payments of lease liabilities, which are financing cash payments, are deducted in the calculation of the underlying cash balance to maintain consistency of measure following the implementation of AASB 16.
 (e) The term underlying cash balance is not used by the ABS.

Note 1: Income Tax

	ACTUAL 2024-2025 January \$m	ACTUAL 2024-2025 YTD January \$m	MYEFO Profile 2024-2025 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2024-2025 FULL YEAR \$m
Individuals and other withholding taxes				
Gross income tax withholding	21,876	170,394	170,715	296,800
Gross other individuals	3,785	39,736	38,965	87,400
less Refunds	1,591	30,670	30,818	39,900
Total individuals and other withholding taxation	24,069	179,459	178,862	344,300
Fringe benefits tax	880	3,286	3,254	5,030
Company tax	9,797	78,324	75,871	135,500
Superannuation fund taxes	1,326	17,487	16,932	21,930
Petroleum resource rent tax	371	1,149	1,096	1,400
Total income taxation revenue	36,443	279,705	276,015	508,160
*As published in the 2024-25 MYEFO.				

Note 2: Indirect Tax

	ACTUAL 2024-2025 January \$m	ACTUAL 2024-2025 YTD January \$m	MYEFO Profile 2024-2025 YTD January \$m	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2024-2025 FULL YEAR \$m
Goods and services tax	5,903	52,411	51,821	94,770
Wine equalisation tax	102	648	660	1,130
Luxury car tax	88	676	672	1,170
Excise duty	2,247	18,312	18,187	30,970
Customs duty	1,055	7,147	7,420	12,980
Other indirect tax	1,357	8,103	7,961	14,429
Total indirect taxation revenue	10,751	87,297	86,721	155,449

*As published in the 2024-25 MYEFO.

Note 3: Total expenses by function

	ACTUAL 2024-2025 January	ACTUAL 2024-2025 YTD January	MYEFO ESTIMATE* 2024-2025 FULL YEAR
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Expenses by function			
General public services	3,265	17,735	33,297
Defence	3,052	25,750	48,270
Public order and safety	545	4,916	8,776
Education	12,033	37,053	63,805
Health	9,202	66,411	116,887
Social security and welfare	20,671	160,494	274,667
Housing and community amenities	492	3,502	16,208
Recreation and culture	527	3,068	5,676
Fuel and energy	1,603	8,120	16,321
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	254	1,888	4,568
Mining, manufacturing and construction	403	2,893	5,544
Transport and communication	799	4,516	15,974
Other economic affairs	1,044	7,279	14,039
Other purposes			
Public debt interest	2,020	13,857	24,380
Nominal superannuation interest	1,180	8,263	14,241
General purpose inter-government transactions	8,460	58,432	97,760
Natural disaster relief	30	206	810
Contingency reserve	0	0	-2,575
Total expenses	65,581	424,382	758,648
*As published in the 2024-25 MYEFO.			

NOTES:

AASB 1049 Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting (AASB 1049)

The Australian Government monthly financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with the Budget as required under section 47 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013. The statements are prepared in accordance with AASB 1049, which require treatment based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Government Finance Statistics (GFS) except where Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) provide a better conceptual treatment for specific items. Departures are limited to complying with either ABS GFS or AAS.

Taxation revenue

While total tax collections are known with certainty at the end of each month, the distribution across the relevant heads of revenue cannot be finalised until all business activity statements are received and processed. The outcomes for some revenue items provided in this statement are therefore estimates, in accordance with the best judgement of the Commissioner of Taxation, and subject to revision. The taxation revenue items not affected are: petroleum resource rent tax, excise duty, customs duty, other taxes and individuals refunds.

Style conventions

Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

International Monetary Fund Special Data Dissemination Standards

The Government is committed to releasing the monthly financial statements in a timely fashion and will endeavour to do so in accordance with International Monetary Fund (IMF) Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS). Under these standards the timeframe for releasing the monthly financial statements is by the end of the following month. Australia applies a special flexibility option which allows it to publish late the last and first month of a financial year.

In accordance with the IMF SDDS, the approximate date of release of the data on debt guaranteed by the Australian Government (central government), is given on the IMF's Data Dissemination Advance Release Calendar <u>http://dsbb.imf.org</u>. Monthly and quarterly data on debt guaranteed by the Australian Government (central government) that meet the coverage and timeliness requirements of the SDDS are published on the Australian Office of Financial Management website at <u>https://www.aofm.gov.au/data-hub</u>.

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http://data.gov.au/dataset/australian-government-general-government-sector-monthlyfinancial-statements-tables-and-data