

Housing assistance agency—recurrent expenditure (direct costs)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269727
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Retired 10/02/2006
Definition:	<p>The total direct costs for the financial year. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• total administration costs, and• costs of maintaining the operation of dwellings.

Context: Use to calculate the average costs of providing rental housing assistance (excluding [capital](#)) per dwelling.

Object Class attributes

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Object class:	Housing assistance agency
Definition:	<p>An organisation or organisational sub-unit that is responsible for the provision of housing assistance to clients.</p> <p>Defining Agency is extremely important for data collection, as it is the level at which most data are collected in the community services area.</p> <p>Regardless of the way in which an organisation is funded, an agency is the level of the organisation responsible for service provision to clients. In some instances one organisation will have more than one or many agencies.</p> <p>Sometimes agencies may contract out or broker the assistance required by their clients to other service providers (such as a crisis accommodation agency paying for hotel room hire). Although the agency may not directly provide the assistance in these cases, the agency paying for the assistance to clients is considered responsible for that assistance and should be able to report on those clients and the assistance they receive.</p>

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Different collections define Agency differently according to their context and varying need for information on the different levels of organisations providing community services. Individual data collections will therefore need to further specify what an agency is for their collection purposes.

In the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection*, SAAP agencies are defined as 'The body or establishment which receives a specified amount of money (SAAP funds) to provide a SAAP service...The agency is the level at which data are collected'.

In the *Home and Community Care (HACC) Data Dictionary* however, a HACC agency is defined as 'A HACC funded organisation or organisational sub-unit that is responsible for the direct provision of HACC funded assistance to clients'.

In Children's services, agency most closely corresponds to the definition of Service provider 'The entity (individual, agency, organisation, body or enterprise) that provides the service(s)'.

At this point in time the *National Community Services Data Dictionary* definition of agency is of necessity quite broad. As agency is generally the level at which data are collected, and there are different needs for data collection in different areas, a more precise definition would be too narrow to encompass all community services data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Recurrent expenditure](#)

Definition: Expenditure which does not result in the acquisition or enhancement of an asset.

Property group: [Financial characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics: Government Finance Statistics 1998, Cat. No. 5514.0

Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Housing assistance agency—recurrent expenditure \(direct costs\) \(financial year\), total Australian currency N\[N\(9\)\]](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Retired 10/02/2006