

Housing assistance agency—recurrent expenditure (benefits to households in goods and services)

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269841

Registration status:

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Definition: Total expenditure on benefits to households in goods and services (Government finance statistics code 1223).

Context: To enable analysis of welfare expenditure at the national level.

There is a considerable interest in expenditure data at the national level from many different potential users.

This metadata item is based on relevant sections of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Economic Type Framework (ETF) of the Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Classifications. They summarise the broad reporting requirements of the government sector for Public Finance Statistics. As part of the reporting requirements for Public Finance Statistics, governments need to obtain certain information from funded organisations.

This metadata item is presented in the interests of facilitating reporting. The ETF is based on established accounting principles and specifies an operating statement, cash flow statement, reconciliation statement, supplementary statement, intra-unit transfers other than revaluations and accrued transactions, revaluations and other changes in the volume of assets and, a balance sheet.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Housing assistance agency](#)

Definition: An organisation or organisational sub-unit that is responsible for the provision of housing assistance to people.

Defining Agency is extremely important for data collection, as it is the level at which most data are collected in the housing assistance and other human service areas.

Regardless of the way in which an organisation is funded, a housing assistance agency is the level of the organisation responsible for the provision of housing assistance to people. In some instances one organisation will have more than one or many agencies.

Specialisation of: [Organisation](#)

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 services or assistance. Individual data collections will therefore need to further specify what a housing assistance agency is for their collection purposes.

In the mainstream community housing data collection, a housing assistance agency corresponds to the definition of '[Community housing provider](#)'. In the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections, a housing assistance agency corresponds to the state or territory housing authority (Head Office).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

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

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: When fees charged for goods and services are offset against recurrent expenditure, the result equates to final consumption expenditure in the ABS national accounts framework.

For more explanation of and details on expenditure types, see the November 1998 Version of the ABS ETF of the GFS Classifications.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: ABS: Government finance statistics 1998, Cat. No. 5514.0

Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Housing assistance agency—recurrent expenditure \(benefits to households in goods and services\), total Australian currency N\[N\(9\)\]](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Retired 10/02/2006

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