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# Preface

This report provides public health expenditure estimates from State, Territory and Commonwealth health departments and is the second report of its type in Australia. The first report, *National Public Health Expenditure Report 1998–99*, estimated public health expenditure based on eight core public health expenditure categories. In this 1999–00 report the number of core public health activities has been expanded to nine by the inclusion of two new categories – *Prevention of hazardous and harmful drug use* and *Public health research* – and the removal of the *All other core public health* category.

This report also includes, for the first time, estimates of expenditure on public health-type activities by local governments and non-government organisations. This information has been summarised in Chapter 11, but is not included in the estimates of expenditure on core public health activities.

The terminology used in this report has also changed from that used in the previous report for both the Commonwealth and the States and Territories. For example, the Commonwealth no longer categorises its expenditures as ‘direct expenditure’ and ‘overheads’. Its expenditure is now classified as ‘administered’ and ‘departmental’ expenditure. In the case of expenditure by the States and Territories, the term ‘direct expenditure’ used in the previous report has been replaced with ‘activity-specific expenditure’. The other two classifications used in the previous report – ‘program-wide expenditure’ and ‘agency-wide expenditure’ – have been retained, but are combined and presented as ‘indirect expenditure’ (see Appendix Table 1, page 134).

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