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Acronyms

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAP	Aged Care Assessment Program
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
CGC	Commonwealth Grants Commission
DoHA	Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing
DVA	Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs
FaCS	Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services
FBO	Commonwealth Final Budget Outcome
GDP	Gross domestic product
GFCE	Government Final Consumption Expenditure
GFS	ABS Government Finance Statistics
GPC	ABS Government Purpose Classification
GST	Goods and services tax
HACC	Home and Community Care Program
NGCSO	Non-government community service organisation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PCC	Pensioner concession card
SAAP	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program
SPP	Specific Purpose Payment (Under Section 96 of the Australian Constitution)
SOCX	OECD Social Expenditure Database
WST	Wholesale sales tax

Abbreviations and symbols used in tables

- nil or rounded down to zero
- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available

Preface

Welfare Expenditure Australia 2000–01 continues the types of analysis of expenditure on welfare services in Australia that was a feature of the welfare services expenditure bulletins that the Institute has published on a regular basis since 1995. Housing assistance expenditure is not included.

This Welfare Expenditure Australia series differs from the earlier bulletins in that it includes analyses of a number of 'in-kind' expenditures, such as concessions to target populations and to organisations supporting or providing services to them.

Another new type of expenditure that is examined is 'social' tax expenditures. These are government tax expenditures that have a social welfare nature. The major social tax expenditure in 2000–01 was the exemption from fringe benefits tax for some non-government community services organisations involved in providing welfare services. Tax expenditures have not been included in the expenditure estimates at this stage, in part because of the impact of the GST causing a break in series in 2000–01.

Throughout the series, changes in systems and data sources from year to year make exact comparisons difficult. Readers should bear this in mind, and feedback is always welcome.

In this particular publication, also included is information on types of social security payments that are provided to people in need. In future publications it is proposed to analyse this type of data together with welfare services expenditure. This would give a more comprehensive overview of the level of support provided to people who are identified as being in need of assistance in Australia. Comment on the proposed augmented presentation would be welcome.

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