

SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS - 1980-81

Roads

The announcement has already been made concerning assistance of \$628 million for 1980-81.

Welfare Housing

In 1980-81 a total of \$285 million will be provided to the States and the Northern Territory. Of this amount, \$175.5 million will be by way of advances and \$109.5 million by way of grants; \$22.1 million will be earmarked for Aboriginal Housing and \$32.65 million for Pensioner Housing.

Community Health Program

Apart from the specific arrangements which have been agreed for interpreters/translators and ethnic health workers, the Commonwealth has decided to place a ceiling on its contributions under the cost-sharing arrangements in 1980-81; funding for general projects and for women's refuges will be held to the same money amount as for 1979-80.

School Dental Scheme

The Commonwealth has decided to place a ceiling on its contributions in 1980-81; funding will be held to the same money amount as for 1979-80.

Hospital Cost-Sharing Agreements

For recognised hospitals the Commonwealth will provide sufficient funds to allow services to be maintained at their existing (that is, 30 June 1979) levels. In respect of the States and the Northern Territory this is estimated to cost some \$1292 million in 1980-81.

National Water Resources Program

The Commonwealth will provide \$29.39 million for expenditure in 1980-81.

Agricultural Extension Services Grants

It has been decided to maintain funding at the same level as for 1979-80; that is, \$5 million will be provided.

Rural Adjustment Scheme

\$17.7 million will be provided for expenditure in 1980-81. Funds available to primary producers have of course been increased as a result of the establishment of the Primary Industry Bank of Australia.

Children's Services Program

The Commonwealth will maintain the same level of block grants to the States and Northern Territory for pre-schools as provided in 1979-80, that is, \$33.09 million. Funding of these grants will be brought on to a calendar year basis from 1981. For the remainder of the program, funds will also be kept at the same level as in 1979-80; that is, \$36.13 million.

Transport

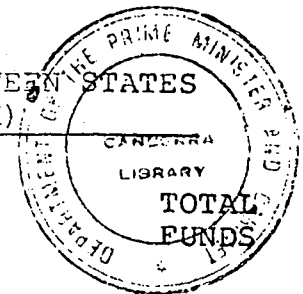
The Commonwealth has also decided to provide \$45 million to the States for Urban Public Transport projects in 1980-81, and will provide \$6.25 million for Transport Planning and Research.

Mainline Upgrading Program

An amount of \$19.7 million will be provided for expenditure in 1980-81.

Premiers were informed to-day that the amount of \$285 million to be provided for welfare housing in 1980-81 would be distributed as follows:

ALLOCATION OF WELFARE HOUSING FUNDS BETWEEN STATES
AND NORTHERN TERRITORY 1980-81 (\$M)



	HOUSING AGREEMENT ADVANCES	HOUSING ASSISTANCE ACT GRANTS			TOTAL FUNDS	
		PENSIONERS	ABORIGINALS	OTHER (1980- "UNITED" 81)	(1979- 80)	
New South Wales	54.6	12.4	6.3	17.0	90.4	87.1
Victoria	43.4	7.4	2.1	13.5	66.5	64.0
Queensland	17.00	4.7	6.4	5.3	33.5	32.0
South Australia	24.9	2.9	1.6	7.7	37.3	35.8
Western Australia	15.7	2.4	4.2	4.9	27.3	26.1
Tasmania	10.7	0.9	0.4	3.3	15.5	15.0
Total States	166.5	31.0	21.0	52.0	270.5	260.0
Northern Territory	9.0	1.6	1.1	2.7	14.5	14.0
TOTAL	175.5	32.6	22.1	54.7	285.0	274.0

Note: differences between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

Premiers noted that Housing Ministers were continuing to discuss detailed arrangements for a New Agreement to operate after July 1981.

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